

Board Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
December 12, 2023

Attendees: Chair Loewen, Supervisor Kuechle, Supervisor Lochen, Zoning Administrator Froehling, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Deputy Clerk Robinson, Randy Meierhofer, Larry Kunkel, Lloyd and Carol Newman, Joe Hendricks.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Loewen with pledge to the flag.

Agenda: Kimball Cemetery Association was added to the Planning and Zoning agenda.

Planning and Zoning meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Board meeting reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by Supervisor Kuechle/Chair Loewen to approve November 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Nine (9) claims were presented for approval and payment for the month of November totaling \$9,242.70. Receipts for November totaled \$307,405.38. Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Lochen to approve the Treasurer's report and pay claims as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Open Snowplowing Quotes:

One snowplowing quote was received from Hendricks Sand and Gravel, Inc. for snow removal work for the 2023-2024 winter season. This quote contained a monthly minimum fee of \$5,000.00 for the months of November 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. The hourly rate for 4 wd pickups with 9 ft plow is \$100.00, and for all other equipment the hourly rate is \$170.00. After Board review, Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Lochen to accept the quote as written. All in favor, motion carried. A contract for snow removal work between Maine Prairie Township and Hendricks Sand and Gravel, Inc. was signed. Work will be performed in accordance with the Township's Snow Removal Policy.

Tri County Humane Society Animal Impound Agreement:

The proposed agreement sent by Tri County Humane Society for 2024 includes cats and other domestic animals in addition to dogs for impound services. There is also a pricing change for euthanasia and disposal per animal as deemed necessary from \$25 in 2023 to \$75 in 2024. Other pricing remained the same. Motion by Chair Loewen/Supervisor Kuechle to accept the agreement contingent on the removal of cats from the services. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk Nelson will request the revised agreement from Tri County Humane Society.

121st Avenue – Truck Traffic

A petition was received from some of the residents of 121st Avenue requesting the Township restrict semi traffic on their street, citing concerns for safety of the citizens, and the width of the road for truck traffic. Chair Loewen has spoken to the Township's attorney concerning this and was informed that the only way to handle it would be through Weight Restrictions. Before going in that direction, it was agreed that Supervisor Lochen would contact the owner of the trucking company and request that the trucks use County Roads rather than the Township Roads in order to resolve the issue.

Old Business:**Eagle Scout Project:**

The project of installing a flagpole at the Town Hall is now complete, the Board is pleased with how it looks. A donation to the local scout troop was discussed to show the Board's appreciation. Donations need to be approved at the Annual Meeting in March.

There being no further business, Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Lochen to adjourn the board meeting at 8:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Nelson
Clerk/Treasurer