Woodland Township Monthly Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Woodland Township Hall, Montrose, MN

Monday, August 12, 2024

7:00 PM

Meeting Attendees: Chair Gene Janikula, Dan Domjahn, Barry Pawelk, Paula LaVigne and Julie Marquardt

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by the chair at 7 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was made. MMS Domjahn, Pawelk. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the July 2024 Minutes. MMS Pawelk, Domjahn. MCU

Treasurer’s Report

LaVigne reported that $4,072.7 5was received during the month of July. The approximate ending fund balance as of July 31, 2024, was $537,739.00.

The checkbook still is not balancing with the bank. Both the clerk and treasurer do balance. The difference between the bank and the checkbook is $1,000.00. LaVigne is in contact with the bank on this issue.

MMS Pawelk, Domjahn to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Claims

Claims in the amount of $125,400.99 was presented to the Board. MMS Domjahn, Pawelk to approve the claims (copy of claims attached)

Clerk Report

Clerk reported Community Clean Up Day is scheduled for September 14, 2024, from 8-11. Board of Appeal and Equalization has online training through Minnesota Revenue. Pawelk is currently trained. The clerk will look into if Janikula is up to date on training. Wright County is currently surveying county residents about topics important to them. The clerk mentioned the importance of this survey as it relates to Woodland Township and broadband internet.

Employee review is also scheduled for next month.

MMS to approve the clerk’s report: Domjahn, Pawelk. MCU

Committee Reports

Quarterly Township Meeting: The topic was recycling. It is important for residents to clean their recycling. If the truck comes with dirty recycling it all has to be thrown out. The clerk will clarify with the county who is in charge of recycling and what the mandates are for the townships.

Conditional Use Permits

Renewals

Field Haven Kennels-Kelly Matson

Pawelk moved to approve” Dog kennels for another year.” Seconded by Domjahn. MCU

Woodland Flea Market-Chris Bulera

Bulera would like to decrease the amount of dust control that is applied to her road. The current permit states she needs to do 400 feet of dust control. Bulera stated that most of her traffic comes from the east on County Road 8, not from the west. She would like to apply 250 feet instead.

Hilgers would like to see dust control from the blacktop of Co Rd 8 to west of her driveway. It would make it easier for him to grade the road. Domjahn agreed that it would be less grading if she went from the blacktop to west of her driveway. Both believe that is over 250 feet from Co Rd 8.

MMS: “Bulera’s conditional use permit can be adjusted to dust control from Co Rd 8 to the west end of her driveway.” Domjahn, Pawelk. MCU. This will be adjusted for 2025.

Old Business

Cement East Side-Front Door: Completed. Jerry McBrady did an additional area because he wasn’t comfortable leaving one section not completed. The bill was $1,500 higher due to the additional area.

Culvert Grant Update: Completed. Matter’s Excavating completed 115th Street, and Ferman Avenue by August 8, 2024. Gloria Janikula will complete the grant.

Emerson Avenue Culvert and 70th Street Ditch Cleaning: A 15” X 40 Foot culvert will be supplied, MSB Excavating quoted the Township $1,000.00. 70th Street ditches need to be cleaned, about 500 feet. There are pipelines through the road right away. MSB Excavating will do this per hour.

“Move to approve to the 2 quotes for Emerson Avenue and 70th Street by using MSB Excavating” MMS Domjahn, Pawelk. MCU

New Business

75th Street: Mike Young rents land east of Co Rd 8 on 75th Street. The water hasn’t drained this year. It seems as if the east end is not flowing out. Domjahn talked with a landowner nearby and he isn’t doing anything to stop the flow of water. Young said 6-7 years ago there was activity done in the swamp area. The tile is 5 ½ feed below the water in the swamp. Young will look into civil and criminal issues as he has lost $15,000 of inputs just this year. Janikula would like Young to continue to look into this issue and keep the Board up to date on what he finds out.

Tabitha Court: John Grieger would like to know if the Township has given up the rights to Devitt Avenue. The county doesn’t have record of this road. The Board believes Devitt Avenue is a Marysville Township Road.

Road Right Away Permitting: Woodland Township will be looking into a policy about road right away permits. Clerk will contact county engineer.

Employee Report

Hilgers rented the brush mower for September 2.

Jerry Schultz would like 2 loads of gravel-Board agrees

Hilgers will be filling spots with gravel on the township roads. 115th over the culvert needs additional gravel, along with dust control. Board agreed on this. Janikula would like the dust coating tank removed for the winter.

MAC truck will be delayed. The earliest the truck will be completed is early next spring-March or April. Hilgers would still like to look at the box of Watertown’s once it arrives.

Addition to the Agenda

Grant Follow up by Gloria Janikula. $91,000 was submitted for the culvert grant. We have used up $22,000 from a previous project. Matters Excavating was $68,000. She will add Hilgers time and supplies that were used for the culverts. She will turn in expenses between $104,000 and $110,000. About $34,000 will be coming back to the Township.

With no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. MMS Domjahn, Pawelk. MCU

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Julie Marquardt