

Helena Township Board of Supervisors Work Shop

Agenda | June 15, 2022 | 5:00 PM | New Prague Fire Hall Conference Room

The Work Shop was called to order Chairman Edward Nytes at 5:10 PM. Present: Chairman Ed Nytes, Supervisor John Wermerskirchen, Supervisor Duane Deutsch, Road Overseer Jeff Haag, and Clerk DeAnn Croatt

Road Overseer Report

1. The Board of Supervisors met with Road Overseer Haag on West Cedar Lake Drive to view drainage concerns. While on site, Engineer Vistad was contacted. Considerable discussion ensued about two areas of concern; up on the hill and by the crushed tile. The Clerk was asked to bring the 1990 and 2021 Plans and Specifications to the July 7, 2022 meeting for review and further discussion.
2. 24531 WCLD is moving in pavers for a landscape project. A silt fence was not in place; Haag will monitor.
3. WCLD punch list has not been completed.
4. Karen Pexa inquired about timeline for dustcoating; it is scheduled for the week of June 20th unless delayed by weather.
5. Helena Township is still on the list for the speed trailer, which will be placed on WCLD.
6. Johnson and Klehr got permission to do their respective projects (Raven Stream and 270th/Naylor).
7. Allstate contract approval was communicated; work will be as soon as possible. Letters explaining the project were mailed to seventeen local property owners.
8. Joe Wiita was informed by Haag that 250th can be pulled from the project list; other projects (crack filling) will be scheduled.
9. On Friday, June 17, 2022, Haag will meet with Andrew Scribner to spray three identified areas; 255th Street West near Indian Avenue, 245th Street West by culvert, and Raven Stream Street north of 280th Street West
10. Haag is working on issues for the Raven Stream Bank Stabilization Project as advised by SWCD.
11. Haag reviewed the trails master plan; it's early in the process.

Old Business

- a) After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to apply the Deputy Clerk's office equipment costs to ARPA funding.
- b) Clerk explained the process for moving to Open Book with the County Assessor; December 1st is the deadline each year.
- c) Clerk directed to ask Kubes Realty for a draft plan prior to the DRT meeting or AA Endeavor.

New Business

1. MAT Annual Meeting registrations will be made by the individual unless notification is given to the Clerk.
 1. Scott County Commissioners Tom Wolf informed Spring Lake Township that the county is considering turning building inspections over to the townships. Commissioner Barb Weckman Brekke concurred with the following points: County Board gave staff direction to look at options and provided support for a change. It is difficult to find licensed building officials... as the private sector is more lucrative and usually not as negative. If our current building official leaves, we may not hire a replacement, but rather contract with a private company. If we contract, it would be the same as the townships contracting. Scott County has adopted the MN State Building Codes. ... My understanding is that townships may or may not adopt the MN State Building Code and there could be differences among townships. The County is not mandated to provide building inspections. Especially in District 1, I hear from folks (residents and township officials) that decisions should be made as locally as possible and the county shouldn't be involved in things it doesn't need to be involved in. This is an opportunity for us to stop doing something that isn't mandated and allow the decisions to be made at the most local level ...Scott County will not ... leave townships in a bind. We are starting the conversation to look at options and if this work is transitioned, the County will be supportive and helpful in the transition.

A Motion to Continue to Wednesday June 22, 2022 at 7:15 AM; Nytes, Deutsch, Haag and Taylor DuCharme will meet at Clerk's home and travel to Albertville for an all-day township legal seminar from 9:00 to 3:00 PM by Wermerskirchen/Nytes carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved:

Clerk DeAnn Croatt

Chairman Edward Nytes