

OSAGE TOWNSHIP

BECKER COUNTY, MN

board minutes of regular monthly meeting of December 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 being recited by all. Members present: Osage Supervisors Andrew Holmer, Lyn Hartness, Nicole Schluter. Treasurer Petra Hartness, Deputy Treasurer Eileen Hache Clerk Margo Boyd, Deputy Clerk Nakita Boyd, Township Contractors: Thelen's Excavating, Inc & Brett Peterson's Outdoor Services.

The BOARD MINUTES of November, 2019 were approved as presented by a 1st motion from Sup. Nicole, 2nd by Sup. Lyn and carried.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was approved by a 1st motion from Sup. Andrew, 2nd by Sup. Lyn and carried. It showed a beginning balance of \$174,489.61 on Nov. 1, 2019. Receipts for Nov. totaled \$1,239.82 with disbursements of \$2,355.74 leaving an ending balance of \$173,373.69 on November 30, 2019.

CLAIMS: approved as presented by a 1st motion from Sup. Andrew, 2nd by Sup. Lyn and carried. Totaled paid out for Nov. 2019 - \$_____.

OLD BUSINESS: road maintenance - blind spots on Brill/Witter & Grant/Frazier intersections have been cleaned up. Thelen's reported that they have talked to the state on moving the stop signs on Witter & 34 intersection as the current location is interfering with snowplowing. Board thanked Thelen's for the good job of keeping up with plowing. Discussed culvert put in by Harlow Janssen's property on Bog Lake Trail - will look at in spring. Brett Peterson reported they are almost complete with tree removal & will be getting to trimming of lilac bushes.

NEW BUSINESS: With Anna Johnson resigning & Eileen Hache accepting the position of Deputy Treasurer, Sup. Lyn made a 1st motion to update the signature cards for the checking account at Citizen's National Bank of Park Rapids. Anna will be removed as an authorized signer and Eileen will be added. Motion 2nd by Sup. Nicole & carried.

Clerk reported on the election training attended through Becker County Auditor Treasurer- focused on the presidential nomination primary which will be held March 2, 2020 from 7am-8pm. Additional training will be required by all judges to serve at this election.

Treas Petra reported on the Becker County Nutritional meeting she attended. Meals are offered at OBT. Petra felt this was a very informational meeting & will be reporting at the Osage Seniors meeting. There is also an exercise program being offered if enough residents sign up.

Comm. Center Coordinator Eileen questioned the rental of the Center to the Osage Sportsmen Club as they claimed that they did not receive the recent letter sent to all the organizations regarding the monthly fee to rent the center. Board advised Eileen to contact the Club to clarify with them a mailing address so that a letter can be sent to them for their review of the monthly rates. If they opt not to pay the monthly fee, then the Keys should be turned back in.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS Brett Peterson questioned the increase of his property valuation on his proposed property tax statement. Sup. Lyn reported his also increased considerably. Other residents have also reported a substantial increase. Board advised contacting Becker County Assessor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular monthly board meeting will be Jan. 9th, 2020 at the Osage Community Center - 24770 Co. Hwy 48 - Osage, Mn 56570 at 7:00 pm. Candidate filing period for Township office opens December 31, 2019 ending at 5:00 pm on January 14, 2020. contact Clerk to file affidavit of candidacy - \$2.00 filing fee required. Clerk will also be available at the Osage Community Center on January 14, 2020 from 1:00-5:00pm for filing. Offices to be filled at the Annual Township Election in March, 2020: 1 Supervisor / 3 year term & 1 Clerk/2 Year term.

ADJOURNMENT. December, 2019 meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm by a 1st motion from Sup. Andrew, 2nd by Sup. Lyn and carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Margo Boyd, clerk

Minutes approved January 9th, 2020

Andrew Holmer/Chairman

Margo Boyd, Clerk

