

Township of Helena Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
New Prague Fire Conference Room
7:00 PM • November 3, 2016

Call to Order The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Helena Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Nytes at the New Prague Firemen's Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Officers Present Chair Ed Nytes, Supervisors John Wermerskirchen and Duane Deutsch, Treasurer Pat Lambrecht, Road Overseer Darryl Perkins and Clerk DeAnn Croatt.

Also Present Jeff Klehr, Tomi Johnson, Ann and Pat Soderlund

Minutes On a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen the Minutes were approved as presented; carried unanimously.

Soderlund Water Issues (beaver control) Ann and Pat Soderlund presented invoices totaling \$2,100 for seven beavers trapped and removed from their property by Suburban Wildlife Control. Soderlunds were asking for reimbursement. The Soderlunds do not wish to trap any more beavers, and feel if the beavers are causing flooding of Alton Avenue, it is city, county or township responsibility to keep backed up water from flooding Alton Avenue.

The city was contacted by Soderlunds; they referred them to the township. Their attorney is Chris Hayhoe of the Felhaber group.

The Clerk will be in contact with Attorney Ruppe on Statute 97B665 and 667 to determine resolution to this problem and cost concurrence.

Snow Plow Quote Tom Johnson presented a quote for snow plow removal for the 2016-2017 snow season.

On a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen the quote of \$164/hour for a grader with wing and v-plow, loader and dozer; \$131/hour for truck with wing, plow, sander; and \$88/hour with pick up with plow; carried unanimously, noting a 1% fuel surcharge for every \$.05 over \$4.20 and an additional \$20/hour for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day or Easter, and the charge for hauling chips for sanding road at \$5/ton with no charge for reloading.

Road Maintenance Klehr reported crop still in the field along 255th St. West. Project Manager is Supervisor Wermerskirchen. TJ Deutsch cleared the area with a brush hog; work will be done as soon as crop is harvested.

Holes in 270th St. West were filled by grading.

Road Overseer Report

1. Cones were destroyed while on Alton Avenue warning of water on road
2. Potholes on WCLD near 24540 will be filled; Wermerskirchen will purchase product; Perkins will apply
3. Perkins will erect signs on Mark/Lucy once received early November

Old Business

RSP2 Ravine Nytes and Johnson reported delays continue; however noted SWCD is working with the culvert manufacturer. If work is not completed Fall 2016, it will be done Spring 2017 with current funding in place.

SMBE Purchase Agreement is in final stages of preparation by the county. Staff will attend the January meeting to discuss Cedar Lake Regional Park driveway access and provide a park update.

Maas informed the Clerk the four monitoring wells were located and it was determined to be less than 20 feet deep. The county and township will determine how to proceed with removal or sealing.

Polls Set Up Officers will setup the polls Monday November 7th at 7:00 PM in Firemen's Conference Room.

Sirek Easement Clerk received \$1,500 from Nate Sirek for an escrow related to his easement release and establishment.

Unpaid Fire Calls Mary Blumhoefer \$500 for a car fire; second notice send July 11, 2016. A hearing will be set at the December meeting for January if a payment arrangement is not in place.

New Business

Cert of Insurance Received for Art Johnson Trucking Inc.

Receipts	10/6/2016	1\$	2.00	DeAnn Croatt	Filing fee
	10/6/2016	1\$	2.00	Duane Deutsch	Filing fee
	10/6/2016	1\$	2.00	John Wermerskirchen	Filing fee
	10/6/2016	1\$	300.00	Chris Minar	270th Dustcoating Costshare
	10/6/2016	1\$	300.00	Ray Niedermayer	270th Dustcoating Costshare
	10/31/2016	1\$	37.60	State Bank	Optima Interest
	10/31/2016	1\$	1.46	State Bank	Interest

Septic Systems in Raven Stream Clerk was contacted by Sandra Flemming, who was unable to attend the meeting, regarding their failing septic system in RSP2. Flemming asked about being annexed to New Prague so they could have city water and sewer. Croatt confirmed with city staff that this option is not financially feasible under present conditions, but they will have a conversation with the city engineers to determine if a study of a pipe, similar to Cedar Lake Improvement District, is an option.

Demolition Permit A cabin and garage will be demolished on WCLD by Troy Schoenbauer.

Jordan Fire Contract The Jordan Fire Contract with the City of Jordan was accepted on a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen; carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills On a motion by Wermerskirchen/Deutsch bills #5551-5558 were paid; carried unanimously.

5551	\$	4,416.00	Klehr Grading & Excavating, Inc.	Road grading
5552	\$	1,120.00	Hakanson Anderson	Sealcoating projects
5553	\$	170.00	Laker's Sanitation	Debris from Alton Avenue
5554	\$	390.00	MAT Registration	Deutsch/Lambrech/Croatt
5555	\$	260.00	Steve Rynda Construction & Landscape	RSP2 Park Mowing
5556	\$	130.00	TJ Deutsch	255th Brush Hog Ditch
5557	\$	356.00	Suel Printing Company	280th easement vacation
5558	\$	21,378.72	City of Jordan	2016 Fire Contract

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Lambrecht distributed the Treasurer's Report. On a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen the report was accepted as presented; carried unanimously.

2040 Kick Off

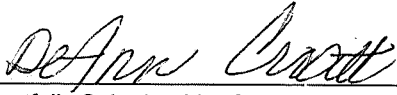
Helena will join St. Lawrence, Blakeley and Belle Plaine on Monday November 21st to start updating the county's long-range Comprehensive Planning process. Location and time TBD.

**Meeting
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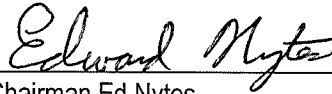
On a motion by Wermerskirchen/Deutsch the meeting was continued to 7:00 PM November 15, 2016 for a workshop to discuss road and ditch projects for 2017, the RSP2 ravine project, SMSB SSD conversion project, the county's purchase of SMBE land for inclusion in the county park system, and any other businesses that comes before the board; carried unanimously.

**Meeting
Adjourned**

The workshop was not needed; therefore the meeting adjourned by statute.



Respectfully Submitted by Clerk DeAnn Croatt



Chairman Ed Nytes