

Minutes

Dovre Township Meeting

10/2/23

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

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

Guests: Howard Werner, Jerry Bahma, Kent Bauman, Laura Daak, Tim Swanson, Barb Swanson, Keith Palmquist, Jerry Bahma, Julie Leslie, Jeff Filapek, Josh Halvorson

Approval of Minutes: 8/28/23 Meeting Supervisor Peterson moved to approve, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.

Guests:

- Kent Bauman: Each township has a representative from the sheriffs department visit a meeting twice per year. He presented statistics for calls in Dovre Township year to date. Supervisor Quale asked about the stop at Co. 25 and Hwy 5. This will be reported to Mel Odens to start the process to see about an enhanced stop warning. Supervisor Ostby asked about process to close a road. Contact Lois Engelby and Kent Bauman. If an emergency vehicle could not get through, the road should be closed. If the township closes a road we need to let them know if emergency vehicles are not able to get through. Mr. Bauman has provided information to register for an Originating Agency Identifier so that the Township can receive a portion of fine proceeds.
- Long Lake Association-Survey results for members: Julie Leslie and Jeff Filapek provided a report on Long Lake Association Activities. Membership is 47, meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Dovre Townhall, quarterly newsletters are sent, a survey was completed by 65 responders. The Long Lake Annual Meeting is May 13, 2024 with speakers from the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District. The Township is asked to refer any thing that comes to us pertaining to Long Lake.
- Josh Halvorson appeared regarding the 22nd St. Improvements. Request for proposals published 9/20/23, bid opening 9/28/23. 7 bids were received with the low bid being Kurilla Contracting of Buffalo in the amount of 99,974.75. Work could start in two weeks. Supervisor Ostby moved to proceed with the low bidder, Supervisor Quale seconded Supervisors Ostby, Quale and Larson voted aye. Supervisor Peterson voted nay. Supervisor Peterson stated that we should have done better on assessments, etc. With that statement, he changed his vote to aye and the motion carried.
- Jerry Bahma: He is asking for gravel to be put on his road. This road is maintained by Lake Andrew township. They forgot the area when they hauled gravel. Supervisor Quale has talked to Lake Andrew and they can put gravel on it but it will be two weeks.
- Keith Palmquist appeared to state that he won't pay a bill he received from the township. Supervisor Ostby stated that there are costs incurred from following our ordinance. As discussed at a previous meeting, the township offered to split the remaining bill with Mr. Palmquist. If he chooses not to accept this agreement, he can take the issue to court. Mr. Palmquist stated we can send our offer to pay half and he will discuss it with his wife. Supervisor Peterson moved that we split the bill and invoice for half of the bill. Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

Fire Report: The Spicer Fire Board met on Sept. 11th. Wages have increased by .50 per hour. They are now fully staffed.

Treasurers Report Teren presented the treasurer's report though August, 2023. Supervisor Ostby explained that we will pay a bill for 40th Supervisor Ostby moved to approve the report, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

Approval of Orders: Supervisor Peterson moved to approve payment of orders, Supervisor Quale seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Broadband update: Kandiyohi County approved partial funding to cover some residents who were not originally in the project
- 8th St. update: There are 4 driveways not done, the second lift was applied today.. 19th will be done 10/4. Residents have been calling about the process to prepay assessments. We should have a final number by mid October. If the assessment goes on the taxes, the county charges \$10 per parcel the first year and \$5 per year afterwards. Interest is 6% per year. The county needs a list and the amount by Nov. 15th. Interest is not applied until November of 2024.
Payments come to the township.
Supervisor Peterson moved to allow partial prepayment in the amount of at least \$2000. Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.
Discussion of hardship exemptions.
Supervisor Ostby will draft a letter to residents and also put this information on the website. Prepayment should be made by the November meeting. Supervisor Peterson moved to send a letter, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.
- 40th St. update: The county is the fiscal agent. Payment will be made to Duinincks and then submitted to the county for submission to the state for reimbursement. That process is estimated to take 2 weeks.
- Matt McBroom Right of Way application: Supervisor Quale moved to approve the application, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried. An application fee of \$250 was received. Supervisor Larson will let Mr. McBroom know that it is approved.

Platting Applications:

- Behm-3D playland--pending delineation
- Kandiyohi County had no applications in Sept. 2023

Access Applications

- Tom Etle Supervisor Ostby moved to take this off the table and approve the application, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.
- David and Peggy Friehl: Supervisor Peterson viewed the area. Application tabled. The access can't exceed 24 feet and can't cross the right of way. The work was done prior to approval of the application. Supervisor Peterson will contact them.
- Jason Noble: Supervisor Peterson viewed. Supervisor Peterson moved that the application be approved with the conditions that the driveway not exceed 24 feet in width and it not be used for commercial use. Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.
- Duane and Nancy Bonnema-Supervisor Peterson viewed and recommends approval. Supervisor Ostby moved to approve, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried

New Business:

- Carp trap-The trap was removed by Duinincks during road construction. Per minutes from November 20, 2020 the township approved installation of the trap providing that the Willmar Lakes Association and the DNR be responsible for maintenance and any work that is done.
The township is supportive of a right of way application to replace the trap but we are not financially liable. Supervisor Larson moved to write a letter to the DNR and the Lakes Association along with a copy of the minutes. Supervisor Ostby seconded. Contacts are Josh Kavanaugh at the DNR and Mike O'Brien from Willmar Lakes Association. Motion carried.
- Report on Kdy Co. Township Association Fall Meeting—no report
- Kandiyohi County Public Works requests for bituminous surfacing projects for 2024 due by November 3—no projects planned for 2024.
- Radar and boring will be done on Long Lake road this month.

Information:

- **Couri and Ruppe** legal service rate increase: 265/hr general legal work, 290/hr for development work

Permission to dispose: 15 misc envelopes, notice posted changing Sept. meeting to 8/28, District 5 meeting notice from August, Vreeman construction duplicate bill. Supervisor Peterson moved to approve, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

Supervisors Reports of Activity

Supervisor Peterson continues to get calls about Long Lake road.

Next Meeting:

11/6/23 Township Meeting

Supervisor Ostby moved to adjourn, Supervisor Quale seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Sherry Jean Larson, Chair

Pat Jacobs, Clerk