

SLT MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13TH, 2024

Meeting conducted with MN mandated social distancing measures in place. Until further notice, SLT Board Meetings will be conducted in person as detailed in SLT Special Notice #50, dated 02/15/2021.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Dale Lewis, Emily Riley, Tammy Ziegler, Ronola Richards, Paulette Johnson

GUESTS/SPEAKER: Bruce Ziegler Lee Mindemann

READING /APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes approved by Dale, seconded by Tammy.

READING/APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS BY TREASURER Bank balance as of January 31st, \$170,616.48. Financial report approved by Tammy, seconded by Dale.

READING/APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL BY TREASURER: Claims and payroll approved by Tammy, seconded by Dale.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT BY MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR:

Oct – Dec (4th quarter) will be due 2/13/24. Report attached.

SUSPENSE DATES:

March 1st, Clerk to pick up election materials and voting machines.

March 4th, EOTC Townships Meeting, Thumper Pond, Lake Room, 1:30 PM.

March 5th, Presidential Primary Election: Polls open 10:00 AM-8:00 PM

March 12th, Township Day: Annual Meeting and Township Election: Polls open 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Annual meeting to follow at 8:15 PM. (Paulette to research changing township elections to November to coincide with federal elections)

March 14th Reorganization Meeting and Board of Canvas. 6:00 PM

March 19th Last Day for all candidates to file Certification of Filing forms.

March 23rd – 31st Days to file Oath of Office with clerk.

March 31st Deadline for filing town Annual Financial Report with State Auditor

OLD BUSINESS:

- Construction permits: Per OTC permits are not needed unless within 1000 feet of the lake. Mailbox policy will not be changed at this time.
- Dale L: Ditch mowing and tree trimming policy to be tabled until March.
- Discussion on replacing the road foreman position will continue. No known candidates currently. Road Email? Paulette will have Rob remove.
- Further discussion needed on Communication with SLT residents. Ronola will check into training available on how to run and conduct a TEAMS meeting.
- Dora Township line agreement. "Exhibit A" email from clerk w/Dora Township Board still in discussion regarding any line agreement.
- Paulette to take her laptop to Rob to correct some issues and take other old laptops that are not in use to him also to have him wipe information.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New website is up and running. Emily, Ronola, and Paulette have completed website maintenance training.
- Levy: Board reviewed expenses/incomes over past years. Suggested levy increase was 5%. Increasing levy amount to \$233,000.
- Fire Contract? Paulette to check with Perry in Dent on contract for 2024 and past due bill received for 2023. How is amount calculated?
- Fergus Power Pump Contract? Will contact them regarding new contract by April if no notice is given.
- Township Election: 5 PM – 8 PM Tuesday, March 12th with Annual Meeting to follow at 8:15 PM. Lee Mindemann will act as moderator.
- Used Pickup Truck purchase: Dale checked back with seller – it was already sold.
- Road Conditions: Starland Shore Drive, 360th west end at Cr 41. Will have additional gravel brought in for now to improve conditions until later this spring. Spending max

approved by board is \$7500. Dale to contact Egge's. Emily made a motion to allow Dale to use his discretion on the locations that need to be graveled. Tammy seconded.

- 300th N culvert through WEP area to lodge loop culvert: water backing up and running over the road. WEP will investigate regulating the water level. Township may want to also want to consider looking into raising the road and changing the size of the culvert to prevent water running over the road in the future.
- Beaver Dam trailer hill upgrade: Dale to get more information on using crushed concrete to correct the issues with this road.
- Emily approved resolutions for Dale Lewis and Tammy Ziegler to act as election judges if needed. Conflict of Interest resolutions approved for each.
- Add bios for both candidates on the website. Paulette to handle.

OTHER BUSINESS: Right of way violation regarding building construction materials. Two certified letters have been returned as undeliverable. SLT can now handle the debris by moving it out of the right of way. Dale to have this handled.

NEXT MEETING: Reorganization Meeting, including Board of Canvass, Thursday, March 14th.
6:00 PM

ADJOURN: Motion made by Emily to adjourn. Seconded by Tammy. Meeting adjourned at
8:17 PM