

February 8th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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The monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Albert Teubert at 7:03 pm on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Board members present were Francis Burch, Ryan Ide, Tiffany Eggert, and Angela Leverich.

There were 14 other people in the audience. Audience members were: David Thiede, Pat Thiede, Mr.+ Mrs Stoltenou, Adam Pagenkopf, Duncon Cameron, Harlan Mathews, Ed Dammann, Mary Behrens, Adam Birkholz, Jane Teubert, Kathy Friecke, Mark Melsha, Fran Romuald

Francis Burch made motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Ryan Ide 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Francis Burch made motion to approve the January Reorganization meeting minutes. Ryan Ide 2nd the motion. Motion carried

Approval of Claims:

Francis Burch made a motion to accept the Claims in the amount of \$6,207.32 Ryan Ide 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund: Beginning Balance: \$3,208.10, receipts \$2,863.89, disbursements \$900.37 for a balance of: \$5,171.92

Road + Bridge Fund: Beginning Balance: \$256,704.10, receipts \$4,156.76, disbursements \$3,675.00 for a balance of: \$257,185.865

Fire Fund: Beginning Balance: \$35,268.44, receipts \$171.73, disbursements \$23,389.34 for a balance of: \$12,050.83.

Ryan Ide made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Francis Burch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report:

Received road posting permit requests from: Litzau Excavating and Randal Fiecke.

Ryan Ide mad motion to accept both posting permit requests. Francis Burch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Kluer – nothing to report, roads are in good condition. Roads were plowed once in January.

Public Agenda Request & Walk In items:

Adam Birkholz – Discussed Lester Prairie's Comprehensive Growth Plan. Showed maps of potential future growth areas in the community.

Adam Birkholz thanks the board for sending a letter of approval in support of the Dakota Trail. Asked if the board would consider a resolution supporting the Dakota Trail.

Mary Behrens spoke on behalf of the Trail Committee in support of the trail.

Ryan Ide made a motion to table the Dakota Trail discussion to our March Annual Meeting. Francis Burch made 2nd. Motion carried.

New Business:

2017 Official Township Posting place to be at the Bergen Townhall. Ryan Ide made a motion accept the Bergen Townhall as the official posting place. Francis Burch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Gravel Bids- Bergen Twp is opening the submittal for gravel quotes for 2017. Francis Burch to contact 3 vendors for quotes.

Old Business:

- Jane Tuebert was sworn in as Deputy Clerk
- Patricia Thiede was sworn in as Deputy Treasurer

- Rebuild of 167th + Eagle Ave.
 - Mark Melsha attended the meeting to discuss the project scale and approach.
 - Clerk will send out Easement Contracts to the land owners with specifics in the next two weeks. Land owners are requested to respond by March 3rd, 2017. Francis Burch and Albert Tuebert decided on proposing \$5,000 per acre to the land owners for the easement. Ryan Ide did not contribute to the land per acre offer based on conflict of interest.

- Lawn maintenance for 2017 – Francis Burch made a motion to accept the contract from Andy's Lawn + Snow for the 2017 season at \$45.00 per lawn cutting. Ryan Ide 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.
- Yard marker on Zero Avenue hazard
 - Ryan Ide made a motion to have the Clerk to send a certified letter to have the post removed by March 1st. If the posts are not gone by March 1st landowner will be ticketed and fined. Francis Burch 2nd the motion.

- 2018 Budget
 - The board recommended the following budget for 2018:
 - Road + Bridge: \$130,000 (no increase over previous year)
 - Fire: \$25,000 (no increase over previous year)
 - General: \$48,000 (increase of \$15,000 over previous year)
 - The budget will be presented at the 2017 March Annual Meeting

Upcoming Meetings:

Starting in 2017, the Bergen monthly meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The meetings will be at 7:00pm at the Lester Prairie City Hall located at 37 Juniper St N, Lester Prairie, MN 55354.

Other Meetings:

- **City of Lester Prairie Public Open House for City's Comprehensive Plan-** February 23rd 5:00pm
Lester Prairie City Hall
- **City of Glencore and Glencoe Fire Dept**—February 28th, 2017, 7:00PM Glencoe Fire Hall
 - 2 representative from our township are requested to attend
- **Township March Regular Meeting** – March 8th, 2017, 7:00PM Lester Prairie City Hall
- **Township March Annual Meeting** --March 14th, 2017, 8:00PM Bergen Town Hall
- **Noxious Weed Control Meeting**—March 13th, 2017, 3:30-5:30PM, Country Diner McLeod County Fairgrounds
- **Township Board Spring Short Course:** March 29th, 2017 Hutchinson, \$50 no pre-registration. Registration begins at 8:00 am, meeting starts at 9:00am. Hutchinson Event Center, 1005 Hwy 15S, Plaza 15, Hutchinson MN
- **Board of Appeal + Equalization Meeting** (township assessments)—April 5th, 2017, 7:00PM, Lester Prairie City Hall

Miscellaneous:

- Clerk Short Course Recap
- Annual Meeting Preparation
- 2017 Annual Newsletter

Adjourn:

Ryan Ide motioned to adjourn the meeting. Francis Burch seconded it, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm. Tiffany Eggert took the meeting minutes.

Albert Teubert, Chairman

Tiffany Eggert, Clerk