

Eyota Township
Board Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Eyota Township Board was called to order at 7 pm on March 16, 2020 at the Eyota Ambulance Barn by M Lewis, Clerk. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Selection of Chairperson

M Lewis opened the floor for nominations of chairperson. B Halvorsen nominated, D O'Neill. J Schumann seconded. Nominations closed with D O'Neill voted in as supervisor chair.

Present

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

Guest

D Allen, R Vehrenkamp, C & V Arendt

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of February 18, 2020 board meeting and the Audit Meeting on February 18, 2020 were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

Treasurer Report

Approved and stand as read. General Fund: \$12,735.71, Road and Bridge \$129,220.71, Fire \$52,003.91, Fire Mutual Fund \$73,123.17.

Open Issues

Weight Restriction request to exceed weight limit requested by Gar-lin Dairy. D Allen discussed request. D Allen verbally agrees to additional road repairs related to the increased weight limits if needed. J Schumann moved to exceed the weight restriction up to 80,000 pounds for delivery of liquid feed by Westway Feed Products LLC to Gar-lin Dairy on 40th St from Hwy 42 East to 125th Ave and then North on 125th Ave to the Gar-lin Feed center until the spring road restriction are removed. B Halvorson seconded; motion carried. Permit printed, signed and given to D Allen.

Mete and Bound requested by R Vehrenkamp. B Halvorson moved to approve; J Schumann seconded; motion passed. Letter of Townboard Action signed.

Fire Department update by B Halvorson, with nothing to report. No further information or action on paying off Fire Truck Loan early.

Road and Bridge update with report that roads are in “spring condition.” D O’Neill gave update on Soft Spot “Frost Boil” Olmsted County in Disaster Declaration 4442.

90th Ave Follow-up from Annual Meeting Minutes. D O’Neill request following changes to the Annual Minutes: Motion was made by T. Lauth, seconded by D. Strain. After some discussion J. Schumann made a recommendation to the wording to clarify the financial responsibility of the project. Mr. T Lauth and Mr D Strain agreed to the wording change. The motion was then voted on and passed unanimously.

These are the part of the minutes referred to: 90th Ave SE, north of D Strains was opened to discussion. D O’Neill and D Strain presented. Members discussed non maintained road on 90th Ave SE. First motion made by Tom Lauth and seconded by D Strain. After further discussion, motion changed, reread, clarified and final motion made by J Schumann to extend 90th Ave SE north up to 300 feet under the supervision of the Town board. Township will pay for gravel, but not maintain 90th Ave SE north of D Strain. D Strain to pay for all the base of the road improvement. Motion seconded by D Strain. Motion passed. Per Township policy, the cost of the culvert to be paid by D Strain.

Annual Meeting 2020 minutes will be able to be edited and modified at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

To prevent further spread of COVID-19, the 2020 Annual Banquet, Saturday, March 21 at Rochester VFW is postponed and the OCTOA meeting March 26th at 7:30 pm Eyota Ambulance Barn has been cancelled. Short Courses are postponed. Several other Olmsted government meetings are being cancelled or postponed. Olmsted County Planning Commission has postponed Fish zoning request until April 16, 2020.

C & V Arendt answered questions about the proposed Ambulance Levy. Board would like to have an Ambulance meeting with all the cities/townships covered by the Eyota Ambulance. C Arendt will see what could be scheduled. The township will reevaluate the proposed contract at the 2021 Annual Meeting. The 2020 Annual meeting agreed to fund the Eyota Ambulance barn a total of \$18,000. Discussion on Assist calls to be continued.

B Halvorson motioned to set the clerk and treasurer salary at \$50/meeting plus 2 hours of time; hourly wage of \$15. J Schumann seconded; motion passed.

B Halvorson, with J Schumann seconding, moved to have D O’Neill coordinate road work. Motion passed.

CenturyLink would like to proceed with proposed fiber node site project. D O’Neill will contact Dick Debniak, Sr. OSP Lead Engineer.

Freeborn County Dust Control cost for chloride is .87 cents/gallon.

Contractors mailings and notices for quotes completed. Truth in taxation meeting April 14, 2020 at 9:30 am at Eyota Ambulance Barn. Notices for both posted. With limited access to most businesses during the COVID-19 social distancing, notices placed on Township website. Notices to be in the Bluff Country Reader on March 23, 2020.

B Halvorson made general comments about how to obtain rural broadband for our township and possibility of changing our emails to gmail.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$3,477.38 made by B Halvorson, seconded by J Schumann, motion passed with all in favor.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm by D O'Neill. The next general meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, April 20, 2020 at Eyota Ambulance Barn.

Minutes submitted by M Lewis, Clerk

Approved on May 18, 2020