

Board Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
January 9, 2024

Attendees: Chair Loewen, Supervisor Lochen, Zoning Administrator Froehling, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Deputy Clerk Robinson, Joe Hendricks, Gary Woods, Dean Petty. Supervisor Kuechle attended via telephone.

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

Agenda: Gary Woods was added to the agenda.

Motion by Chair Loewen/Supervisor Lochen to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Board meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Chair Loewen/Supervisor Kuechle to approve December 12, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Fifteen (15) claims were presented for approval and payment for the month of December totaling \$46,753.66. Receipts for December totaled \$28,474.99. Payroll, including taxes, for quarter four totaled \$6,966.15, Motion by Supervisors Lochen/Kuechle to approve the Treasurer's report and pay claims as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

The Budget and Levy for 2025 was discussed briefly. The Levy may need to be increased with the upcoming road projects and the new fire truck for the Kimball Fire Department. Discussion will continue at the February meeting.

The Property Sales Report was not available this month.

New Business:

Gary Woods – Culvert Issue:

Mr. Woods appeared to discuss the placement of an existing culvert on Balkan Road that is affecting the amount of water flowing to his property. The culvert is approximately 3' below the road bed and approximately 18" below an existing 8" pipe which runs under Balkan Road. Mr. Woods is suggesting the culvert be raised approximately 16" above its existing placement to help reduce the volume of water flowing to his property. A search of Township records will be done to find when the 8" pipe was placed under Balkan Road. Matter tabled to February meeting.

Absentee Ballot Board Resolution – 2024:

Motion by Chair Loewen/Supervisor Lochen to adopt the Resolution naming Patty Nelson, Alice Robinson, Joan Nystrom, Rita Stommes be appointed to serve as the Absentee Ballot Board.

Proposal from SEH:

A proposal for a feasibility study to be conducted on Countryside Lane for the 55 West project was presented. Motion by Chair Loewen/Supervisor Kuechle to approve and sign the Proposal. All in favor, motion carried.

Auditor’s Questionnaire:

Each member of the Board, as well as the Clerk and Deputies, completed a questionnaire requested by the Auditor in preparation for the upcoming audit.

Old Business:

121st Avenue Truck Traffic:

The truck traffic on 121st Avenue was discussed. Chair Loewen reported that he had discussed the issue with the Township Attorney. The Attorney advised that the only option for the Township would be to implement weight limits on the road. Chair Loewen noted that this would be up to the County to enforce, and that was unlikely. He also noted that the enforcement would be for everyone using the road. The Board took no action at this time.

There being no further business, Motion by Chair Loewen/Supervisor Kuechle to adjourn the board meeting at 8:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Nelson
Clerk/Treasurer