

Board Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
July 11, 2017

Attendees: Chair Loewen, Supervisor Kuechle, Supervisor Wicker, Zoning Administrator Froehling, Clerk/Treasurer Hunt, Deputy Clerk Robinson, Joe Hendricks, Marty Ellis, Bob Stein, Charles Craft, Jim and Jodi Pfllepsen, Ken Barthel and Kate Dietman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Loewen 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 Wicker/Kuechle to approve the June 13, 2017 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 June in the amount of \$4,251.14 (see claims list attached). In addition, payroll expenditures for the quarter ending June 30, 2017, were approved and paid in the amount of \$8,083.07. Receipts for June totaled \$231,681.50. Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Wicker to approve the Treasurer's report subject to Audit and pay claims as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

83rd Avenue North of Pearl Lake/Dip in the Road: Joe Hendricks will check out the problem and report back to one of the Supervisors, at which time a solution to the problem will be discussed. Hendricks to flag the spot with cones.

Herbicide Spraying on Evergreen Road – Jodi Pfllepsen: A group of residents residing along Evergreen/Edom Road and 202nd Street were present to voice their concerns in regard to spraying the right-of-way on these roads. Residents stated that the spray is extending farther than necessary into the wetlands and waterways. The Board explained that because the right-of-way in this area has been neglected, the Township is trying to get control of the vegetation in the right-of-way and spraying is done within the 33' foot ROW. Residents to do as much vegetation cleanup as possible.

Clerk Hunt to send Dan Stark a letter reminding him to take care of noxious weeds on his property.

Ditch Mowing/Starting Date: The Board discussed ditch mowing due to several residents calling and asking when the Township was going to start mowing. The Board decided that ditch mowing will begin each year by the 15th of June. Weed Spraying and Ditch mowing will be published in the Tri-County News at the same time. Sharing ditch mowing with Rockville on

210th Street was also discussed. Supervisor Wicker will contact the City of Rockville to see if Rockville will agree to the first mowing of both sides of 210th Street and Maine Prairie will mow both sides the second mowing since 210th Street is a shared road.

County Road 150/Complaint: A Nuisance complaint was received regarding property located on County Road 150. The Board explained that the Township does not have a Nuisance Ordinance and advised the complainants that they would need to contact the County for any recourse.

Tree Trimming: Tree trimming was discussed. Supervisor Wicker to contact Jeremy Kaskinen and have him remove branches on 133rd and 145th.

Old Business:

83rd Avenue Road Improvement Project – Shared Project with the City of Kimball: The Board discussed key elements of construction where oversight would be beneficial, having an engineer on sight, to inspect/monitor the contractor. Chair Loewen to speak with Randy Sabart and get an estimate of the time and cost for this oversight.

The City of Kimball plans to move acceptance of Gertken's bid at their next meeting on Thursday, July 13th. Chair Loewen will conduct a pre-con meeting with Gertken and Randy Sabart on site sometime next week. The suggested start date will be July 18, 2017. Clerk Hunt to contact Atty Couri and have him draw up a contract.

Discussion Items:

Clerk Hunt to order 911 sign 17360 113th Avenue for Travis Serbus.

There being no further business, motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Wicker to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hunt
Clerk/Treasurer