

# OSAGE TOWNSHIP

## BECKER COUNTY, MN

regular monthly board minutes of January 9, 2020

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: Supervisors Andrew Holmer & Nicole Schluter. Deputy Treasurer/ Community Center Coordinator Eileen Hache, Clerk Margo Boyd, Deputy Clerk Nakita Boyd. Township contractors Thelen's Excavating, Inc. & Brett Peterson Outdoor Services.

The BOARD MINUTES of December 12, 2019 were approved by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup. Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Nicole.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was approved by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup. Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Nicole. Beginning balance Dec. 1, 2019 - \$173,373.69. Receipts for Dec. -\$85,945.61 less disbursements of \$16,762.36 leaving an ending balance of \$242,556.94 on December 31, 2019.

CLAIMS- approved as presented by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Nicole. Total disbursed - \$\_\_\_\_\_

OLD BUSINESS: road maintenance - Thelen's reported that certain residents in plowing their own properties have been pushing the snow across the township road. Lenny requested that the Supervisors contact the residents to instruct them that they need to be pushing the snow back into their own property - Supervisors will draft notice to give to residents & to post at posting places. Discussed with Brett about trimming low hanging trees.

Supervisors Andrew & Lyn attended Carsonville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Annual Fire meeting. The contract price with each Township is based on the #of calls & market value. Fire Chief Mike Harvey asked to fix the outside lights that are out on the Firehall side of Comm. Ctr. Supervisors discussed the option of just replacing the bulbs at a minimum cost of approx \$500.00 providing nothing is wrong with the fixture or replacing the fixture converting to LED bulbs at an approximate cost of \$1,000.41 - (con't on next page)

Also the outside light bulb for the parking lot is out & this light is not maintained by Itasca Mantrap. Sup. Andrew made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to have Mike Harvey contact the electrician he received the quote from to replace the light fixtures changing to LED & to also fix the parking lot light. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Nicole.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Community Center Coordinator Eileen Hache requested board approval for Vitalint to rent the center at no charge to conduct blood drives. Sup. Andrew made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion to allow Vitalint to use the Community Center at no charge for their Blood Drives on the following dates December 6, 2019, February 20, 2020, May 1, 2020 and July 16, 2020.

Eileen also asked board input on if renters should be responsible for removal of their garbage. Supervisors discussed. Sup. Andrew made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion to amend the current renters contract to include a clause that renters will be responsible for the removal of their garbage. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Nicole.

Supervisor Nicole reported that she contacted MAT regarding if the Township should be paying the deputy positions to attend the monthly meetings. MAT stated it was not necessary to pay them as they are not required to be at the meetings. Sup. Andrew stated that it has been hard to find deputies to accept the position, & even though a lot of Townships do not have deputies he feels it is important to have a deputy Treas. And Deputy Clerk and that they also attend the meetings to keep informed & learn the position & be in a regular routine of coming to be able to step in as needed. Sup. Nicole questioned the amount of pay-if it should be the same as board meeting rate or employee hourly rate. Deputy Clerk Nakita stated that the hourly wage is not worth coming to the meeting especially on nights when she would need childcare. Topic tabled -Wage can also be addressed at the re-organizational meeting in April.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - next regular Osage Township Board Meeting- Feb. 13, 2020

7:00 pm - 24770 Co. hwy 48 / Osage, MN 56570

Annual Board of Audit Meeting - also Feb. 13, 2020

to convene following adjournment of regular monthly meeting.

Candidate filing period for Osage Township Office opened Dec. 31, 2019 - ending on

Jan. 14, 2020 - contact Clerk to file affidavit of candidacy, \$2.00 filing fee required

positions up for election: 1 Supervisor/3 year term; 1 Clerk/2 year term

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:20 PM by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup. Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Nicole.

