

August 15th , 2019, 7:00pm Regular Meeting Minutes

Lester Prairie City Hall

The monthly meeting was called to order by Francis Burch at 7:00 pm on Wednesday August 14, 2019. Board members present were Francis Burch, Ryan Ide, Harlan Mathews, Treasurer Jane Teubert and Deputy Clerk Dave Hoernemann.

There were 2 persons in the audience.

Minutes:

Ryan Ide made a motion to approve the June 2019 Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Harlan Mathews. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims:

Ryan Ide made a motion to accept the Claims in the amount of \$18,598.64. Harlan Mathews 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund: Beginning Balance: \$12,493.16, receipts \$1,934.09, disbursements \$1,536.79, for a balance of \$12,890.46

Road + Bridge Fund: Beginning Balance: \$226,332.95, receipts \$161.34, disbursements \$39,400.54 for a balance of \$187,093.75

Fire Fund: Beginning Balance: \$11,287.42, receipts \$0.00, disbursements \$0.00, for a balance of \$11,287.42

The Township Aid for 2020 will total \$ 3,566.00. Treasurer Jane Teubert reported that \$1,913.50 has been received.

Ryan Ide made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Harlan Mathews 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report:

Jeff Klehr:

- 1) Roads are finally "coming around".
- 2) Additional gravel was placed on Eagle Avenue near 190th Street.
- 3) What has been completed regarding ditch mowing was discussed. It was noted that there are some small trees south of the bridge on Zero Avenue that should be addressed.
- 4) Francis Burch ordered a marker with reflector to be installed at the culvert at 155th Street where the guard railing was damaged.
- 5) A reminder was given that a list of damaged or missing signs will need to be turned into the county. If it is a "Yeild" or "Stop" sign, it should be turned in immediately.
- 6) Jeff had nothing else to add.

7) Francis Burch reported that he was finally able to talk to someone from Century Link regarding the washout around the tile where Century Link has their box at 145th Street and Zero Avenue.

Public Walk in items:

Roger Gutzke appeared before the board regarding the lowering and extending of the culvert under 130th Street. His main question was if this culvert falls under “Grandfather” rules, or if newer guidelines must be followed regarding paperwork and permits. Mr. Gutzke was advised to contact and discuss this question with McLeod County. Ryan Ide will contact Steve Fenske, the Township Attorney, for more information.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

The cart way project by Sheldon Ehrke’s property has not been completed yet.

Misc.

Jane Teubert asked if the Township Treasurer can write burning permits. She has gotten a number of calls since her father was a long serving board member. Jane was directed to look into this question further.

Francis Burch brought forward the question regarding annexation compensation. After discussion, it was agreed by all board member that this was a good idea since once the property is annexed, no further taxes will be received. Francis will contact Steve Fenske, the Township Attorney, as to how this is done and if it should be brought before the residents at the annual meeting.

A “Thank You” card for Litzau Excavating for the donation of a load of rock and for their prompt service when called was signed by the board and will be mailed.

Upcoming meetings:

- **September 11th, 2019:** Regular Board meeting – Lester Prairie City Hall

Motion to adjourn:

Ryan Ide made a motion to adjourn. Harlan Mathews 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Chairman:

Deputy Clerk: Dave Hoernemann