

Helena Township Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting

Minutes of March 5, 2020 | New Prague Fire Conference Center

- Call to Order** Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wermerskirchen at 7:00 PM; Pledge of Allegiance said.
- Officers Present** Chairman John Wermerskirchen, Supervisor Ed Nytes, Treasurer Nathan Hutton, Road Overseer Darryl Perkins, Deputy Clerk Jody Deutsch and Clerk DeAnn Croatt.
- Others** Tom Johnson
- Minutes** On a motion by Nytes/Wermerskirchen the February Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes were approved as presented; carried 2:0:0 (Deutsch absent).
- Snow Removal**
1. Officers discussed recent communication related to 240th Street West snow removal. Preusser contacted the township after their bituminous surface was damaged. The officers reviewed the road ROW and easement for the turnaround. The blade must be lifted to get through the gate. The turnaround is firming up but it was very soft in 2019. Johnson is trying his best to plow snow and turn around within the limited space. Perkins will communicate with the Preusser's.
 2. The curve right sign on Naylor needs to be re-erected.
 3. The Stop Ahead sign is missing by the railroad track on 245th
 4. The newly planted grass in RSP2/3 may have received some damage during plowing; Perkins will view
 5. The Lano mailbox on St. Benedict Road needs to be straightened
 6. Johnson will provide a quote for hauling; will increase from Bryan Rock due to bridge work detours
- Road Overseer Report**
1. Perkins was able to add RSP2/3 seal coating to the county's projects
 2. A resident on Baseline complained the snow plow driver is throwing snow too far into his yard
 3. Cones were place on Naylor and will remain until the sign is replaced
 4. The mailbox at 24940 WCLD was repaired by Johnson
 5. 742 SMB needs a mailbox post (Hanzel Construction)
 6. WCLD has terrible potholes and they will be filled as soon as weather allows
 7. Perkins will check if the county can do patching on WCLD/Juniper; otherwise the potholes will be cold patched

Old Business

- FaithPoint** The church plans are moving through the process. Engineer Vistad found them to meet township standards and once the developer's agreement is approved, the church will seek county approval. Clerk asked Attorney Ruppe to revised the DA for action at the April meeting. Additional escrow funding of \$2,500 will be requested.
- Spring Short Course** There is no pre-registration for MAT's courses. The dates are March 18 in Mankato and March 25th in Hutchinson. Officers will attend if they are available.
- MAT District 4 Lobby Day** The date was changed to Thursday, March 19, 2020 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Clerk will RSVP for attendance by Supervisors Nytes and Deutsch and Clerk Croatt.

New Business

- FEMA** The township received an additional payout from FEMA for the June 19, 2014 storm; Treasurer confirmed receipt.
- Census** The Clerk verified the census map provided by US Department of Commerce.

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- PNP** The township had 135 voters, with the following results:
 47 Trump
 24 Sanders
 9 Warren
 7 Bloomberg
 46 Biden
 2 Klobuchar
- Scott Co Open House** An open house to discuss the new hamlet mixed use overlay zoning district will be held at U4ic March 12, 2020 from 4-6 PM.
- Certificates of Insurance** 1. Envirotech
 2. Greater MN Gas
- Utility Permit** A utility permit was granted to MVEC for work on Alton Avenue.
- Met Council** District Four's new representative is Raya Esmaeili.
- Flags** Wermerskirchen ordered ten flags; the township will see if flags work better than cones for marking roadways issues
- SCTA** One of the agenda items at the next SCTA meeting is to see if other townships would be interested in having the county do township snow removed. At this point, Helena is pleased with Johnson and would not be interested.
- Nytes' term on the Executive Board is expiring and Nytes is stepping down. Clerk will ask Belle Plaine Township to consider providing a representative for our district.
- Dustcoating** Due to increased expenses related to dustcoating, Perkins will work with the applicator to minimize applications.
- Quotes** Gravel and redrock quotes will be reviewed at the April 2, 2020 meeting.
- On a motion by Nytes/Wermerskirchen the quote from Envirotech for calcium chloride at \$1.20/gallon was accepted; carried 2:0:0.
- On a motion by Nytes/Wermerskirchen the quote from Klehr Grading and Excavating, Inc. for grading at \$108/hour was accepted; carried 2:0:0.
- On a motion by Nytes/Wermerskirchen the quote from T. J. Deutsch Ditch Mowing at a rate of \$43.50/mile was accepted; carried 2:0:0.
- Receipts** New receipts:
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| 2/20/2020 | \$ | 21,457.28 | Scott County | Gas Tax |
| 2/29/2020 | \$ | 158.70 | First Bank and Trust | Optima Plus Savings |
| 2/29/2020 | \$ | 187.31 | Riverland Bank | Interest |
| 2/6/2020 | \$ | 150.00 | Jo Nelson | Mailbox Post |
| 2/6/2020 | \$ | 303.31 | State of MN | ORI |
| 2/11/2020 | \$ | 183.40 | State of MN | FEMA |
| 2/14/2020 | \$ | 316.66 | State of MN | ORI |
| 2/18/2020 | \$ | 3,557.65 | Sneberger | Willow Assessment |

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Bills Paid On a motion by Nytes/Wermerskirchen bills # 6118—6144, plus 3 ACH payments were paid; carried 2:0:0.

On a motion by Nytes/Wermerskirchen the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented; carried 2:0:0.

On a motion by Nytes/Wermerskirchen a \$5k transfer from savings to checking was authorized; carried 2:0:0.

6118	\$	176.33	Patricia Lambrecht	Cohead Judge
6119	\$	148.75	Robert Yost	Election Judge
6120	\$	145.30	Allen Sticha	Election Judge
6121	\$	120.00	Florence Minar	Election Judge
6122	\$	150.00	Dave Minar	Election Judge
6123	\$	246.36	Rhonda Sandey	Election Judge
6124	\$	190.13	Pam Caselius	Election Judge
6125	\$	162.90	Martin Bisek	Election Judge
6126	\$	83.00	Karrie Deutsch	Election Judge
6127	\$	161.75	Judy Pauly	Election Judge
6128	\$	160.60	Jon Hendricks	Election Judge
6129	\$	105.39	Jody Deutsch	Election Judge
6130	\$	152.80	Darryl Perkins	Election Judge
6131	\$	163.45	Nathan Hutton	Election Judge
6132	\$	962.34	DeAnn Croatt	Cohead Judge
6133	\$	150.00	Peter Croatt	Election Judge
6134	\$	75.00	Suel Printing Company	Annual Audit Legal Notice
6135	\$	1,842.40	Scott County Treasurer	R&B Salt/RSP2/3/SCALE
6136-41	\$	8,795.43	Officers & Employee	Quarterly Payroll
6142	\$	5,973.00	Art Johnson Trucking, Inc.	Snow and ice removal and treatment
6143	\$	230.00	Couri & Ruppe PLLP	FaithPoint Lutheran Church
6144	\$	529.00	Hakanson Anderson	FaithPoint Lutheran Church
ACH	\$	1,059.00	PERA	DCP
ACH	\$	551.95	MN Department of Revenue	MN State Income Tax & Withholding
ACH	\$	2,569.99	US Treasury	Federal Income Tax & Withholding

Continuation On a motion by Nytes/Wermerskirchen the meeting was continued to the Annual Meeting March 10, 2020 at 8:00 PM at the NP Fire Hall; then to Scott County Hamlet Open House at U4ic March 12, 2020 from 4-6 PM; then to SCTA March 18, 2020 at Spring Lake Hall at 7 PM; then to MAT Lobby Day for District 4 March 19, 2020 from 10 AM – 1 PM; carried 2:0:0.

John Wermerskirchen, Chairman

DeAnn Croatt, Clerk