**Minutes**

**Dovre Township Meeting**

**May 7, 2019**

**Call to order:** Chair Beth Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present,** Treasurer Teren Novotny: Supervisors Beth Johnston, Mark Olson, Keith Quale, Glenn Arfstrom, Clerk Pat Jacobs

**Guests:** Lowell Tieszen, Connie Schmoll, Mark Boeschen, Rollie Nissen, Jane Vikse, Howard Werner, Sherry Larson, David Chase, Allan Cronen, Alex Everson, Lisa Everson, Dan Pomranke, Daryl Nielsen, Dave Sissen

**Approval of Minutes:**

3/5/19 minutes revised: Certificate of appointment for Sherry Larson, Deputy Treasurer. Mark moved to approve the certificate of appointment and Glenn seconded. The motion carried. Board approved adding Sherry to the signature card *for the Townships accounts at Heritage Bank, resulting in having three signers for the accounts: Patricia Jacobs, Clerk, Teren Novotny, Treasurer, and Sherry Larson, Deputy Treasurer.* Keith moved to approve the revised minutes, Glenn seconded and the motion carried.

4/2/19 minutes. Mark moved to approve the minutes, Glenn seconded and the motion carried.

**Allan Cronen:** Stop sign request on Point Lake Estates. He will talk to the Point Lake Association Board but feels that a stop sign will not resolve the safety issue. He stated that the residents are driving too fast on 26th Ave. and that the road is narrow. Dovre Township does not have authority to post speed limits or stop signs. Mr. Cronen wanted to express his point of view and stated that he will continue to ask the Sheriff’s department to have a greater presence in the area to promote slower speeds.

**Connie Schmoll:** EDC Broadband presentation

Connie summarized the need for expanded broadband in the rural area. She brought members of her committee with her. The project would require a local contribution, state and provider. They would like to apply for grants but need to have the backing of the partners. A prior project was funded in 2017 and then fell through. Wireless Internet has improved but does not fully meet existing needs. She requested that we refer to a web site to test Internet speed and record that with the State. The EDC is looking at a project for Dovre, Mamre and St. Johns townships. Connie reviewed an example of how this was done in Chisago County. The EDC will assist with contacting residents in preparation for the application. Only the unserved or underserved areas would be included in the project. The next step is an engineering study to determine the cost of the project. The EDC will also be contacting other investors to see if they will support the project. The EDC will also be available to help the communication.

**Lowell Tieszen:**  Current residents of 47th Ave. attended the meeting (6) to be informed regarding this project. They requested a mailed notice when a hearing is scheduled. The residents expressed concern about the cost of upgrading the road. They do not have a problem with the development of the houses. Beth stated that the road was built in 1974 and will need to be upgraded at some time.

**Rose Glen Development:** Engineers Bolton and Menk have asked if they can serve as engineer for both the township and the developer. Mark moved that we allow Bolton and Menk to do engineering for both sides, Keith seconded. Motion carried 3-1 with Supervisor Johnston voting nay.

**Road Reports:** Road Inspection 4/27/19 It was noted that 8th St. is in poor condition.

Konsterlie reported an issue with a culvert on property across from Horizon Hills. Keith will request Swenson and Sons look at the culvert.

Glenn met with property owners on 22nd St. NE. They think the source of water is the west side of 71 as evidenced by cattails being present. Glenn will contact Emily Bos at the Department of Transportation to pursue the matter.

**Fire Report:**

\*Pennock Fire Department Liability-Joint Powers Agreement-tabled until June

**Treasurers Report:** Teren presented the treasurers report. Mark moved to approve, Keith seconded and motion carried. Mark moved that the township authorize purchase of the CTAS accounting program and pay for training if Teren determines this will be usable for the township. Keith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Approval of Orders:** Mark moved to approve payment of the orders, Glenn seconded and motion carried.

**5/7/19**

5737 KPC 361.85 electricity

5738 Bladeworks 1292.67 roads

5739 MnDot 11.00 township maps

5740 Collaborative Planning, LLC 386.25 Zoning

5741 MAT 2032.00 insurance

5742 City of Spicer 458.00 fire

5743 Howard Werner 192.93 net p/r

5744 Pat Jacobs 285.88 net p/r

5745 Teren Novotny 92.35 net p/r

5746 Sherry Larson 92.35 net p/r

5747 Mark Olson 233.88 net p/r

5748 Beth Johnston 242.00 net p/r

5749 Glenn Arfstrom 344.93 net p/r

5750 Keith Quale 344.93 net p/r

**Old Business:**

**\***Amendment to Subdivision Ordinance: Delete 5 acre, 300’ width in commercial and industrial uses from definition of Subdivision Ordinance recommended approval. Beth so moved, Glenn seconded and motion carried.

\*Designation of Contact for Ordinance: Glenn moved to appoint Marie Ostby, Keith seconded and motion carried.

\*Approval of parcel split: Jamie Swenson property Keith moved to approve the parcel split variance of Jamie Swenson property sold to Robert Orsten in April. Glenn seconded and motion carried.

**New Business:**

\*Chlorate Bids/ Jim Clark/Kraig Hanson, Crow River Construction

Request to add Ben Godby-same block as Todd Engler—requests to purchase application on the bid

Requests confirmed for Duane Ridl, June Odlund, Gaylon Odlund, Jamie Engler, Todd Engler,

No response from Travis Quisberg, Mike Lien, Donna Ridl or Chad Lien

Keith moved to accept the bid from Crow River Construction for chlorate application, Glenn seconded and motion carried.

\*Boonstra Blading for mowing Mark moved to approve the bid, Keith seconded and motion carried.

\*Jeff Slagter for road work Glenn moved to accept the bid, Mark seconded and motion carried.

\*Letter to Heideckers—tabled.

\* Information: Public hearing on Swift-Chippewa-Kandiyohi County Judicial Ditch #18, repair or replacement

Benson, May 15th

\*Mark Olson announced his resignation from the board effective in June.

\*Glenn moved to renew the website for 5 years, Keith seconded and motion carried. Sherry Larson will assume management.

**Wenke Subdivision:** tabled until June

**Next Meetings**

June Township meeting: 6/4/19

**Adjournment** Keith moved to adjourn, Beth seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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Beth Johnston, Chair Pat Jacobs, Clerk