

OSAGE TOWNSHIP

BECKER COUNTY, MN

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

OSAGE COMMUNITY CENTER - 24770 Co. Hwy 48 - Osage, Mn 56570

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Andrew Holmer with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Osage Supervisors Andrew Holmer & Nicole Schluter, Treasurer Petra Hartness; Deputy Treasurer/ Comm. Center Coordinator Anna Johnson; Clerk Margo Boyd; Comm. Center Custodian Bart Jones; Township contractors: Thelen's Excavating, Inc.; Brett Peterson Outdoor Services; Jeremy Hensel Mowing; resident Harlow Janssen; Mike Harvey/Fire Chief Carsonville Fire & Rescue & Roger Wilson - retired Fire Chief.

The MINUTES of the August 8th, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were approved by a 1st motion from Sup. Nicole, 2nd by Chairman Andrew Holmer.

The TREASURER'S report was approved by a 1st motion from Chairman Andrew, 2nd by Sup. Nicole. The report showed a beginning balance of \$220,098.11 on August 1, 2019. Receipts for August totaled \$6,651.59 with disbursements of \$11,759.68, leaving an ending balance of \$214,990.02 on August 31, 2019. Supervisors discussed outstanding check issued to Brett Peterson's Outdoor Services. Brett stated he cashed the check and received the money. Bank does not know why the check as not cleared. As it has been over 6 months since the check was issued Sup. Andrew made a 1st motion to add the \$120.00 back into the checking account. Motion 2nd by Sup. Nicole.

CLAIMS: approved as presented by a 1st motion from Sup. Andrew, 2nd by Sup. Nicole.
Total paid out for September, 2019 _____.

OLD BUSINESS: transfer/sale of Fire Truck to Carsonville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept. Fire Chief Mike Harvey & retired Fire Chief Roger Wilson were present to discuss the original agreement entered into when Carsonville Fire & Rescue & Osage Township worked together to get a 2nd fire station in Osage. Roger had a copy of the contract he presented to the board. As all Board members a new since the original agreement was entered into topic tabled until the October meeting as Supervisor Lyn was not present at tonight's meeting to address any questions he may have.

ROAD MAINTENANCE - Sup. Andrew reported that Thelen's Excavating contacted him regarding water on Washington Ave which needed to be taken care of. Sup. Andrew authorized them to install a culvert. Supervisors & Thelen's discussed Bog Lake Trail with resident Harlow Janssen. Sup. Andrew made a 1st motion to slope ditch by Joann Christlieb's corner to help with flow of water - install a culvert with catch basin by Harlow's property where water is pooling - Motion 2nd by Sup. Nicole.

Discussed blind spots -intersection of Brill & Frazier , and intersection of Grant & Witter. Sup. Andrew will inspect & contact property owners if needed to brush/remove trees etc. for visibility/ safety.

Brett Peterson advised Board that he should be done with Tree Trimming/removal by the October meeting.

Supervisors discussed with Jeremy Hensel doing a 2nd mowing of roadside ditches.

Depending on weather - Supervisor Andrew will contact Jeremy if a 2nd cutting is needed.

Way-side Rest - Sup. Andrew reported that the wiring to the pump house had been chewed so water was not working -contacted Hanson Electric to repair - after inspecting Hanson advised that wiring/fuse box is old/outdated/unsafe & should be replaced - approximate cost of \$1,200. Sup. Andrew made a 1st motion to have Hanson Electric update wiring at wayside rest motion 2nd by Sup Nicole. Replacing toilets & sinks tabled till next spring as facility will be closed October 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sup. Andrew made a 1st motion to approve request by David & Peggy Branstrom to place a drainfield up to the road right of way - property location: 25346 Park Trail; Osage, Mn 56570 motion 2nd by Sup. Nicole.

Anna Johnson advised the Board that she is resigning as the Deputy Treasurer and Community Center Coordinator effective immediately. Treasurer Petra will need to appoint a new deputy treasurer. Sup. Andrew made a 1st motion to advertise the position - motion 2nd by Sup. Nicole. Clerk will run ad in Park Rapids Enterprise. This is a part-time /on call position - Coordinator is responsible for managing rentals and upkeep of the facility. Must be available to let renters in 7 days/week at various hours of the day. Until the position is filled the Town Board/supervisors/treasurer /clerk will assist in managing of the Community Center.

Sup. Nicole reported on the District j9 meeting she attended. A new law went into effect regarding employees - new hire sheet which includes job description needs to be signed - all employees need to be paid monthly - board members do not fall under this requirement as they are elected officials. Address needs to be printed on checks.

Jim Adamietz was elected as the new district 9 director.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: next regular Osage Township Board meeting October 10th, 2019
7:00 pm - Osage Community Center-24770 Co. Hwy 48-Osage MN

ADJOURNMENT- the Sept. 2019 meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm by a 1st motion from Sup. Andrew, 2nd by Sup. Nicole.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Margo Boyd - Osage Township Clerk

minutes approved - October 10th, 2019

chairman

clerk