

Helena Township Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting

Minutes of April 8, 2021 | Helena Teleconference Meeting

Until further notice Helena Township Meetings will be held via ZOOM. On March 13, 2020 Governor Walz declared a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 infectious disease. As of March 20, 2020, MN Department of Health guidelines allow teleconferencing. On March 23, 2020 Resolution 032320 "Establishing the Ability to Conduct Open Meetings by Telephone" was unanimously adopted. This is in alignment with COVID-19 CDC guidelines, Executive Order 20-01 "Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19", and in an effort to protect the safety of township officers, employees and citizens. Helena Township Meeting Agendas are found on the "Agenda/Minutes" tab at www.helena-township.com. To participate please refer to the login information provided at www.helena-township.com on the Agenda/Minutes page.

Call to Order Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Deutsch at 7:02 PM; Clerk directed to introduce the topics and take a Roll Call Vote for each motion.

Roll Call Chairman Duane Deutsch, Supervisor Ed Nytes, Treasurer Nathan Hutton, Deputy Clerk Jody Deutsch, Road Overseer Darryl Perkins, Supervisor John Wermerskirchen (7:08), Peter Croatt Interim Assistant to the Road Overseer, and Clerk DeAnn Croatt. Also present by phone: Jeff Klehr

Clerk Authorization On a motion by Deutsch/Nytes the Clerk is authorized to sign all documents related to this teleconference meeting so they may be duly executed; carried unanimously Deutsch – yes, Nytes – yes; Wermerskirchen – absent.

Minutes On a motion by Nytes/Deutsch the March Regular Monthly Meeting and Workshop Minutes were approved as presented; carried as follows: Deutsch – yes; Nytes – yes; Wermerskirchen – absent.

Bills Paid On a motion by Nytes/Deutsch checks # 6321 — 6329 for a total of \$29,079.61 were approved for payment; carried unanimously: Deutsch – yes; Nytes – yes; Wermerskirchen - absent.

6321	\$	5,956.00	Art Johnson Trucking, Inc.	Snow (\$2,679) 265th (\$3,277)
6322	\$	385.00	Couri & Ruppe PLLP	WCLD
6323	\$	37.50	Donald Rowe	Webmaster
6324	\$	13,151.25	Hakanson Anderson	WCLD
6325	\$	7,700.00	Klehr Grading & Excavating	Grading
6326	\$	130.00	Robert Terwedo	Mailbox Posts (2) 270th
6327	\$	437.50	Scott County Treasurer	SCALE
6328	\$	518.00	Suel Printing Company	Annual Mtg (\$115) WCLD (\$403)
6329	\$	764.36	SW Newsmedia	Audit (\$92.96) Ord (301.65) WCLD 371.84

Road Overseer Report

- Perkins will work with Envirotech on a date for dustcoating, using 38% Calcium Chloride. Perkins will contact the private-pay property owners and ask them to stake the area. Tentatively set for mid-June. Township will invoice after dustcoating.
- Discussed dustcoating on 270th east of Redwing. Spot application will be done from Redwing to Baseline.
- Township will provide someone to ride along with applicator. D Deutsch, Nytes or P Croatt.
- Perkins received a call re: potholes on Juniper Avenue. The county is scheduled to fill the potholes but Clerk will obtain the timeline. Township may need to fill with Class 5 in the interim.
- If redrock is needed on 225th funds from Delmar Estates may be applied.
- Clerk will follow up with Wiita about filling potholes on Juniper and WCLD.
- Deutsch received complaint about the snowplow doing damage in SMBE; Johnson viewed and determined tracks were not from his equipment.
- Wermerskirchen stated Helena Township roads will see more traffic while the roundabout on 2/15 is under construction. Clerk will contact county related to detour/unofficial detour and effect on township roads.

Klehr Report

- Jeff Klehr reported two gradings were uneventful. Frost boils are minimal.
- Klehr met Nytes on Alton and graded after water receded
- Appreciates the turnaround on Columbus/265th

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Old Business

- WCLD**
1. Hutton received interest rates for both a five-year and ten-year bond. The bank will hold the rate for 60-days. Township will discuss amount and timing of bonding after the April 27, 2021 hearing.
 2. On a motion by Wermerskirchen/Nytes the Resolution Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of the Proposed Assessment and Notice of Assessment Hearing was adopted unanimously; Wermerskirchen – yes; Nytes – yes; Deutsch – yes.
 3. Clerk contacted Ruppe re: senior/disabled deferments. Two property owners requested more information.
- Shed** Perkin's opinion is the amount of equipment and signage would not fill up a shed. The interim plan is to have materials stored at officers' and employees' properties. Shed will be determined at a later date.
- 265th** Nytes reported the second culvert was installed by Johnson's on 265th beyond Columbus.
- Quotes** Art Johnson's quote to haul gravel with shouldering and grading as needed was approved on a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen; carried unanimously: Deutsch – yes; Wermerskirchen – yes; Nytes – yes.
- Pentagon Materials provided a quote at \$6.15/ton for Class 5.
- Skruzacek** Chair and Clerk will attend the OAA meeting for the variance in RSP2. Date and time TBD.
- Potholes** After April 27, 2021 the board will discuss the options for filling potholes on WCLD, Juniper and 250th Street West. Johnson provided a quote of \$1,000 to fill potholes on Juniper/WCLD with Class 5, or \$2,500 to fill with asphalt. Once Clerk has a date for pothole filling from Scott County, Deutsch and Perkins will be notified.
- Juniper** Clerk provided written communication to Scott County related to work on Juniper Avenue by Scott County.
- MAT**
1. Jeff Krueger was introduced as the new ED of MAT.
 2. Peacetime Order still in effect.
 3. America Rescue Act will include funds for township; what it can be used for and how it will be distributed is TBD.
- Alton Avenue** Soderlund believes trapping is expensive and is not a feasible solution. The city's role in the water issues will be discussed prior to next occurrence. Township can pay bounties; Scott County does not pay bounties for beavers.
- P Croatt supplied the following timeline for Alton Avenue:
March 11, 2021 water rising, holes in road shoulder; viewed potholes on Juniper and WCLD
March 24, 2021 raining and water rising to edge of road. Deutsch/Croatt closed road and erected barricades
March 25, 2021 stopped raining, water receding. Nytes opened the road to traffic.
March 28, 2021 beaver dam opened by and water went way down (Kenny Neisen/Josh Klehr)
April 2, 2021 picked up barricades (Croatt/Deutsch) – returned to city and stored in Deutsch's shed
April 7, 2021 looted at Dead End sign at 270th/Naylor as reported by Tangen. There is also a curve sign down on the north side of Baseline near 22827.
- P Croatt would like to view area of beaver dam on a periodic basis. Wermerskirchen said to contact Soderlund. Croatt will take pictures.
- Clerk will research ROW for Bohemia Acres [the plat includes 33].

New Business

- Cert of Ins**
1. Kenneth Neisen
 2. Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.

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Compliance Officer Tim Serafina, Scott County Compliance Officer, was contacted about 22864 Redwing Avenue f because of the number of vehicles on this property. Owner has seven licensed drivers, buys cheap cars and works with his children to teach them auto repair. The deadline to bring property to compliance was extended to May 1, 2021. Another property along Helena Blvd. will be viewed by Clerk and reported to Serafina for excessive vehicles

Utility Permit GMG for work at 24631 St. Benedict Road and 433 270th Street West

Lobby Day

1. Attended by Nytes and Croatt
2. Fifteen legislator visits (Clerk sent communication to each following the meeting)
3. Provided a white paper of priorities for townships

Rep. Angie Craig MAT asked townships to supply Representative Angie Craig with a list of road projects over the next few years. Clerk also sent budget and levy information, miles of roads and project estimates.

Building Permits

1. House for Bisek on 270th
2. Porch for Vlasak on 240th
3. Demo for Slavik on St. Benedict
4. Plumbing for Dahlgren on 220th
5. New home for Sawyer
6. Windows for Skluzacek on 260th

Other Business

Receipts New Receipts: Clerk received \$150 for a mailbox post for Jirik on 270th Street West and was notified of ORI funds of \$353.32 distributed to the township.

3/15/2021	\$	233.32	State of Minnesota	ORI
3/31/2021	\$	11.66	First Bank & Trust	Interest
3/31/2021	\$	223.63	Riverland Bank	Interest

Treasurer's Report On a motion by Nytes/Wermerskirchen the Treasurer was authorized to transfer \$30,000 from savings to checking, and the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented; carried unanimously Wermerskirchen – yes; Nytes – yes; Deutsch – yes.

Continuation At 9:10 PM on a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen the meeting was continued to April 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM for the Board of Review virtual meeting, followed immediately by the April Work Shop; then to April 27, 2021 for the West Cedar Lake Drive virtually held Assessment Hearing; carried unanimously: Deutsch – yes; Nytes – yes; Wermerskirchen - yes.

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Duane Deutsch, Chairman

DeAnn Croatt, Clerk