

¹**Minutes**
Ida Township Board Meeting
February 20, 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. Supervisor James Conn, Clerk Barbara Kilgore and Treasurer Palmer Krueger were also present. Supervisor Mike Rosenwald was absent

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 February 1, 2007 Budget/Audit Meeting. Blegen made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2007 Budget/Audit Meeting. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye.

Minutes of the February 5, 2007 Meeting Conn had two corrections. He wanted the word, **incorrectly**, removed from page 3 in the item addressing sewer assessments of the Dahl and Swenson properties. He also wanted to add, **when the budget/audit meeting was held**, to the public comment made by Glen VanAmber. Blegen made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 5, 2007 Town Board Meeting as corrected. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye.

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

Review and Pay Bills Blegen made the motion to review and pay bills. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye Conn-aye. Krueger paid the approved claims with checks 6462-6481, check 6470 was voided, from the Bremer Bank checking account and check 3-2104 from the Betsy Ross Debt Service account.

Roads

Jeff Stabnow Engineering Proposal Stabnow gave a summary of his experience. He has been on his own since 2002, but had previous experience in Montana, Idaho and North Dakota. Stabnow has had Township road experience with Carlos, Holmes City, Hudson, Ida, Lake Mary and Miltona Townships in Douglas County. Stabnow currently receives \$95.00 per hour from Carlos Township. Stabnow stated he is not a land surveyor and will use local surveyors and geologists for upcoming projects. Conn asked if Stabnow could commit to be the point person for the 7-mile project currently being planned in Ida Township. Stabnow will inform the Board at the March 5, 2007 meeting if he will be able to meet this commitment

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7-Mile Road Project. Kilgore raised some questions regarding repaying the bond and proceeding with the feasibility study for the road project. The board authorized Conn and Kilgore to meet with the Township's Attorney, Bill Leuthner, to make sure the board is meeting the proper legal requirements for ordering and proceeding with the project.

Blacktop Maintenance Plan Kilgore gave the board a listing of the current blacktopped roads in Ida Township. AJ informed the board that he does blacktop road maintenance and he maintains the blacktop roads in Alex, Hudson and Millerville Townships. Conn stated the costs of the upkeep of these roads needs to be budgeted for and included in the levy recommendations at the annual meeting. The issue was tabled until the March 5, 2007 meeting.

Old Business

Dahl/Swenson Sewer Assessments Blegen stated he spoke with Bill Leuthner, regarding the sewer assessments for the Dahl and Swenson properties. Both landowners own two adjoining 100 foot parcels, which appear to be buildable, and each parcel received a sewer stub, but each parcel was only assessed ½ of an assessment. Blegen reported that there doesn't seem to be a problem with adding ½ of an assessment to each of the Dahl parcels, bringing them up to 1 assessment on each parcel. Blegen reported that Tim Bayerl, Bruce Nelson and Mr. Leuthner will have to go out and make an on-site evaluation of the Swenson parcels. Conn spoke to Mr. Swenson and was informed that Swenson's had to use the sewer stub on the vacant lot for gravity flow, the stub on the parcel where the house would have had to have a lift station. Conn suggested leaving the assessments as they are unless one of the parcels is sold and then assessing the vacant lot a full assessment at that time. The issue was tabled until more information can be obtained and the landowners can be contacted. Conn will try to contact both landowners.

Moderator for Annual Meeting Blegen stated that Bill Leuthner will attend the annual meeting, but does not want to moderate the meeting. Kilgore reported that she has a volunteer, if the people at the annual meeting don't elect someone else.

New Business

Underhills Blegen reported that Leuthner advised that there is nothing the Township should do regarding the Underhill's getting their property line recorded with the County along a portion of Betsy Ross Road that was vacated for the Ida Oaks Development.

2010 Census Kilgore showed the board the paperwork received regarding the 2010 census, but there doesn't appear to be any action required by the Town Board at this time.

Board of Canvass Blegen made a motion to hold the Board of Canvass immediately following the Annual meeting in the clerk's office to verify the election results. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye. Conn suggested keeping a log of voter turnout during the upcoming election. The Head Judge, Julie Kirscht, will keep track.

Bike Path Resolution 07-05 Kilgore asked why the Resolution wasn't signed at the February 5, 2007 meeting when the board had adopted it at the January 16, 2007 meeting. She thinks that a new motion needs to be made that revokes the approval of the Resolution. The issue was tabled until March 5, 2007.

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

Public Comment

Wes Smith stated he didn't think it was fair to people who were already assessed in 2003 when the sewer went in to let the Dahl and Swenson properties goes as is until one of the parcels is sold. Blegen stated that he had Tim Bayerl, Bill Leuthner and Bruce Nelson checking in to the situation. Kilgore will check into the old minutes to see if either of the parcels is mentioned and why these parcels were only given a ½ of an assessment.

Barry Wahlberg asked if the Board has considered selling the sewer to get it off of the Township's books and responsibility. Conn said it would be worth checking into. Kilgore added it maybe affected by the grant money we received at the time.

Adjourn

Blegen made the motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Orin Blegen
Ida Township Chairman