**Minutes**

**Dovre Township Meeting**

**2/6/23**

**Chair, Sherry Jean Larson called the meeting to order at 6 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Present:** Sherry Jean Larson, Marie Ostby, Glenn Arfstrom, Bruce Peterson, Keith Quale, Pat Jacobs, Teren Novotny

**Guests:** Howard Werner,Cal Miner, Curt Larson, Steven Leitch, Brent Pederson, Justin Chvala, Ron Gilbertson, Candy Gilbertson, David and Nancy Fritz, Ann and Steve Trochil, Craig Popp, Brad Gardner, Rich Olson, Jim Larson, Jeremy Krakow, Jill Hartman, Jessica Mortenson, Patrick Walter

**Approval of Minutes:** January, 2023 meeting Supervisor Ostby moved to approve, Supervisor Peterson seconded and the motion carried.

**Fire Report:** Pennock Fire Board Mtg Jan. 21, 2023 Supervisor Quale reported that PERA has increased and the wage was changed to a flat fee. Sherry Jean Larson is the secretary/treasurer of the Joint Powers Board.

**8th Street Improvement Project:** The estimates were reviewed. 9 ton road is 539,000, 10 ton road is 679,150 and a 9 ton road plus a walking path is 752,575. Many of the guests were also at the hearing held in October, 2022. Supervisor Ostby reviewed the costs. The township pays 25% and the rest is assessed to the property owners when the road is rebuilt.

The engineer is ready to get bids. Input was received from the attendees. 40th and 41st were built to state standards and include extra width for walking. An assessment would be over 10 years. Supervisor Quale reported that he heard from two people who want to go with the least expensive option. Construction would be this summer. The road top can be shifted within the right of way so long as there is drainage. Supervisor Ostby talked to the city and there is no plan to annex the area due to the cost of a lift station. Attendees were polled. Of those present 21 voted for the 9 ton road, 0 voted for the 10 ton road, 1 voted for the 9 ton road with a walking path. Cal Miner thanked the board for the work on this project.

**Treasurers Report** Treasurer Teren Novotny presented the financial reports through December, 2022. Supervisor Peterson moved to approve, Supervisor Quale seconded and the motion passed.

**Approval of Orders:** There was discussion of a charge from the attorney for A&J Rentals. Supervisor Larson emailed the attorney stating that the board wanted the attorney to write a letter. Following that Supervisor Kim Larson met with the attorney and there are charges for three hours of time. Additionally Mr. Larson hired Ross Smeby to clean off the township computer. Agreed that the township would not pay this as it was incurred for personal use and after Mr. Larson was not on the board. Supervisor Quale moved to deny payment to Ross Smeby, Supervisor Arfstrom and motion carried**.** Supervisor Peterson moved to approve payment to the attorney. Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Kandiyohi County Township Business and County Weed meeting: 3/20/23

9-12 at the Willmar American Legion. Meal reservations are due by 3/3. $10 for two meat buffet. Bruce Peterson, Glenn Arfstrom and Keith Quale plan to attend.

1. Establishing a Snow and Ice Control Policy-- The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-001. Supervisor Ostby moved to approve the policy, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried. The policy will be published on the township website

**Old Business:**

1. Request from EDC for child care funding will be considered with other donations at the annual meeting—Discussion that this could be through ARPA funds. Pended for information from the EDC to the March meeting.
2. Mass Hysteria RoW violation—Supervisor Peterson attempted to contact. A letter will be sent.
3. Strehling—no access permit submitted: Supervisor Peterson will send a letter .
4. Hiring of Hakanson Anderson as road engineer: Hakanson Anderson is the township engineer. It was decided at the January meeting that they will do the road engineering.

Supervisor Ostby distributed a scope of services statement from Hakanson Anderson. Supervisor Ostby moved to approve the proposal for engineering services from Hakanson Anderson to implement the five year road plan. Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried. Supervisor Arfstrom abstained. If the Board decides, we can put out a RFP in the fall.

**Access or Platting Applications:**

Charles/Michele Nefstead: lot line adjustment: Application has been reviewed and approved. Motion by Supervisor Ostby , seconded by Supervisor Quale to approve Resolution 2023-002 A Resolution Approving a Subdivision for Chuck Nefstead. Motion carried.

Leroy Andreson: Completed

Asche application pended for application fee payment

**Supervisors Reports of Activity**

Clerk submitted Boundary and Annexation Survey

Treasurer submitted MATIT Workers Compensation Audit

Supervisor Quale reported that Paul Johannes is now the majority owner of the Solomen Lake Hunting Club. The petitioner would have to pay the costs associated with construction of a cartway. The property owner who is landlocked can petition to have a cartway built. Mr. Johannes has not made any request of the township.

Supervisors will request updated information on cartways at the County Township Association meeting.

Supervisor Peterson got three calls about roads and all were positive.

Supervisor Ostby got a call about a vehicle parked illegally and the sheriff was called and responded.

**Next Meeting:**

3/6/23 5:45 Board of Audit meeting

3/6/23 6:00 PM March Dovre Board meeting

3/14/23 7:00 Dovre Township Annual Meeting

4/13/23 Board of Equalization 5:00-5:30

Supervisor Arfstrom moved to adjourn, Supervisor Peterson seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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Sherry Jean Larson, Chair Pat Jacobs, Treasurer