

Eyota Township  
Board Meeting  
Monday, December 21, 2020

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Eyota Township Board was called to order at 7:01 pm on December 21, 2020 at the Eyota Ambulance Barn by D O'Neill. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**Present**

D O'Neill, B Halvorson, J Schumann, D Kullot, M Lewis

**Guest**

M Fish

**Approval of Minutes**

November 16, 2020 were reviewed. Minutes stand as read.

**Treasurer Report**

Stand as read. As of November 30, 2020: General Fund: \$11,226.05, Road and Bridge \$80272.48, Fire \$51,835.36, Fire Mutual Fund \$8,375.28, FEMA Fund \$98,048.15.

**Open Issues**

Payroll for hours worked, meetings, election hours, mileage and additional claims reviewed. Motion to approve as read made by J Schumann, seconded by B Halvorson with all in favor of proceeding with payments.

M Fish discussed with board the wording related to the surety in the Road Improvement Agreement. After further discussion J Schumann moved to accept the updated agreement with change from 150% to 125% during the warranty period. B Halvorson seconded, with all in favor of accepting the Road Improvement Agreement with Home Group, LLC. D O'Neill will have the contract updated, and will meet with M Fish, and M Lewis (clerk) at Eyota City Office to have the document notarized. M Fish has met with D O'Neill to mark trees that will need to be removed.

Fire Department update given by B Halvorson. Mutual aid with Rochester is not proceeding currently. Clerk has title to truck/trailer and will be transferring the title to Eyota Township. Invoices from the City of Eyota for the township's share have been confusing. After review and discussion, J Schumann moved to accept the current amount due with 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter invoice, B Halvorson seconded, with all in favor.

B Halvorson presented a check from Eyota Fire Department Relief Association. The \$750 is from pull tabs and to be placed in the fund for future truck purchase. J Schumann moved to accept the

funds, D O'Neill seconded, with all in favor. Eyota Township wishes to Thank the Eyota Fire Department Relief Association for this donation.

The mutual fund should be kept above \$10,000 to limit fees. B Halvorson moved to have \$10,000 transferred from Fire Fund to the Fire Mutual Fund, J Schumann seconded, all in favor.

Metes and Bounds comment period expired before tonight's meeting for Luke and Jessica Leichtnam's request to split off 15 acres from an 80 acre farm parcel. D O'Neill reviewed the request and reported no concerns.

D O'Neill reports roads are in good condition. Township received a ROW request for a permit to place phone cable on 30th St to provide phone service to Ellringer's new trailer. D O'Neill signed off on the permit with the understanding that the cable is to be placed toward the back of the right of way or edge of road—not to be at the bottom of the ditch. Signed permit emailed to Jane Brown.

C Ardent expressed thanks for the CARES Fund that was given to the Eyota Ambulance as there has been a need for the items purchased.

MATIT worker's compensation insurance was reviewed. Workers comp is needed in case an elected official would be injured while carrying out their duties.

J Schumann will investigate Website options.

Candidate filing period is December 29<sup>th</sup> through January 12, 2021. The township office will be open from 1 pm to 5 pm on January 12, 2021 for filing. A Township supervisor and township treasurer offices are up for election. J Schumann moved to have the town board members act as election judges for 2021 at \$15/hr. It will be at the discretion of the clerk to hire additional judges if needed. B Halvorson seconded, with all in favor.

Clerk shared Olmsted County Building Permits.

After reviewing the bills, motion to pay bills totaling \$14,585.31 made by B Halvorson, seconded by J Schumann, motion passed with all in favor.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm by D O'Neill. The next general meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at Eyota Ambulance Building.

Minutes submitted by M Lewis, Clerk

Approved on January 19, 2021