

September 11th , 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 September 11th , 2019. Board members present were Francis Burch, Ryan Ide, Harlan Mathews, Treasurer Jane Teubert and Deputy Clerk Dave Hoernemann.

There was 1 person in the audience.

Minutes:

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

Approval of Claims:

Ryan Ide made a motion to accept the Claims in the amount of \$21,260.67. Motion was 2nd by Harlan Mathews. Motion carried.

Approval of Payroll:

Ryan Ide made a motion to accept the 2019 Q3 Payroll. Harlan Mathews 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund: Beginning Balance: \$ 12,890.46 receipts \$ 96.01, disbursements \$154.13, for a balance of \$12,832.34

Road + Bridge Fund: Beginning Balance: \$ 187,093.75 receipts \$ 0.00, disbursements \$ 16,601.56, for a balance of \$ 170,492.19

Fire Fund: Beginning Balance: \$ 11,287.42 receipts \$ 0.00, disbursements \$ 1,842.95, for a balance of \$9,444.47

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

Road Report:

Jeff Klehr :

Roads have been graded twice since the last report and the roads are finally coming around. An additional grading will be completed after the present rainy spell.

The culvert at Orville Foust's driveway may need some additional work.

Century Link did complete the work at their box at 145th and Zero Avenue.

Public Walk in items:

Although Roger Gutzke was not present at the meeting, follow-up information on Mr. Gutzke concerns that were brought before the Board at the August meeting were discussed. Harlan Mathews made a site visit and noted that the existing culvert needs to be cleaned, as well as the ditch in the same area. Steve Fenske, the Township Attorney, has informed the Board that the Township needs not to be involved with lowering the culvert, that is a Water District item.

New Business:

It was noted that a resident along 175th Street is allowing the grass in the right of way to grow exceedingly tall, which could be a safety issue. The clerk will be directed to send them a copy of the Minnesota Statute 160.2715 which covers the policy of Road Right of Way.

It was also noted that a resident along Zero Avenue had rocks in the right of way, which could also be a safety issue. The clerk will be directed to also send this resident a copy of the same Minnesota Statute.

The Building Evaluations for 2020 for the City of Lester Prairie was received. Bergen Township's Fire Protection portion for 2020 will be 22.75%, compared to 24.14% for 2019.

Old Business:

Annexation fees were briefly discussed. Steve Fenske, the Township Attorney, has informed the Board that they can negotiate a fee as they see fit and there is no voter role in annexation matters. Fees could be either per acre or a percent of value. It was decided to table this item to the October meeting so that the Clerk can be present.

Misc.

A billing for the removal of corn stalks at Mr. Scherping culvert were discussed. Harlan Mathews will discuss this with FEMA this week.

A reminder was again given regarding any down, damaged or missing road signs being reported.

Upcoming meetings:

- **October 9th , 2019:** Regular Board meeting – City of Lester Prairie

Motion to adjourn:

Ryan Ide made a motion to adjourn. Harlan Mathews 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Chairman:

Deputy Clerk: Dave Hoernemann