

¹**Minutes**
Ida Township Board Meeting
January 16, 2007
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN 56332

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

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

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

Minutes of the January 2, 2007. Conn had one correction. He wanted the comment Conn will bring updated guidelines to the next meeting removed from page 1 regarding the cost share guidelines. Rosenwald had a correction to Page 2 under the paving committee. He wanted to revise his comment to read taking away the need to pave Memory Lane. Rosenwald made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2006 Town Board Meeting as corrected. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.

Treasurer's Report Krueger gave the December Treasurer's report. Conn made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.

Review and Pay Bills Blegen made the motion to review and pay bills. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye. Krueger paid the approved claims with checks 6441-6461 from the Bremer Bank checking account and check 2108 from the Bedman Drive Debt Service account.

Roads

Township response to ice roads Conn commented on the icy roads resulting from an ice storm we had the week of January 1st. There were a couple of school buses that went in the ditch and there was ice up to an inch thick on some of the roads. AJ stated he was here at midnight Thursday night helping a sheriff's trooper and a tow truck get off the road. AJ then waited until daylight to sand more of the roads for safety reasons for his employees. AJ said it was his opinion that school should have been canceled as the roads all over the county were very slippery. AJ said he was out sanding on Saturday and Sunday, when the County and City were not. AJ reported that it took him 4 days to complete sanding all the roads in the township. Blegen commented that it takes time to get the roads done. Blegen would like Shady Haven Drive set as the first priority for future storms as there is a resident who needs medical attention and then to do the hills in the township. Conn commented that AJ had been very responsive to his calls and

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complimented AJ on the way he handled the situation and thanked him on behalf of the Township

Resolution 07-01 Developer's Agreement Kilgore presented the revised Resolution 07-01 adopting the Developer's Agreement that was approved by motion at the December 4, 2006 Town Board Meeting. Conn made the motion to approve Resolution 07-01. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.

Resolution 07-02 Cost Share and Assessment Guideline Conn made a motion to approve the cost share and assessment guidelines for improvement projects for maintained township roads as presented at the January 2, 2007 meeting. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye. Blegen made the motion to accept Resolution 07-02 adopting the cost share and assessment guidelines. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.

Resolution 07-03 Gormley Ditch Maintenance Agreement The Supervisors reached an agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Gormley at the November 6, 2006 Town Board meeting that the Gormleys would have an agreement drawn up that would be attached to the deed of their property regarding maintaining the ditch and culverts they installed on their property on Gehrkes Point. In return the Supervisors would adopt a resolution accepting the agreement. Rosenwald made a motion to approve the Ditch Maintenance Agreement. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye. Blegen made a motion to approve Resolution 07-03 approving the agreement. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye

Road Committee/Road Paving Plan/Resolution 07-04 Don Erstad presented the 3-phased plan that the road committee put together recommending the priority in which they feel the roads in the township should be improved and black topped. A copy of the recommendation is on file in the clerk's office.

- Blegen made a motion to go ahead with the committee's recommendation for phase one (Bedman Drive from La Grand Township to Sahara Lane, Lake Ida Way from County Road 61 to Wahtomin Trail, 81st Avenue from County Road 6 to Lake Ida Way, Oak Ridge Road, Wahtomin Trail and Christopherson Road) with the correction of Christopherson Road to Water Lily Trail. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.
- Conn made a motion to adopt the Resolution 07-04 as read with the corrections stated to pave the roads in Ida Township. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.
- Conn reported on the tonnage capacity of the roads to be black topped. Conn stated the Scott Green of the County Engineer's office said that 7 ton capacity roads should meet the requirements needed for the roads proposed in Ida Township, but the board should get the townships engineer's advice on whether any of the roads in the plan need to be constructed to meet a higher capacity, especially where there is heavy gravel truck usage.
- Conn did some preliminary checking on the cost of this project. Conn gave as a **rough estimation** that if the project costs \$1.4 million, which he feels is a high estimate, that the benefited properties by the plan will pay an extra assessment of \$200 a year for nine years (\$1800) or be able to make a one time payment of \$1200. Additionally each and every property owner on Lake Ida currently pays an average of

\$110 per year into the blacktop and road improvement fund. This average payment of \$110 per year paid into the blacktop fund by Lake Ida property owners could change up or down based upon future Board action and/or annual changes in market valuation of properties in Ida Township.

Properties not on Lake Ida but benefiting from the paving project will receive an extra assessment of \$200 a year for nine years on their property taxes (or a one time payment of \$1200). Their average annual property taxes currently paid into the blacktop and road improvement fund should vary between \$30-\$110 a year based upon the market value of their property.

Properties away from the lake and not benefiting from the paving project will continue to pay an average of \$30 a year on their annual property taxes that goes into the blacktop and road improvement fund.

- Rosenwald will check on bonding requirements for funding the project.

PAZ Gravel Rosenwald checked with PAZ gravel, which is located in Ida Township, about whether he would be interested in providing a quote for gravel for the township roads. Paz was not sure and will submit a quote if he is interested, when the township asks for quotes. Paz may be interested in some small graveling projects in the township, but not for big projects.

Resolution 07-05 Supporting Bike/Walking Paths Conn checked with Al Liefort of the County Park Department, who informed him that there are 80-20 match enhancement grants available and that there is \$12,000 that was put in a fund by developers in Ida Township that is available to use for bike/walking paths. Conn made a motion to adopt Resolution 07-05 supporting the design, engineering and funding for bike/walking paths along the roadways that will be improved in Ida Township. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Rosenwald will only be in favor of this if it doesn't cost any extra money and we get a grant and can use the \$12,000 put in the fund by the developers. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye. Kilgore will type the resolution and have it ready for signing at the February 5, 2007 Town Board Meeting.

2008 Budget Kilgore provided the board with print outs from CTAS on how much we spent in each fund for 2006, to be used for budgeting purposes. Rosenwald will go over the figures and provide his recommendations at the upcoming Board of Audit/Budget meeting. Kilgore will check the requirements for notice of the Board of Audit meeting.

New Business

ALASD update Rosenwald reported that he was sworn in as our new representative on the ALASD board. There is nothing new affecting Ida Township. He reported that ALASD has funding in place for their new expansion and some construction has started. Rosenwald will check to see if there are properties in Carlos Township that are hooked up to our sewer and will report to the Clerk and Treasurer to make sure there are not any outstanding payments due to Ida Township for sewer hook-ups.

Newsletter Kilgore had the preliminary newsletter put together for approval. The board had a couple of corrections to make before bringing it to the printer.

Dogs There were questions received by the Supervisors regarding the Township's policy on pets and leash laws. Blegen reported that we do not have any pet ordinances and we are not authorized to bring pets to the Douglas County Humane Society.

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

Public Comment

Don Erstad commended the board on their actions on the Road Paving Policy.

Francis Paulzine of East Ida Pines in Carlos Township requested a decrease in the sewer hook-up fees charged to properties in his development in Carlos Township. The supervisors declined the request.

Adjourn

Rosenwald made the motion to adjourn at 9:55 PM. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Orin Blegen
Ida Township Chairman