

¹**Minutes**
Ida Township Board Meeting
April 6, 2009
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN 56332

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

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Rosenwald announced that the tapes being used to record the meeting belong to the clerk and are only used to assist her in taking the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes Approval

- **March 16, 2009 Town Board Meeting.** Blegen made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 Town Board Meeting as written. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye Blegen-aye.
- **March 17, 2009 Board of Canvass.** Rosenwald made the motion to approve minutes of the March 17, 2009 Board of Canvass Meeting. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye, Blegen-aye.

Blegen thanked Wes Smith for repairing the township bulletin board so quickly.

Roads

- **Gravel-Greg Burkey.** Rosenwald reported that Greg Burkey requested that the Township provide 20 yards of gravel for his driveway as he has built the driveway up to eliminate problems with standing water and washing out. The Township had replaced the end of the driveway after the 7T road improvement project and Burkey had accepted the driveway. Rosenwald made the motion to put enough gravel on Greg Burkey's driveway to cover it one inch up to the point the Township worked on his driveway. Searcy seconded the motion. Rosenwald amended the motion to authorize 10 yards of gravel be put on Greg Burkey's driveway. Searcy seconded the amended motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye Blegen-aye.
- **Ditch Mowing.** Mr. Foshaug informed the Board that he would like to do the ditch mowing for the township. Foshaug stated that he can do minor maintenance on the mower and tractor. Searcy made the motion to hire Lee Foshaug to mow the ditches at the same rate of pay as the Board receives for one year. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye Blegen-aye. The position is a seasonal part time position. Blegen stated that Dale Buchholz has agreed to store the tractor and mower for \$450 a year.
- **Chloride-Schifsky Letter.** Rosenwald explained that Water Lily Trail had been taken off of the full width of chloride list as Blegen had put it on the list without consulting the

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board. Mark Schifsky sent a letter requesting the Water Lily Trail be added to the roads that receive chloride the full width of the road to the Township Chloride Policy because of its heavy usage. Rosenwald made the motion to reinstate Water Lily Trail to full width this year from Christopherson Road intersection, south and east to Memory Lane. Searcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye, Blegen-abstained.

- **Gravel/Road Maintenance Ads.** Rosenwald stated that the ads for sealed bids for road maintenance and sealed quotes for gravel have been put in the paper for two weeks. The bids will be opened on April 20, 2009 Town Board Meeting. Rosenwald said that we included class-I (one) gravel in the quotes to see what the price difference would be.
- **7T Striping.** Rosenwald checked with the County regarding the costs of striping the black topped roads in the 7T road improvement project. The cost of doing the edge stripes and the center line stripes would be approximately \$4500. The cost of doing just the center lines would be less than \$2000. Rosenwald is in favor of doing just the center lines. Blegen made the motion to do the whole works, center lines and edge stripes. Searcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Searcy-aye, Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-opposed.
- **Bedman Debt Service Fund.** Rosenwald informed the Board that there are two options the Township can do with the balance of \$1787.42 left in the Bedman Drive Debt Service Fund. 1.) Equally distribute the amount to the people who were assessed. 2.) The money can be absorbed into the General Fund. There would be difficulties in distributing the money to the proper people who were assessed and it would set a precedent for other larger special assessments. Blegen made the motion to absorb the \$1787.42 into the General Fund. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Searcy-aye.
- **Snow Plowing Issues.** Rosenwald stated that the last snow plowing was a disaster. The plowing was interrupted by the weather and started again. When plowing resumed the plow did not go back and start at the beginning, plus the plow was sent to problem areas in the township, which also delayed getting all of the roads plowed. Rosenwald said that in the future the plow should adhere to the plan in the Township Policy.
- **Road Review.** Rosenwald made the motion to set the Road Review Meeting for May 11, 2009 at 1:00 PM starting at the Ida Town Hall with May 15, 2009 at 1:00 PM as an alternative date in case of rain. Searcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Searcy-aye.
- **Other.** Blegen informed the board that the spring blading of the gravel roads will begin on Wednesday, May 8, 2009.

Old Business

- **Board of Equalization.** Rosenwald reminded the board that the Board of Equalization meeting will be held Monday, April 13, 2009 at 9:00 AM at the Town Hall.
- **Other.**
 - **Garfield Fire Department Budget.** Rosenwald reviewed the Garfield Fire Department budget submitted at the Annual Meeting and the figures came out ok.
 - **Green Acres.** Rosenwald informed the Board that according to the Green Acres policy special assessments cannot be placed on parcels enrolled in the plan. There are three parcels in the 7T Road Improvement and one parcel in the sewer

assessment. The Township can place a lien on the parcels in the 7T road assessment and the Township can collect when the parcels are sold. Rosenwald will check into the sewer assessment to see if the amount paid in previous years needs to be refunded.

New Business

- **Lake Charlie Cemetery Committee.** Frank Bartlett addressed the Board regarding the cemetery committee meeting. Bartlett thanked Greg Burkey for all the work he has done on the cemetery over the years. Bartlett informed the Board that the committee members are Wayne Odegaard, Julie Kirscht, and Frank Bartlett. Bartlett is getting quotes for surveying and laying out the lots and contracting out the spring clean up. Bartlett also noted that the Veterans Administration may provide markers for the veterans that are buried there. The committee will hold its next meeting on April 8, 2009 at 12:30 PM and Rosenwald will attend. Rosenwald stated that the Township is limited by law to only spending \$10,000 per year.
- **Reorganizational Items**
 - **Chairman.** Rosenwald made the motion to nominate Orin Blegen as Chairman. Scarcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Scarcy-aye, Blegen-abstained.
 - **Vice Chairman.** Scarcy made the motion to nominate Mike Rosenwald as Vice Chairman. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Scarcy-aye.
 - **Newspaper.** Rosenwald made the motion to leave the Echo Press as the official Township newspaper. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Scarcy-aye.
 - **Set Compensation/Life Insurance.** Rosenwald made the motion to leave the compensation for the Board at \$14.00 per hour. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Scarcy-aye. Rosenwald made the motion to leave the life insurance for the Board at \$10,000. Scarcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Scarcy-aye.
 - **Posting Places.** Rosenwald made the motion to set the posting places for notices at 1.) Ida Township Hall, 4700 County Road 6 NW, Garfield MN, 2.) Garfield Post Office, Garfield, MN. 3.) The Ida Township Website, www.idatownship.com. Scarcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Scarcy-aye, Blegen-opposed.
 - **Banks.** Rosenwald made the motion to designate Bremer Bank and First State Bank as the official Township Banks. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Scarcy-aye.
 - **Administration Policy.** Blegen made the motion to the leave the Administration Policy the same. Scarcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Scarcy-aye.
 - **Meeting Schedule.** Rosenwald made the motion to accept the Meeting Schedule from April 2009 through March 2010. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Scarcy-aye. The schedule is posted at the Town Hall and is on file in the clerk's office.
 - **Flood Damage.** Kilgore reported Douglas County had contacted her regarding any flood damage from the recent rapid snow melt. Blegen had reported that

there were three areas in the Township where water had gone over the road and culverts should be installed in those areas. The estimated cost would be \$20,000. Kilgore reported the road damage that Blegen had reported to the County. The township also received a claim form to file a claim. Blegen will get the documentation for the claim.

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

Public Comment

- **Don Erstad** asked if there is warranty on blacktopping in the 7T Improvement Project, because there is a split in the blacktop on Oakridge Road. Rosenwald said that there is a warranty and the Board is aware of other problem areas as well
- **Wes Smith** asked if we are going to add the white side stripes to Betsy Ross Road while the 7T roads are being striped. Rosenwald said we would not be adding white stripes to Betsy Ross Road.

Adjourn Blegen made the motion to adjourn at 9:22 PM. Searcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Searcy-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Orin Blegen
Ida Township Chairman