

April 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Francis Burch at 7:01pm on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Board members present were Burch, Albert Teubert, Ryan Ide and Angela Leverich. There were about 33 other people in the audience.

Burch motioned to accept the resignation of Joann Feltmann as clerk. Ide seconded it, motion passed.

Teubert motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Ide seconded it, motion passed. Ide motioned to approve the April 6th Special Building Committee meeting minutes. Teubert seconded it, motion passed. Teubert motioned to approve the April 7th Board of Equalization meeting minutes. Ide seconded it, motion passed.

Ide motioned to approve the claims. It was seconded by Teubert, motion passed.

There was no payroll to approve.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$11,949.03 in the General Fund, \$309,549.25 in the Road and Bridge Fund, and \$31,065.14 in the Fire Fund. Receipts for \$119,550.00 were received into the Road and Bridge Fund due to the sales of the 2000 Sterling Truck, the grader, the reclaimer and oil. A motion was made by Ide to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Burch, motion passed. The treasurer has been having difficulties with her computer not turning on and/or the screen being black. The problems seem to be happening more frequently but it's still usable. Also that computer needs a product code to be able to use Microsoft Word. Once again it's still usable as of now.

Road Report

Jeff Klehr of Klehr Grading & Excavating said there were some frost boils but nothing major. Ide said there were a few soft spots, while Burch said 145th St. was the worst road in the township. Klehr is gradually widening 150th St. each time he grades it. That road is on the list to be graveled this year. Klehr has a list of spots that need gravel and work and will pass it on to the supervisors. There are no signs down.

The road tour was set for the first Thursday of May (5/5/16) at 5:00pm. They will meet at the township hall.

Road Grading/Plowing/Mowing Contracts – Ide called Mueller & Sons. They don't want to grade for us. Bergen received a grading quote from Klehr Grading & Excavating for \$90.00hr per machine with a fuel surcharge when fuel is at/above \$3.75 a gallon. Klehr's plowing quote is for \$120.00hr per machine with the same fuel surcharge as above. There is a minimum of \$500.00 per time. Klehr's mowing quote is for \$84.00hr per machine for the ditches of Bergen Township. Mowing usually happens only once a year. Klehr's mowers can cut up to 3 in. trees. Ide motioned to accept the grading, plowing and mowing quotes from Klehr Grading & Excavating. Teubert seconded it, motion passed. One of the supervisors will contact Klehr in the fall when to mow ditches. Klehr's quotes were the only ones received. The board will give Klehr a two day notice when they will need him to grade out the gravel after its dumped.

Gravel Quotes – Ide called Burn & Mueller & Sons. The Mueller representative hung up after hearing Bergen residents were upset with the quality of gravel. They will not send a quote. Burns was too busy and didn't need the work so they won't send a quote. Chard Tilling & Excavating, Litzau Excavating, and Meeker Washed Sand & Gravel, Inc. sent quotes. Chard's was for class 5 material for \$5.45 ton and delivery for \$6.55 ton which equals \$12.00 ton. Litzau quote was for class 5 material from Sibley Aggregates for \$15.36 ton or class 1 for \$16.85 ton, class 5 from Meeker Sand was \$14.15 ton or class 1 for \$15.10 ton. Meeker Sand quote was for class 5 for \$11.89 ton or class 1 for \$12.79 ton.

There are samples of class 5 and class 1 gravel on the back table of the town hall. Bob Mathews sometimes hauls for Meeker and says they do a nice job. Burch motioned to accept the Meeker Sand & Gravel quote for 7000-9000 tons. Ide seconded it, motion passed. Burch will call them. They must give us a 48 hour notice before dumping gravel.

It was brought up that residents could receive gravel at the same price as the township but would have to pay tax and pay (the driver) for the gravel immediately upon receiving it. They could get up to 3 loads of gravel but need to contact one of the supervisors prior to the gravel being delivered. The gravel information will be put on the website.

Old Business

Deputy Rossow said the issue on Zero Ave. (post in the ROW) was resolved. There was communication between the county and the homeowner.

Construction has begun at the Glencoe Courthouse.

Maintenance Shed/Town Hall Project – The town hall property was surveyed. Ide contacted the MAT lawyer regarding questions they had. 1) The board can build a new town hall at the two acre site but the residents must vote to move the town hall there. 2) The board can abandon any project even if the residents want it to move forward. 3) The treasurer may not also be the clerk of our township. 4) We cannot use any road, bridge or FEMA money for the new town hall. The money must come from taxes. We can use existing money but would have to pay the Road and Bridge Fund back with future taxes. The new clerk will research the old meeting minutes from 2004-2006 to find out when there was a big jump in taxes for more roadwork to be done before the May monthly meeting. A representative from RAM gave a quote for a separate building next to the existing town hall to be about \$125,000.00 that would include a handicap ramp on the old town hall. He also gave a quote for \$160,000.00 to attach the two buildings.

Ed Dammann & Harlan Mathews from the Bergen Building Committee talked about what would possibly need to be done to prepare the current town hall site for construction. Additional land may need to be purchased. (Ide thought we would not need to purchase additional land). A civil engineer would have to be hired to stake it out and take borings. Fill may need to be brought in. A parking lot would be needed. Handicap parking spots need to be hard surface (tar or cement). The two acre land would have to be sold but it needs to be plotted first. That land that was bought for \$36,000 would need site work done for about \$71,000, \$89,000 including the sidewalk and tarring a parking lot. Residents in the audience want to just add on to the existing town hall building.

Burch called Ron Shimanski to ask if Bergen can hold elections in the new county building. He'll get back to us about that. Elections must be held at the Sportsman's Club this year.

Township equipment – The 2000 Sterling Truck and the grader were sold for the appraised amounts of \$40,000.00 (truck) to DaRend Yetter and \$77,000.00 (grader) to Witte Bros. The reclaimer was sold for \$2500.00 to John Witte. Extra oil was sold for 50.00 to DaRend Yetter. We still have a few things available to sell; tools & tool chest, fuel tank, air compressor and a desk. Ide motioned to have these items listed for sale on the township website. Bids must be in by 5/10/2016 before the May monthly meeting. Teubert seconded it, motion passed. We already have a bid for the 5 hp air compressor from Pete Jorgensen for \$600.00. We also have a bid from Mark Eberle for the air compressor for \$500 and for the fuel barrel with pump for \$400.

The possibility of selling the two acres of land is tabled until next month.

Bergen Township received a credit for the removed fuel from the shed.

New Business

Tiffany Eggert is willing to fill in the township clerk position. Burch motioned to appoint Eggert to clerk until the next election in November. Ide seconded it, motion passed.

Burch attended the County Assessment meeting. He will be part of the task force. He also attended the hazardous storm watching training. If anyone sees a tornado they should call the Sheriff's Office NOT 911. Burch also attended the Dolezal CUP meeting. Dolezal is required to put up a fence. The city of Lester Prairie has put quite a few stipulations on him conducting his recycling business at that property in Lester Prairie.

Dave Heldt property on 175th St. – The culvert between Heldt's and Rick Jeurisson's property is filled in. The elevation of the ditch is lower than the culvert (even if it were to be opened up). Heldt has a soggy driveway and needs to bring a house onto his property. If he packs the driveway down then he would soak Jeurisson out. They'd like to open the culvert. It's Dunnick's property that the water would pool up on. They need permits to cut a new ditch. They are wondering if the road has gradually widened because of the extra gravel so that now the ditch is narrower. There is power lines buried in that area. Heldt and Jeurisson want a new ditch (and maybe a culvert if it's ruined). It's dry as of this meeting but water has come across the driveways in the past. Ide motioned to hire Darrin Litzau to tear out the old culvert and replace it with a new one at Heldt's driveway at 1683 175th St. Teubert seconded it, motion passed. It will be replaced with the same size culvert. If Heldt wants it longer he'll have to pay for the extra length. Burch will call Litzau to do the work.

Joann Feltmann commented that Rick Hoyer planted alfalfa on the township's 2 acres of land. We will reimburse him \$100 for the seed and he can hay off whatever he wants.

Bergen received a written quote from Earl Heldt with Heldt Painting & Contracting, LLC. They would power wash, hand scrap, re-nail if necessary, apply one coat of a new primer called Peel-Stop, and apply one coat of finish paint to the existing town hall for \$2944.48. That price would also include putting all the windows and repainting the sign on the building. Burch said Heldt would also paint the shed for \$.84 a square foot (that's a verbal quote).

The board also discussed re-roofing the existing town hall, which may be around \$7500.00. Teubert will look around for quotes for a new roof. Ide made a motion to get quotes to put steel roofing on the town hall. Teubert seconded it, motion passed. This project was then tabled.

Bergen received a written letter from The Venero Family opting out of any ditch spraying on their property but will maintain the weeds.

The sale of the truck paperwork was submitted successfully.

The next monthly meeting will be held on May 12, 2016.

Ide motioned to adjourn. Teubert seconded it, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Angela Leverich took the meeting minutes.

Francis Burch, Chairman

Angela Leverich, Treasurer