

Eyota Township Board Meeting
March 19, 2018
Call to Order 7:00PM

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

Guest: T. Lauth, H. Lauth

Clerk Vern Hammel called the meeting to order. He opened the floor for nominations for chairman. J. Schumann was nominated. Motion to accept Schumann as the chair for 2018. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report:

The clerk's minutes for the January 16, 2018, February 20, 2018 and the Audit meeting of March 1, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to approve all three minutes was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Maureen Lewis was elected Clerk on March 13, 2018. Maureen was installed for a two-year term as the clerk for Eyota Township. Vern Hammel was appointed as Deputy Clerk for one year.

Metes and Bounds:

Tom and Holly Lauth appeared to request a Metes and Bounds on a 5-acre piece of property in section 17. Metes & Bounds # 02018-003MN. After some discussion a motion was made to approve the Metes and Bounds. Motion carried. Mr. Lauth inquired about placing a driveway in the property. The board approved and recommended he stake where he would like the driveway and we will check it. Consistent with policy the cost of the new will be covered by the township.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented. The report stands as given.

Salaries for the Clerk and Treasurer was discussed. Motion made and seconded to leave salaries as 2017. Motion carried.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$5110.63. Motion carried

Magellan Expansion Update:

There was nothing new to report on the Magellan expansion.

Variance Application:

The Planning and Zoning meeting previously scheduled for March 5, 2018 was rescheduled due to weather. The meeting is now scheduled for Monday April 2, 2018. The meeting is to address a variance request to establish an orchard and building on 2 acres across from the elementary school in section 28. The meeting will be posted on the website.

Chloride Application:

Mr. O'Neill reported Chloride for 2018 has increased by \$0.01 to \$0.82 per gallon.

Mr. O'Neill reported we have approximately 5 miles off road that the residents request chloride application every year in an effort to control dust. This is causing a problem due to excess chloride on the roads. First, the chloride does not go away, thus building up on the road. Second, chloride draws moisture, so the roads become a gooey mess creating problems grading the road, making it difficult to lay down a good surface. Third, the ice build-up on roads with excessive chloride proved to be worse than on the roads without excess chloride. Fourth, Chloride is a pollutant effecting water quality.

Mr. O'Neill has spoken with some engineers regarding the issue of dealing with the excess chloride and still controlling dust. The engineers recommended doing a deep grading pulling up the low surface gravel and relaying the road surface and then packing with a roller; thus bringing the excess chloride up.

The board discussed trying this approach on one road to evaluate the process. After looking at the roads where this is a problem the board felt 20th St from County Road 102 to the west end would be the best test section. This road was last rocked in 2016 being the oldest rock, thus potentially would be the first to be rocked in the future. This approach also leaves to potential to add chloride later in the summer if the deep grading process does not work for the dust control. Mr. O'Neill will discuss this approach with the County Hwy department and the residents on 20th St.

The board also discussed private citizens grading township roads on their own. This presents a potential liability problem for the township and the citizen. Plus it is in violation of Minnesota Statute 164 for a citizen to perform work within a road ROW without permission of the road authority (township board). The board discussed the need to enforce this, as we are seeing more and more activity without permission from the board.

ORI Number:

The board discussed the letter from Lenny Laure regarding acquiring an ORI number to enable the township to receive revenue from court fines from crimes committed within the township boundaries. Mr. Schumann will look into acquiring an ORI number.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel E. O'Neill
Acting Clerk

Approved April 16, 2018