

Board Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
July 12, 2022

Attendees: Supervisor Kuechle, Supervisor Loewen, Clerk/Treasurer Hunt, Eric Huikko, Rob Kuechle, Carla & Jeff Asfeld, Jennifer Gannon, Jill Beck, Barb & Dale Leither and Joe Hendricks. Zoning Administrator Froehling was absent and Chair Wicker was also absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by Supervisor Loewen.

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

Board meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Supervisor Kuechle/Supervisor Loewen to approve the June 14, 2022 Board meeting minutes with a name correction from “Bernie Nelson” to “Bernie Miller”. All in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed.

Seven (7) claims were presented for approval and payment for the month of June totaling \$56,383.61 (see claims list attached). In addition, one (1) claim was presented and paid to Jason Peglow in the amount of \$4,176.85. Payroll expenses were paid for 2nd Qtr in the amount of \$7,134.97. Receipts for June totaled \$241,891.75. Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Loewen to approve the treasurer’s report subject to audit and pay claims as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Barry Belknap – Stearns County Commissioner/District 3: Barry Belknap was present to speak to the board about running for Stearns County Commissioner/District 3 in the upcoming August 9th Primary Election. Belknap expressed his political aspirations including his enjoyment of public service and dedication to serving others.

Land O’ Lakes Propane Pre-buy: Supervisor Kuechle moved to approve pre-buying 600 gallons of propane at a price of \$1.999, for a total cost of \$1,199.40. Seconded by Supervisor Loewen. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

123rd /120th Road Issues: Residents residing along 123rd Avenue and 120th Street were present to voice their concerns to the board regarding the condition and safety of the noted roads due to the amount of, and type of vehicles using these roads. This heavy usage has stemmed from a MNDOT construction project on MN 15 in Kimball. 123rd Avenue and 120th Street were supposed to be dust controlled before construction but due to the late spring was unable. The board discussed closing the roads. The board decided all of 123rd Avenue and 120th Street from 103rd Avenue to Prairie Avenue would be closed. Supervisor Loewen to seek legal counsel to inquire on what restrictions there are to closing the roads.

Clerk Hunt to compose a list of all road maintenance charges incurred on 120th Street and 123rd Avenue during the duration of the MNDOT construction project on MN 15 in Kimball. Clerk Hunt also to go back five years reporting maintenance on both of these roads.

Rob Kuechle – Boring Agreement: Rob Kuechle was present to speak to the board about a boring agreement to bore under Danzig Road for the purpose of running electricity to his property. Supervisor Loewen moved to allow boring under Danzig Road for the purpose of establishing electricity on the other parcel owned by Rob Kuechle. Seconded by Supervisor Kuechle. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion/Information: August Meeting changed to Monday, August 8th due to the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 9th.

There being no further business, motion by Loewen/Kuechle to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hunt
Clerk/Treasurer