**Minutes**

**Dovre Township Meeting**

**3/6/23**

Chair, Sherry Jean Larson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Guests:** Howard Werner, Joel Johnson, Alec Olson

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

**Fire Report:** Joel Johnson attended representing the Pennock Fire Department. The 2023 assessment will be 12,041.73. The Fire Department will be managed by the Joint Powers Board and not by the City of Pennock.

Supervisor Peterson moved to approve the contract for fire service from the Pennock Fire Department, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** Teren presented financial reports through January, 2023. Supervisor Ostby moved to approve the report, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

**Approval of Orders**: Supervisor Peterson moved to approve payment of the orders, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Set Levy and Budget for Annual Meeting for 2024

Budget: Fire Protection 80,000

General Fund 80,000

Road and Bridge 600,000

LGA 21,000

**Total 781,000**

Levy General Budget 737,000

Misc Income 5000

Town Road Acct. 39,000

**Total 781,000**

Supervisor Ostby moved to approve the proposed budget and levy, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

1. Approval of Annual meeting agenda: Supervisor Peterson moved to approve the agenda, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.
2. Donation requests – Kandiyohi County Historical Society, New London Spicer Community Ed, will be funded at $500 each

(Atwater Historical Society, EDC United Way, Lets Go Fishing) will not be funded

Request from EDC pended for requested information

1. Spring Short Course—last weeks of March—If attending, plan to pay the registration fee and request reimbursement at the April Township meeting.
2. EDC Invitation for a township representative to attend a planning session on March 16th from 9-2:30. Supervisor Ostby will attend.

**Roads:**

1. Crow River Construction submitted a chloride estimate of 1.54 per gallon 38% solution

Accept bid? Bid is pended

Supervisor Quale will talk to Andrew Vistad regarding alternatives to chloride

1. Update on 2023 road plans: Micro-surfacing 10 Roads, 5.88 miles; Patching as needed, Crack filling, 3 roads, 1.90 miles as needed. Andrew Vistad will complete a new road rating prior to the April meeting

Andrew Vistad will be getting contractor bids

**Old Business:**

1. Mass Hysteria RoW violation—Supervisor Peterson will contact after the snow is gone
2. Strehling—no access permit submitted—Peterson sent a letter
3. 8th St. Supervisor Peterson moved to proceed with the 9 ton road, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.
4. Andrew Vistad will view the bridge and bridge inspection report—report in April

**Access or Platting Applications:**

Asche application: Fees paid. Application is in process. Supervisor Arfstrom expressed concern that we may be getting late for letting bids.

**Supervisors Reports of Activity**

Supervisor Larson will be gone from March 8th to the 24th.

Supervisor Ostby states that a special meeting is needed to update residents and obtain the easements needed for construction. A planning and zoning meeting will be held March 23rd followed by a hearing for the Asche property.

An open house/signing party will follow at 7:00 PM for 40th Ave. residents for easements needed for construction.

Supervisor Peterson has had questions about Long Lake Road repair.

Supervisors have gotten more calls regarding 22nd Ave. Supervisor Ostby reviewed the sequence of events with the drainage issues.

**Broadband Project:** There are some changes in the law requiring a hearing as township money cannot go towards expenses on property that the township does not own. Per the attorney:

Resolution setting a public hearing: Motion by Supervisor Peterson to set a public hearing on April 3rd at 5:45 PM. Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

Request for information received from company that will install the broadband cable. Supervisor Ostby will send information to all the supervisors regarding a permit to work within the township right of way. Supervisor Ostby also shared information from MAT regarding right of way, an ordinance regarding golf carts and 4 -wheelers on the roads and an ordinance regarding parking on township roads. These items will be on the agenda for the April meeting.

**Permission to Dispose:** 22 misc. envelopes, Payroll Audit cover letter, Census Boundary report cover letter, MPC hearing notice from Feb., Hustler Mower advertisement, DC Diesel Tek ad, Excel open house notice, NLS Community Ed brochure. Supervisor Larson moved to approve disposal, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

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

3/20/23 Kandiyohi County Township Business and County Weed meeting

9-12 Willmar American Legion

Meals reserved for Supervisors Arfstrom, Peterson, Quale

4/3/23 April Town Board Meeting

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

Supervisor Ostby moved to adjourn, Supervisor Larson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

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Sherry Jean Larson, Chair Pat Jacobs, Clerk