

Board Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
January 11, 2022

Attendees: Chair Kuechle, Supervisor Wicker, Supervisor Loewen, Zoning Administrator Froehling, Joe Hendricks, Deputy Clerk Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer Hunt and Jill Beck.

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

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

Board meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Wicker to approve the December 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Eight (8) claims were presented for approval and payment for the month of December totaling \$90,900.63 (see claims list attached). In addition, payroll expenses for 4th quarter 2021 were paid in the amount of \$6,029.85 Receipts for December totaled \$282,897.61. Motion by Supervisors Wicker/Loewen to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit and pay claims as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

March Budget and Levy Discussion for 2023 – More discussion to follow at the February meeting.

Audit 1/17/2022: The accounting firm of BerganKDV will be doing the Township yearly audit remotely on Monday, January 17th.

New Business:

Tri-County Humane Society Contract: There were no changes to the yearly contract with the Tri-County Humane Society. Motion by Wicker/Loewen to approve the contract for year 2022 as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Absentee Ballot Board Resolution-2022: MN Statute § 203B.121, subd. 1 requires the Town to appoint a ballot board to process all absentee ballots returned to the town clerk for the town election. Resolution #2022-01 was approved appointing Lori Hunt, Alice Robinson, Rita Stommes and Marlene Kunkel as ballot board judges for the Town election on March 8, 2022. Motion by Wicker/Loewen to approve the Ballot Board Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

Appoint Election Judges-Township Election, March 8, 2022: The list of judges presented to work the Township Election on March 8, 2022, was presented. Motion by Wicker/Loewen to approve the list as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Score Grant: : A request for reimbursement in the amount of \$115.00 will be sent to Paula Sexton, Stearns County Environmental Services, for clean-up work performed in the Township during the spring and summer of 2021. Board directed Clerk to submit the request as presented.

183rd Street Jurisdiction: A question was posed by Jennifer Kaminskie, Stearns County Environmental Services Department, regarding jurisdiction of 183rd Street. The Board directed Clerk Hunt to respond to Kaminskie stating that it is our intention to retain jurisdiction however, it is not our intention to ever make this a township road.

Carnelian Road – Snow Related Parking Violation: Deputy Clerk Robinson to send Certified Mail, a copy of Maine Prairie Township's Ordinance No. 5, an Ordinance Adopting Snow-Related Parking Restrictions, and a letter making Lynch aware that his vehicle will be towed, at his expense if the situation is not rectified.

Old Business:

Projected Road Projects in 2022:

1. Overlay Powder Ridge Road from Hwy 15 West to 93rd Avenue
2. Reclaim and Overlay 78th Avenue North
3. 73rd Avenue- Mill and Overlay from 145th St North to 150th St.
4. 73rd Avenue- Overlay from 145th St. South to 140th St.
5. Patch 103rd Street
6. 93rd Avenue – mill and overlay from gravel pit to entrance north to 155th Street. Overlay from 155th Street North to County Rd 147.

Discussion/Information:

- Deputy Clerk to review the Maine Prairie Twp Annual Newsletter
- March Meeting Date Changed to Tuesday, March 1, 2022
- Resignation of Deputy Clerk Robinson effective March 31, 2022

There being no further business, motion by Supervisors Loewen/Wicker to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:01 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hunt
Clerk/Treasurer