

## Bergen Township

### September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 7:00pm Regular Meeting Minutes

#### Lester Prairie City Hall

The monthly meeting was called to order by Ryan Ide at 7:00 pm on Wednesday September 9th, 2020. Board members present were, Chairman Ryan Ide, Vice Chair Harlan Mathews, Supervisor Francis Burch Treasurer Jane Teubert and Deputy Clerk Dave Hoernemann. Also present were Mike Eggers, and Jeff Kleir.

#### **Minutes:**

Francis Burch made a motion to approve the August 2020 Minutes. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Ide. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Claims:**

It was noted that Claim #5202 to Litzau Farm Drainage needed to be voided as the check arrived damaged. The check was torn up and mailed back to Bergen Township and given to the Treasurer. Will reissue claim #5216 in September.

Harlan Mathews made a motion to accept the Claims in the amount of \$ 50,828.86. Francis Burch 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Approval of Payroll:**

Ryan Ide made a motion to accept the 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Payroll. Harlan Mathews 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

We received our FEMA reimbursement of \$3,200.00 It will be deposited in August.

We received our CARES check from the State of Minnesota for the sum \$ 23,625.00.

The Treasurer is working on getting all information transferred to the new computer.

General Fund: Beginning Balance: \$ 25,392.71, receipts \$ 24.02, disbursements \$ 7,641.17, for a balance of \$17,775.56.

Road + Bridge Fund: Beginning Balance: \$ 248,483.05, receipts \$0.00, disbursements \$ 64,862.72, for a balance of \$ 183,620.33.

Fire Fund: Beginning Balance: \$ 17,869.31, receipts \$0.00, disbursements \$2,129.64, for a balance of \$15,739.37.

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

#### **Public Walk in items:**

Mike Eggers with the Plato Fire Department explained plans for improvements at the Plato Fire Hall to comply with Covet requirements and to request that Bergen Township consider including a contribution from their CARES money. A follow-up on exact costs will be passed along later this week.

**Road Report:**

Two gradings have been recently complete and another one will follow after the next rain.

A culvert on Zero Avenue needs replacement or repairs and should be taken care of next year.

**New Business:**

All board members are to research needs that would be covered by funds from the CARES ACT including computers for board members if needed for "Zoom Meetings". The clerk is requested to look into the cost for one year for hosting "Zoom Meetings". These items, along with the request from the Plato Fire Department to be discussed at the October meeting.

**Old Business:**

Francis Burch made a motion to dissolve the Building Committee effective September 9, 2020. Ryan Ide 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

Harlan Mathews made a motion to enter into an agreement with Re/Max from Glencoe to look at the sale of two (2) acres of land along Babcock Avenue. Ryan Ide 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. A representative of the firm will be invited to attend the October meeting to explain the next move(s).

No new action has been taken regarding annexation. Francis Burch will check with other townships to see how they have handled.

**Misc.**

Ryan Ide made a motion to send McLeod Coop Power a check for \$ 500.00 as an advance payment for future usage. Francis Burch 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. After discussion, Ryan Ide amended the amount to \$ 76.25. Francis Burch 2<sup>nd</sup> the amendment. Motion carried. This will need to be reviewed at the January meeting.

**Upcoming meetings:**

McLeod County Association of Townships Annual Meeting is September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 pm in Glencoe.  
October Regular Board meeting – Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Lester Prairie City Hall at 7:00 pm

**Motion to adjourn:**

Francis Burch made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Ide 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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Chairman: Ryan Ide

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Deputy Clerk: Dave Hoernemann