

<sup>1</sup>**Minutes**  
**Ida Township Board Meeting**  
**March 19, 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 and 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 March 5, 2007 Town Board Meeting. Conn made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2007 Town Board Meeting. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.

Treasurer's Report Krueger gave the February Treasurer's report. Rosenwald made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Conn 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 6482-6504 from the Bremer checking account.

### **Roads**

Road Committee Blegen asked Glen Van Amber if he knew about a development plan along Lake Ida Way and why he didn't inform the rest of the committee and the Town Board. Van Amber said the land in question is held in trust and he had been asked to explore what the possibilities are for this land and he had touched base with the DNR, but there are no current or active plans for developing the property. Conn said he was aware of the property and the Peterson family had approached a previous Town Board on the possibility of moving the road, but nothing ever came of it.

Road Maintenance and Gravel Agreements Conn made a motion to publish a request for sealed bids for the Ida Township Road Maintenance Agreement commencing May 1, 2007, which will be opened at the April 16, 2007 town board meeting. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye. Rosenwald will obtain quotes for the gravel agreement.

Township Engineer Blegen made a motion that we go along with Mr. Stabnow as our engineer and contractor. Conn seconded the motion. Blegen withdrew the motion,

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Rosenwald stated that Mr. Stabnow didn't meet the requirements of providing a price of a feasibility study and that a larger engineering company would meet the needs of the township better. Stabnow stated that he works with Gene Miller, who is a civil engineer and would be able to take over if he needed to. Stabnow said he didn't provide the price of the feasibility study as the costs would depend on the scope of study. Conn said he feels the billable hours would be easier to control with Mr. Stabnow than with a larger company. Rosenwald asked if Mr. Stabnow would take responsibility for making sure the materials and construction meet the required specification. Stabnow said he would when he signed off on the project. Conn made a motion that Stabnow Engineering be hired as the Ida Township Engineer. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-abstained.

### **7T Project**

**Financing** Rosenwald checked with Kennedy & Graven and was informed that we can issue 2 bonds, a smaller temporary bond for 1 year to pay for the upgrades that will not be assessed and a larger bond after that to pay off the temporary bond and to finish the project and a portion of that bond will be assessed. Rosenwald also directed Krueger to set up a capital project fund for the project.

**Environmental impact** Rosenwald asked Stabnow to submit an application for the needed wetland permits to the DNR. Rosenwald also stated that any costs incurred for environmental study and impact issues should be considered legal expenses.

**Sunset Strip** Blegen would like to publish a request for bids for upgrading Sunset Strip. Conn asked Mr. Stabnow to put together the requirements for the ad and have it for approval at the April 2, 2007 meeting.

**Annual Meeting Road Issues** Bruce Wussow commented on the condition of Shea Road by Big Chip Trail. Blegen had looked at the area. Rosenwald and Conn will look at the area. Conn asked Stabnow to look at the area, also. Keith Wussow reported that Pleasant Grove is in very bad shape and you need 4-wheel drive to get down the road in the spring. He also stated that there are no approaches from the abutting farm land and dirt from the fields ends up on the roads. There is also an issue with cattle getting loose causing a hazard on the road. There were also complaints on how the roads are bladed and the frequency of blading. The Supervisors will check on the condition of the roads and see what needs to be done. Conn stated that the board committed to Mr. Kloehn at the annual meeting that the township would refrain from any chemical spraying along Pleasant Grove.

Bruce Wussow also has two culverts that he wants to widen on Pleasant Grove and Clear View Road. Blegen viewed the culverts and didn't see any problems with widening them.

### **New Business**

#### **Re-organizational Items**

- **Chairman** Blegen made a motion that Vice Chairman Rosenwald be moved up to Chairman. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.

- Vice Chairman Rosenwald made a motion to nominate Conn as Vice Chairman. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.
- Regular Meeting schedule Conn made a motion to approve the 2007 meeting schedule with the addition of the day of the week pre-viewings are held by the Land & Resource Department. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.
- Newspaper Blegen made a motion that the Echo Press remain the official newspaper. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.
- Compensation Rosenwald made a motion to continue with Resolution 06-06 on the compensation of officers as it is. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.
- Supervisor Duties Blegen suggested leaving the duties as they are with Conn being the legal liaison. Rosenwald handling financial issues and Blegen being the liaison with the engineer. Rosenwald said as Chairman he would like to be liaison with the engineer.
- Posting places Blegen made a motion to leave the posting places where they are; Ida Township Hall, Garfield Post Office and Cenex Gas Station in Garfield. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.
- Banks Rosenwald made a motion to designate, Bremer Bank, First State Bank and American National Bank as the official Township Banks. Blegen seconded the motion. Rosenwald amended the motion to add State Bank & Trust to the official Township Banks. Blegen seconded the amended motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.
- Review Policies Blegen made a motion to leave the current Township Policies as they are. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.

Lakes Area Regional Planning Conn stated he feels that the meetings are worthwhile and provide good networking. Conn reported that there was some discussion at the last meeting about the election and Ida Township had the biggest turn out. The new head of Land & Resource Management introduced himself at the meeting.

Underhill water issues Blegen wanted to include in the minutes that there is water running on to Underhill's property through the culvert from Zacher's project.

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

### **Public Comment**

Bruce Wussow would like to see a couple more people added to the Blacktop Committee that are not associated with the blacktop project or instead of a Blacktop Committee form a township wide road committee to watch all the roads in the township and report to the board on issues that arise. Conn stated that the Board needs input from all the people.

Maybe some of the people on the West side of County Road 6 could form a committee to advise the board on the priority of the roads in that area of the township.

Keith Wussow stated it seems suspicious that the roads to each of the supervisor's places are getting blacktopped in the new project and that all the people on the blacktop committee are from around the lake. Wussow also asked why we are doing so many roads at one time instead of spreading them out over a number of years. Conn responded that bonding and doing all of these roads at one time will save the township money in the long run. Conn stated that he ran for office on a platform of blacktopping roads in the area and he wants to follow through on it. Conn also stated that there will be public hearings held regarding the project.

DelRose Froemming stated that all of the people in the township will be paying for this project and feels the gravel roads in the township will suffer because of all the money being spent on blacktopping. Conn stated that the board will review the roads in question and see what can be done about them. Rosenwald stated that the board will give their best effort to making sure the roads are put into good driving condition.

Glen Van Amber stated that as a member of the Blacktop Committee they looked at the value and 70% of funds come from the high value houses around lake and those taxes have been paying for upkeep of all the roads in the township. He agreed that some of the gravel roads away from the lake may need some work.

### **Adjourn**

Blegen made the motion to adjourn at 9:50 PM. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Conn-aye, Rosenwald-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore  
Ida Township Clerk

Mike Rosenwald  
Ida Township Chairman