

MINUTES, SLT MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 13, 2021

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

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF STAR LAKE TOWNSHIP WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M. BY KEITH AUNE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESENT: RONOLA R., TAMMY Z., JEFF M., KEITH A. & EMILY R.

GUESTS/SPEAKERS- BILL & SHARON SHULTZ., DELBERT ENGLER & PAUL HAWKINS.

Shultz's and Engler were concerned on weed buildup. Tammy Z. to handle. Also, bad roads and Dust Control. Board assured them we are working on roads & dust control with OTC in negotiations. All relative to the bridge disaster last year causing more traffic. Paul Hawkins brought up his road (SKY HAWK DR.) Some repairs are needed. Keith A. to visit with him soon. This road falls under MAPLEWOOD township. Pending.

READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 03/16/2021. Motion by Tammy Z., 2ND by Emily R. to approve as read. Carried.

READING/APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS BY TREASURER: Motion by Tammy Z., 2ND by Emily R. to approve financials. Clerk & Treasurer are RECONCILED. Carried.

CHECKING- \$140,308.82

READING/APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL BY CLERK: Motion by Tammy Z., 2nd by Emily R. to approve. Carried.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT BY MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: These to be presented quarterly: Jan-Mar 21 report due 4/13/21, April – June 21 Report due 7/13/21, July – SEP due 10/12/21, and Oct – Dec due 1/12/22.

12M3 ROAD GRADER- 2225 HRS.

SNOWPLOW- 18932 Mi.

JD 6400- 6529 HRS.

JD7200- 6740 HRS.

SUSPENSE DATES:

-County Treasurer/Auditor makes full settlement for all taxes collected since last settlement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1- Townhall maintenance issues: Keith A.

- Paint all four steel safety posts by shop & pole barn in spring – Jeff to contact Terry and have him paint the posts. Pending.

2- Culverts, Signage, and Noxious Weeds: Tammy Z.:

-Need culvert maintenance/replacement plan from Tammy Z.. **This is needed for the 2021 Road Report.** Tammy Z. has ordered 2 permanent ROAD RESTRICTIONS SIGNS to be installed by OTC. Pending.

3- 280TH So. & Skyhawk Dr; (north of Hwy. 24); Keith A.

-status of the Maplewood Township project on road widening/reshaping. Keith A. will handle this by contacting Chase Collins to cut brush & trees close to road then have gravel brought in and leveled/tapered. Pending

4 – Road Operations Update: (Lee M)

- a. **Buddy Lane Drainage project** – Lee has received a \$1,800 quote for spring 2021. Area resident Mike Richards @34715 has agreed to take extra dirt. (Ph# 952-807-3835) Project Pending. What to do with the waste is a question.
- b. **Road Repair for 360th St.-** Lee M. reviewed repair of two significant soft spots east of Hwy 41 and west of Pfeiffer’s driveway. Quotes are \$3,900. and \$5,100, respectively. This repair is similar to the successful Camp Joy curve repair of 2019. **Due to budget concerns, the board agreed to defer to 2021. Lee will add to 2021 Road Report -- Pending.**
- c. **Beaver Dam Point** – drainage project. **Stabnow Engineering submitted their findings/suggestions. Must discuss amount and have meeting with respective property owners.** Keith to handle. He has already talked to Duane S. on how to move forward. A decision by Board to have gravel brought in at end of cul-de-sac. Roy Storie to be contacted to then come in with skid steer and level/ taper. Pending
- d. **285th Ave. Drainage Project** – area just south of Hwy 24, east side of road – base of hill & ditch?? There is no quote. Determined it is a storm water issue. **Lee will add to 2021 Road Report. Pending.**

5- Air conditioner (wall unit) for townhall; Jeff M to research/cost out – Jeff to contact Jim Piper and Terry about installing the wall unit. Motion by Keith, 2nd by Emily to move on this. Pending.

6- Beavers and high water along 300th Ave. Vicinity of #36676 (old David Collins place). Doug Kugler to handle and review in Spring. Keith to contact Doug to trap another beaver in area after deer season – Doug trapped 2 beavers and was paid. Completed.

7- CARES ACT Utilization Status- Keith A. Pending.

Suggested next steps;

-Decided we would use ROB (CONNECTIONS) as our training instructor.

It was agreed by Board to put Emily R. in charge of this. UPDATE: Emily gave us our 2 options;

1. We purchase our own software and install. We would then be responsible to update as needed & pay monthly.
2. We have Rob handle it completely. Updating when needed and we would be billed by parent company(CONNECTIONS) at a yearly cost of \$619.35 for the Microsoft 365 program for all computers . Rob would bill us for misc. work he does during the year by his company (A.E.M.).

-Motion by Keith A., 2nd by Emily R. to go ahead with #2 and pay on a yearly basis. Carried.

8- Township Road Weight Restrictions.

- a. 390th ST. (Hwy. 41 to 280th Ave.)
- b. 300th Ave. (Hwy. 108 to 390th St)
- c. Tammy Z. and Terry J. to obtain signs to put up. Pending. Signs are up but not permanent yet. Tammy Z. ordered 2 permanent signs from OTC for installation.

9- 280th Ave. Road Stabilization/Dust Control - SLT to approach Dan Egge on providing financial assistance to cover costs of applying calcium chloride to address this increasing issue. Keith & Tammy to also approach OTC HWY. DEPT. to review and assess how they will be handling the bridge construction (prox. time to complete in 2021) relative to the impact on SLT roads. Wayne Johnson with OTC to be contacted on this subject. Pending. UPDATE.

NEW BUSINESS:

1- Sterling Snow-Plow & RELATED EQUIPMENT Preventative Maintenance Information.

- a. Program/products recommended by Sverdrup Twp. maintenance man.
- b. RHOMAR Industries- contact tpiatchek@rrhomar.com (800-688-6221). Terry J. to meet with OMAR. Lee recommended we go with a carbide application. Lasts much longer. Keith handling. A motion by Keith A., 2ND by Tammy Z. to move forward. Carried. Terry J. and Jeff to run snowplow down to Deer Creek business that will do the sandblasting for \$500. When we bring it back OMAR will be contacted to set up for application of special coating in box. Pending.

2- Dent Fire Contract. Review copy of 2020 contract. Stays at \$12700 for 2021. Board decided to pay one half now and second half in August. Clerk has cut check for \$6,350. Completed.

3-Revised CLERK/TREASURY transition. Ronola & Jeff are shooting for May start. Ronola & Jeff to update as we get our new computers. Pending.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Beth Johnson on 380th West has asked for help in her ditch area on weed removal problems due to rocks in ditch. Keith A. to handle. Pending.

-SLT's dinner for Lee Mindemann. Ronola R. to handle relative to a plaque. Pending.

-A New line road agreement was sent to us from Dora Township relative to Rosewood Dr. Keith to handle. Pending.

Next Meeting: MAY 11, 2021. 6:30 P.M. IN-PERSON

ADJOURN: 8:15. Motion by Keith A., 2nd by Tammy Z. Carried.