

Minutes
Dovre Township Meeting
7/1/24

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

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

Guests: Howard Werner, Susan Mattson, Dale Wersal, Bev Knutson, Myron and Marleen Clark, Doug Braithwaite, Karla Peterson, Dale Anderson

Approval of Minutes: 6/3/24 Supervisor Peterson moved to approve, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

Fire Report: none

Long Lake Road Improvement Project: Supervisor Larson reviewed the summary of the survey from the open house.

The township does not set the speed limit on Long Lake road. This is set by the state.

Supervisor Ostby feels that we need to provide the engineer with parameters so that plans can be started.

Supervisor Peterson moved to accept the grant and move forward with option 5. Supervisor Quale seconded the motion.

Discussion: Supervisor Ostby—we don't need to accept the grant yet.

Supervisor Peterson moved to amend the motion to proceed with design of the road to a 10 ton standard and a 30 ft wide road. Supervisor Quale seconded the motion. This does not include accepting the grant. That can be accepted or declined by February, 2025.

Supervisor Larson summarized the facts regarding this project

1. Our policy is for a 10 ton road,
 2. The county recommends 10 ton and multimodal on both sides,
 3. The road needs to be redone,
 4. Residents will pay less with the grant even with a multimodal road,
 5. Safety improves with road design,
 - 6, the contractor is working to reduce all tree removal and keep the road beautiful.
- The motion was called and approved unanimously.

40th Ave: Dan Wersal appeared saying that his ditch cannot be mowed after construction as it is too much of a vee shape. He stated that at the information meeting, he was told that it would still be same after construction. Supervisor

Quale with check with the engineer to see if this was done per the plans and if the contractor is liable to repair. Mr. Wersal also said that the shoulder is washing away.

Treasurers Report: Teren presented the balance sheet and profit and loss for the end of May. Supervisor Ostby moved to approve, Supervisor Quale seconded. The motion carried. Supervisor Larson will follow up with Bolton and Menk regarding final payment for 22nd St.

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

County Commissioner Dale Anderson attended the meeting. Things are going well at the county level. The planning and zoning people met with Mamre townships. There are 4 townships interested in taking planning and zoning back. Mr. Anderson would like to have meetings by district but that has not moved forward. Supervisor Peterson feels that the county needs to be the backbone of planning and zoning and that there should be better communication with the townships. Mr. Anderson has heard from multiple people about these issues. Mr. Anderson asks that we feel free to contact him with concerns.

New Business:

Access or Platting Applications:

- Ryan Dobmeier Access 6360 24th St. NE. Supervisor Peterson viewed the area and recommends approval. Supervisor Peterson moved to approve a 24 foot driveway with radiuses, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.
- Michael Danielson 8946 Long Lake Rd. Supervisor Peterson moved to approve, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

Old Business:

- ROW application Telecom for Gary Ascheman—verified that application fee was mailed 6/25/24. This was approved in June pending receipt of the application fee..

Information:

- 2023 Population estimate 2132
- 2023 household estimate 835

Supervisors Reports of Activity

- Peterson -answered questions about the Long Lake road project, drainage issues
- Arfstrom-Would like the township mower to mow noxious weeds along the right of way. Supervisor Quale will follow up with Jamie Boonstra. This will be added to our contract with Boonstra.
- Ostby- The silver PT Cruiser is still driving too fast and this has been reported to law enforcement. Spectrum did not get a permit and did some boring under the road on 19th Ave. Quale and the township engineer viewed.

Suggest that we have the engineer provide information on the bonds. He will get to us with an estimate and Supervisor Quale will contact Spectrum.

- Quale: Chadwick Estates repair has been started. The blacktop should be done in two weeks.

There have been lots of complaints about dust on 11th St. There are gravel trucks using that road. The attorney said that we can post and not allow commercial and industrial traffic but then would need to enforce that.

Supervisor Quale will talk to the owner of the gravel pit and ask that they not use the road, or apply chloride regularly during the hauling season and also apply gravel if needed. The township engineer will be asked to evaluate the condition of the road and suggest options.

- Larson—Teren indicated that there are some others interested in being treasurer. Ostby has followed up on some possible candidates.

Permission to Dispose: 21 misc. envelopes, Couri & Ruppe notice of Township Legal Seminar Supervisor Larson moved to approved disposal, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.

Neighborhood meetings for Long Lake Project: The engineer will be present. This was noticed in the newsletter and will be posted at the town hall.

Supervisor Larson moved to adjourn, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Next Meeting: 8/5/24

Sherry Jean Larson, Chair

Pat Jacobs, Clerk