

Board Meeting Minutes  
Maine Prairie Township  
May 9, 2023

Attendees: Chair Loewen, Supervisor Kuechle, Supervisor Lochen, Zoning Administrator Froehling, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Deputy Clerk Robinson

Two items were added to the agenda by Chair Loewen. Barry VanBuren to Planning and Zoning and Kimball Fire Board to Board Meeting.

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

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

Board meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Lochen to approve April 11, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Chair Loewen/Supervisor Kuechle to approve April 19, 2023 Board of Appeals and Equalization 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 April totaling \$43,389.77. Receipts for April totaled \$74,760.05. Motion by Chair Loewen/Supervisor Kuechle to approve the Treasurer's report and pay claims as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Maine Prairie Cemetery Association:** Tammy Konz and Rose Jacobs were present representing the Cemetery Association. They thanked the Board for the donation last year and asked that they be kept in mind again for future help. They will need to replace deteriorating signage and replace flags twice per year, as well as dirt work and weed spraying. They also shared some of the historical significance of the cemetery, and their current financial state. The Board thanked them for the information and for attending. Donations are voted on by the electorate at the Annual Meeting and Chair Loewen reminded them to attend the Annual Meeting next year if help is needed.

**Pearl Lake Lodge Liquor License renewal and Holy Cross Church One Day Liquor License:** Motion by Supervisor Kuechle/Chair Loewen to approve both requests. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**100<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Project – 2023:** The Board discussed the necessity of a feasibility study prior to quotes being requested for the project. After discussion it was determined

that a study should be conducted. Supervisor Kuechle will contact Randy Sabart of the Short Elliott engineering firm to discuss.

**Other Proposed Summer Road Maintenance:** Several roads were identified as needing crack sealing done as soon as possible. Supervisor Kuechle will call contractors for prices.

Supervisor Kuechle listed roads he recommends be dust guarded at Township's expense. The dust guarding will start this week if possible.

**Kimball Fire Board:** Chair Loewen reported on the Fire Board meeting. The new fire truck will be ordered soon, with delivery 12-14 months out. The Township now makes up 48% of the Kimball Fire Dept. budget so this will be a big expense for the Township going forward.

**Discussion Items:**

Chair Loewen discussed a complaint he received about hot rodding in the Atwood Bauerly pit. The conditions in the Knife River IUP were reviewed. Chair Loewen will contact Knife River reminding them of their commitment to add additional fencing, signage and cameras at the property to stop this activity.

Joe Hendricks from Hendricks Sand and Gravel was present and requested Maine Prairie purchase some barricades specifically for our roads. Chair Loewen will look into this.

A discussion was had about sending letters to farmers with irrigators along Township roads asking them to turn the end guns off to prevent damage to the roads.

There being no further business, Motion by Supervisor Kuechle/Chair Loewen to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Nelson  
Clerk/Treasurer