

Minutes
Dovre Township Meeting
11/6/23

Present: Sherry Jean Larson, Keith Quale, Marie Ostby, Bruce Peterson, Pat Jacobs, Teren Novotny, Glenn Arfstrom
Guests: Jim Larson, Josh Kavenagh, Cal Miner Barry Pederson, Howard Werner, Sarah Swedberg, Mark Boesch, Bruce DeBlicke, Margaret Johnson, Cynthia Schwmaier

Josh Kavanaugh—DNR-Discussion regarding carp trap. The carp trap on Skaatis Lake has been very effective. The trap was removed during road construction and does need to be replaced with a trap to fit the new culvert. The original trap was grant funded with a 10% in kind from the Willmar Lakes Association. Mr. Kavanaugh talked to the CPL grant program administrator. If the lakes association and the township put a new grant application together, he feels it would be viewed favorably. The grant application period opens Nov. 30 and closes December 15th. The cost estimate is 5000-6000 plus installation.

Bruce DeBlicke, representing the Willmar Lakes Association, stated that the Lakes Association will put the grant application together. The Township will provide a letter of support and is open to providing the 10% match and/or paying for installation. The township will not have ownership of the trap.

Cal Miner: Mr. Miner appeared with questions on the engineering of 40th St. where it connects with 8th St. A stop sign will be installed on 8th St. This will slow traffic. Mr. Miner stated that the Granite City contractors were very meticulous. He stated that there are some issues with Duinick's coverage on 40th St. The engineer will look at this before signing off on the project.

Barry Pedersen: The landscaping has not been finished yet along 15th St. Barry had a curb which was removed during construction and not replaced. The curb was 8-10 feet to control water run-off. The curb was in the town right of way. The contractor restored the driveways but the township is not responsible for restoring the curb in our right of way.

Approval of Minutes: 10/2/23 Meeting Supervisor Peterson moved to approve, Supervisor Quale seconded and the motion carried.

Fire Report: 2024 Willmar Fire Department Contract Approval Requested 43,202.43 Supervisor Quale moved to approve the contract, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried. The amount increased by 25%.

Treasurers Report: Approval given for return of the escrow of \$675 submitted by Michelle Marotzke. Treasurer presented the financial reports through September, 2023. Supervisor Ostby moved to approve the reports, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

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

Old Business:

- 22nd St update—Payment requested: 50,512.15
Pipe work is installed, Driveways and final grading should be done by next week. All work to be done by Thanksgiving.
- Broadband update : Mark Boesch, Sarah Swedberg
Kandiyohi County is pursuing three additional broadband projects. They are requesting a letter of support and financial support. There are 9 passings in Dovre Township. The county is contributing 15%. They have

requested 10 million dollars in grant funding. The request of the township is 1300 per person. Supervisor Ostby suggests using AARPA funds for this purpose.

Supervisor Ostby moved to support the grant application and commit to providing 11,700 from remaining AARPA funds. Supervisor Quale seconded

Supervisor Peterson moved to sign a resolution for this, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.

Supervisor Ostby reported that broadband cable will be completed within the next two weeks. By the end of Dec. they will test the service. Everyone should be live by the end of March. Dovre township made a payment today of 182,616. The assessment is \$1385 per parcel. Supervisor Ostby moved that we approve Resolution 2023-014 approving Assessment to the parcels in the subordinate service district of \$1385 pending review, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

- 8th St. update—Payment requested: 224,983.99
Resolution 2023-015 Adopting Assessment to 8th St. Project. Assessment against 49 parcels is 8990.00 per parcel. Supervisor Peterson moved to approve the resolution as amended, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.
- 40th St. update—Payment requested: 422497.98. The township pays the bill and the county reimburses us and submits the bill for payment to the grant allocation.
- Palmquist Invoice—no payment has been received. The treasurer will send another invoice with notice of interest of 1.5%.

Platting Applications:

- Behm-3D playland--pending delineation. Information has been submitted. A hearing will be scheduled for Dec. 4th at 5:30 PM
- Kandiyohi County had no applications in November 2023

Access Applications

- Lee U'Ren- Supervisor Peterson viewed the application and recommends approval. Supervisor Ostby moved to approve, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.
- David and Peggy Frieht-Made adjustments and paid the increased fee. Supervisor Peterson moved to approve, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.
- Alexander Everson—application dated 7/11/23. Pended at August meeting for more information, applicant did not attend the Sept. meeting as requested, application is still pended. Property is on 47th Ave. Supervisor Ostby moved to deny the application as he did not have ownership of the property, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.

New Business:

- Long Lake Road Borings—completed. Report has not been received yet.
Supervisor Ostby wrote a LRIP grant for Long Lake road. The grant application is due Dec. 8th. She would like to hold an open house to inform residents and decide if we want to proceed with the application. The county would be the fiscal agent. Supervisor Ostby reviewed the grant application for the board. She has reviewed this with Mel Odens, County Engineer. This road does not have to meet a 10 ton standard. If wanted, a walking trail could be added. Preliminary total cost is 3,850,000. LRIP grant could be 1,500,000, Dovre paying 1,000,000 and assessments of 1,350,000 or 4655.00 per parcel. All supervisors will read and submit comments by next week. This will have to go before the County Board on Nov. 22nd to request approval for them to be the fiscal agent. Supervisors Ostby and Peterson will work on the application.
An open house will be Monday, Nov. 27th at the county building. Alternate day is Dec. 1.

Information:

•ORI number—contacted the person at the state and information has not been received yet. This is needed to complete the Fine Distribution for Township Request Form. 2nd Contact made.

Supervisors Reports of Activity

Supervisor Quale reported that garbage was dumped and three spots were cleaned up.

Supervisor Larson was asked about tree removal—the access application has been approved.

Next Meeting: 12/4/23 Township Meeting

12/4/23 Behm hearing

Supervisor Quale moved to adjourn, Supervisor Peterson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Sherry Jean Larson, Chair

Pat Jacobs, Clerk