

¹Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
April 5, 2010
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN 56332

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice Chairman Mike Rosenwald. Supervisor Dan Diedrich, Clerk Barbara Kilgore and Treasurer Palmer Krueger were also present. Supervisor Tom Searcy was absent.

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Rosenwald announced that the recorder being used to record the meeting belongs to the clerk and is only used to assist her in taking the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes

Diedrich made the motion to approve of the minutes of the March 15, 2010 Town Board Meeting as written. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.

Roads

- **Road Report.** Jeff Stabnow reported that Pleasant Grove and 81st Avenue look as solid as can be for spring time conditions. The Peterson relocation is coming together; it is starting to move back into shape at about the same time frame it did last year. Rosenwald stated that the Board had received a call about water coming up through the road on Lake Ida Way between Cottontail Lane and Jack Rabbit Trail. Stabnow said that it is the same place as last year. Stabnow went over the road a week ago and no water was seeping through at that point. Stabnow also noted that the frost is still not totally out of the ground. AJ said frost boils are still forming. Diedrich reported that he received a call regarding the culvert on Burr Oak Drive just before Pleasant Grove. It is causing a dip in the road. AJ said it does that every year in the spring.
- **Sweeping the blacktop roads.** AJ informed that board that since he has the equipment out here and is going over the roads he may as well sweep all of the blacktop roads. Rosenwald made the motion to authorize AJ to sweep all of the blacktop roads. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.
- **Shoulder Disking.** Rosenwald made the motion to have AJ do shoulder disking on all of the gravel roads west of County Road 6 and leave off Sunset Strip. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.
- **Blading.** Rosenwald said he had noticed that on Sunset Strip the day after it had been bladed there were still pot holes. There were also a couple of complaints regarding blading. AJ said the road may still have been frozen and the blade could not dig down deep enough to get rid of all the holes. Rosenwald also said that Bedman Drive had

been bladed twice and he wasn't sure that it needed it the second time. AJ said he is blading all the gravel roads to get them shaped and ready for spring.

- **Sign and Post Inventory.** Diedrich made the motion to order two stop signs and 10 posts to have on hand. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Diedrich amended the motion to five in ground 7-foot posts and five above ground 7-foot posts. Rosenwald seconded the amended motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye. Kilgore will order a Sunset Strip, the stop signs and posts and have them shipped to Diedrich's address.
- **Road Inspection Date.** Rosenwald made the motion to set the Road Inspection meeting for April 26, 2010 at 1:00 pm. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.

Old Business

- **Gopher Feet-Clarification.** Rosenwald made the motion that people who turn in Gopher feet for a bounty are only those people who have property in Ida Township. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.
- **PFA/WIF check.** Krueger wrote out check 7492 from the Bremer Checking account for the PFA/WIF capital project replacement fund.
- **Other.**
 - **Minzel Cartway.** Kilgore reported that she had received the check for damages made out to Edward and Sandra Thorson for \$20,000. She copied the check for the township records and hand delivered the check to Sandra Thorson, who signed a receipt that she had received it. This should close out the Cartway issue.

New Business

- **Re-organization Items**
 - **Chairman/Vice Chairman.** Diedrich made the motion to appoint Mike Rosenwald Chairman and Tom Searcy Vice Chairman. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.
 - **Official Newspaper.** Rosenwald made the motion to designate the Echo Press as the official township newspaper. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.
 - **Compensation.** Diedrich made the motion to leave the town board compensation the same as it has been. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.
 - **Supervisor Duties.** Rosenwald made the motion to nominate Diedrich to take care of the roads and to provide direction for AJ. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye. The rest of the division of duties will be done when the whole Board is present.
 - **Posting Places.** Rosenwald made the motion to set the Town Hall notice cabinet, the Garfield Post Office and the Cenex Gas Station in Garfield as the official posting places. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye. Notices will also be posted on the website. Jeff Stabnow informed the Board that we can designate the township website for publishing sealed bids over

\$100,000. If we do that for six months, it can eliminate advertising for bids in the Minneapolis/St. Paul papers.

- **Official Banks.** Rosenwald made the motion to designate the First State Bank and Bremer Bank as the official township banks. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.
- **Administration Policy.** Diedrich made the motion to leave the Administration Policy as it is. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.
- **Meeting Schedule.** Diedrich made the motion to approve the meeting schedule from April 2010 through March 2011. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye. The schedule is posted at the Town Hall and is on file in the clerk's office.
- **Officers List (MAT).** The Board signed off on the officers list for MAT. The list still needs Tom Scearcy's signature.
- **Workman's Compensation Insurance.** Kilgore informed the Board that she had contacted Kristin McCullough of the MAT insurance and was informed that signing a contract with an indemnity clause for mowing and tractor maintenance does not take the place of providing a certificate of insurance and the township will be charged for workman's comp for those items as if they were employees. Diedrich will check on the matter to see if there is another way to handle this issue. Diedrich made the motion to table the issue until the April 19, 2010 town board meeting. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.
- **Special Assessment Policy.** Kilgore informed the Board that the Douglas County Auditor/Treasurers office asked for the Board to provide them with a policy for handling special assessments on properties when they are sold or divided. Rosenwald made the motion that the assessment stay with the original parcel. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye. The buyer and seller can negotiate the special assessment if they wish.
- **Mowing/Tractor Maintenance.** Kilgore provided the cost of the township mowing the ditches and maintaining the tractor and mower for 2009. The Board compared those costs including workman's comp (\$5,884) to what it would cost to contract it out (\$7788). The Board decided that the township would continue to mow the ditches.
- **Town Hall.**
 - **Capacity.** Kilgore asked about the capacity of the Town Hall. Diedrich said to check with Dennis Stark to find out the formula. A sign should be posted stating the capacity.
 - **Fire Alarm.** Rosenwald will check into getting a fire alarm system for the town hall and will report back at the April 19, 2010 Town Board Meeting.
- **Lake Charley Cemetery.**
 - **Tree Trimming.** Rosenwald made the motion to authorize Frank Bartlett to get Steve's Tree Service to do some trimming at the cemetery. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.

- **Certificate of Right to Burial 10.** Rosenwald made the motion to enter into the town record. The Certificate of Right to Burial Number 10, Block Two Lots 60 and 61, Grantee Barbara Younaszai. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.
- **Other.**
 - **Farmers putting mud on the Roads.** Rosenwald said that he learned that according to MN statute 366.012 the township can assess back to the farmer the costs of damages to township roads caused by dragging excessive amounts mud onto the roads if we keep track of the costs. The issue will be put in the next newsletter, so farmers will be informed.
 - **ATV's.** Rosenwald informed the Board that ATV's can drive on township roads. Rosenwald stated the township needs an ordinance regulating the use of the ATV's. Issue tabled until the April 19, 2010 town board meeting.
 - **Closing Roads.** Rosenwald stated that the township can close roads for up to four months and not plow them if no one lives on them. He is not sure if we have roads like that in Ida Township.

Mail and Permits The mail and permits were passed around for the board to examine.

Public Comment

- **Dick Berg** informed the Board that there is a large frost boil at the intersection of Burkeys Lane and Sunset Strip. Diedrich will check on it.
- **Glen VanAmber** said that he thought there was some confusion on how the Certificate of Deposits were reported on the year end statement at the Annual meeting. He asked that Krueger include the CD's in the General Fund. He also suggested that the Board put more of the Township's money into CD's.
- **Jeff Stabnow** asked if the town hall septic system is big enough for a large crowd. Rosenwald said that since it is a public building we were required to put in a large capacity septic system.

Adjourn Diedrich made the motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Diedrich-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Mike Rosenwald
Ida Township Chairman