

Minutes
Dovre Township Meeting
1/2/24

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 and Teren Novotny

Guests: Howard Werner

Approval of Minutes: 12/4/23 Meeting: Supervisor Peterson moved to approve, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

12/4/23 Behm hearing Supervisor Ostby moved to approve, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

Fire Report: Pennock Fire Meeting 12/16/23 Keith and Sherry attended the meeting . The fire department is fully staffed. An increase in PERA was approved to 1700 per year. The next meeting is December, 2024.

Treasurers Report Teren provided the treasurers report through November. Supervisor Ostby moved to approve, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

Approval of Orders: Supervisor Larson moved to hold payment to Federated until the contract is reviewed and full payment is justified. Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried. Supervisor Peterson moved to approve orders, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.

Old Business:

- Long Lake Road Repair and LRIP Application-The LRIP grant application was submitted on December 8th, 2023. All Board members received copies. We will not hear any results until March or later. Supervisor Ostby met with Roseville Township and walked through the application process with them. This was good will and not a paid position.
- 8th St. Update: 15 assessments paid in full, 2 partial payment
- Broadband: 90 paid in full, 2 partial payment
Supervisor Ostby determined that three properties had sheds only. Supervisor Ostby moved to waive the broadband fee for the bin sites only. This is 13-028-0031 Leonard and Carolyn Wickeraad and Jamie Swenson 13-012-0030. Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.
- ORI number—tabled from December—no information available, remains tabled
- Supervisor Ostby moved to authorize payment to AET up to \$14000 for borings on Long Road. Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

New Business:

- 2024 Meeting schedule: Approved at Board of Organization meeting.
- No planning/zoning applications received in Dec.
- Topics for Discussion—Supervisor Arfstrom
 - Supervisor Arfstrom suggested that we consider rotating the chair position. Next year, Vice Chair, Bruce Peterson will become chair.
 - Supervisor Arfstrom suggests that we have multiple bids on projects.
 - Supervisor Arfstrom suggests that we have a part time administrator to help with township business.
Discussion that the township may not be able to afford to hire an administrator. It takes time to bring people up to speed. We could utilize the MATIT website and contacts to a greater degree. Supervisor Ostby suggested that perhaps a coalition could be formed for zoning administration with other townships also planning to take over their zoning. Some items to be re-visited:
 - *the township bridge was cited as deficient. Borings have been completed and Swenson and Sons are qualified to do the work needed.

*The road and bridge policy will be revisited by the communications person.

*11th St NE—The board needs to re-evaluate the rating of the road before posting a weight limit

Permission to Dispose: 95 envelopes, 12 assessment letters returned with payment, MAT conference letter from Dec. 7-9, 2 Dec. agendas, 1 check stub from assessment payment. Supervisor Larson moved to approve disposal, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

Supervisors Reports of Activity

Peterson responded to question about an access permit for next spring. He also had some good comments about the LRIP open house.

Quale: Took a call saying that garbage was left. This was picked up when he followed up on the call. Quale stated that there is brushing that could be done before there is snow. He will contact Jamie Boonstra to complete that.

Arfstrom: Has had contact from Jim Larson and Cal Miner

Larson: Lots of broadband calls

Next Meeting:

2/5/24 Township Meeting

Supervisor Quale moved to adjourn, Supervisor Peterson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Sherry Jean Larson, Chairperson

Pat Jacobs, Clerk