

Eyota Township Board Meeting
April 19, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Eyota Township Board was called to order at 7 pm on April 19, 2018 at Eyota Ambulance Barn by Jim Schumann. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Present

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

Guests

G. Trogstad, C. Minich (Milestone), S. Doyle (Bruenig Rock), Mr. & Mrs. D. Schick, and J. Bartelt

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting and Truth in Taxation meeting 4/10/18 were unanimously approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report

Approved as reported

Open Issues

10th St Culvert discussed. Question wetlands? Noted outstanding bill sent to Garlin Dairy.

Magellan expansion project and Fire Department issues/concerns will continue to follow and discuss.

20th Street Rework was discussed. The excess buildup of chloride on this road creates problems when grading and there is a concern of the polluting effects of chloride on water quality. After consulting with experts on road maintenance, the board is considering doing a deep grading of this section of road in an effort to bring the chloride up to the surface. Toward this goal, Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Schumann drilled multiple sections of 20th St west of County road 102 in an attempt to determine the depth of the rock on that road. The plan would be to grade the road at least 5 inches deep, relay the gravel, water and repack the gravel. Mr. O'Neill has discussed this approach with Jeff LaPlant at the county shop. He indicated their availability to grade the road, apply the water and provide the packer. He did ask if the township could provide a tractor and

driver to pull the packer. Mr. Schumann questions the cost of the county work. Mr. O'Neill will talk with the county shop in an effort to determine the cost of this project. Mr. O'Neill also reported, he has checked with the DE high school as to whether they could analyze the rock to determine the amount of chloride. He reported they could determine the amount of chloride but not the type.

Mr. O'Neill reminded the board this is an experiment and we must be prepared to provide additional rock and/or chloride if our assessment were incorrect. The residents of the road will need to be appraised of the plan. Mr. O'Neill will contact Mr. D. Johnson as he is the person that submits the request for chloride each year. Based on Mr. Johnson thoughts we might invite the neighborhood to the May Board meeting or setup a separate meeting.

Mr. O'Neill stated it has been reported to him that the road has been graded in the past by a local resident, despite residents requesting the road not be graded for fear of losing the chloride. Performing operations within the right of way without permission from the road authority, Eyota Township Board, is a violation of Minnesota Statute 160.2715. The Board agreed that this practice needs to stop.

19th St repair was discussed. Would it be possible to tile the road or other options? A question whether we would need to involve SWCD input was raised. Mr. O'Neill stated the County told him given it is our ROW we would not need to consult them. Will add this to the annual road tour.

County Township Banquet held April 13th in Stewartville and attended by D O'Neill and M Lewis.

Ambulance Service is giving township a notice that they may need to hire daytime help.

Membership on Planning & Zoning Committee reviewed. Current town board members are willing to continue. Mr. Schumann will discuss with other members if they wish to.

Reminder that July County Township meeting is to be hosted by Eyota and Pleasant Grove Townships. The meeting is scheduled for July 26, 7:30PM. Mr O'Neill will contact Pleasant Grove regarding the location and food.

New Business

Application for a Variance #02018-001VAR from David Schick: J. Schumann presented to the Town Board. D Schick spoke about planned project. Public input was requested with no concerns noted. B Halvorson motioned, D. O'Neill seconded, Motion passed and Carried.

Request to widen driveway on 10th SE by J. Bartelt with Bartelt discussing the reason why. Board decided to add this to the road tour to evaluate if the culvert is deteriorating vs just wanting to widen. Bartlet was wondering if he could build a shed with a toilet to

