

Dovre Township Meeting
Nov. 4, 2024
Minutes

Call to order: Chair Sherry Jean Larson called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

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

Guests: none

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Ostby moved to approve the October minutes, Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

Fire Report: Supervisor Quale stated that there is a 56% increase anticipated in fire protection for the Spicer Fire Department. The fire department is planning for the replacement of the tanker truck. All items have increased in costs. Supervisor Larson has offered to help them with writing a grant. The fire department is fundraising in anticipation of needing to purchase new equipment.

Old Business:

- Guest: Bridge Inspector: Inspector did not attend the meeting. He reported that no action is needed on our bridge
- Long Lake Road Improvement Project-tabled
- Special Assessment Policy for Road Improvement Projects draft Tabled.
- Feasibility Study—tabled
 - Resolution 2024-007
 - Resolution Receiving Feasibility Study and Ordering Improvement Hearing
 - Supervisor Peterson moved to table both topics, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.
- Shoulder/ditch repair for Wersal pended from Oct. Swenson and Sons will do this in early November. Remains pended.
- Update on road issues 11th St. -all issues resolved
- 26th Point Lake Road. Reviewed by Supervisor Quale and Kyle Swenson. The work is done correctly

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Teren Novotny presented the treasurers report though September, 2024. Supervisor Ostby moved to approve the report, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.
Residents wishing to pay assessments need to pay by Nov. 15, 2024 to have the assessments removed from tax statements for 2025.

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

New Business:

- Right of Way application from Crown Underground: Supervisor Ostby recommended that the permit be approved pending receipt of the escrow. Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion passed.
- Newsletter: tabled. Supervisor Ostby
- Brian Kraus applied for a lot line adjustment. A survey and application fee have been requested and will be discussed in the spring.
- Hearing Tuesday, Nov 12, 7 PM. **Consider application for amendment to County Zoning Ordinance Number 9A. Throughout the Ordinance, required setback from a Principal Arterial Road be changed from 150 feet to 130 feet.**
- Signature needed on Township Road Map for certification for Town Road Account funds. Supervisor Peterson moved to approve, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.

Supervisor reports of activity:

Arfstrom: The frost has taken care of the weeds

Peterson: Issue with access to Long Lake road owned by Cory will be corrected when Long Lake road is repaired.

Peterson questioned board meeting salaries. Compensation is not comparable to other townships.

Supervisor Peterson moved to increase compensation of \$150 per meeting, 75.00 for a second meeting on the same night and the hourly rate of \$25. Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried. This is effective Nov. 6th, 2024.

Peterson continues to hear from Long Lake road residents hoping the project can be completed soon.

Quale: Contacted Spectrum regarding right of way permit application. Issue is not resolved.

Permission to Dispose: 19 misc. envelopes, Couri & Ruppe notice of rate increase for 2025, Hearing notice for Center Point Energy rate increase, Extra agenda copies from Oct. meeting (2). Pipeline Awareness Newsletter and cover letter, LTAP Exchange bulletin

Supervisor Larson moved to approve disposal, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2024

11/5/24 Election Day

11/6/24 Long Lake Association meeting at town hall

11/7/24 Board of Canvass Meeting 6 PM

12/5/24 Long Lake Road hearing 6-8 PM at Health and Human Services Building

Supervisor Ostby moved to suspend the meeting to Nov. 7th at 6:15 PM to continue discussion of Long Lake road and the feasibility study. Supervisor Peterson seconded and motion carried.

11/7/24

The recessed township meeting was re-opened at 6:10 PM.

Present: Sherry Jean Larson, Marie Ostby, Glenn Arfstrom, Bruce Peterson, Keith Quale, Pat Jacobs, Attorney, Bob Ruppe

Discussion was held regarding assessments for the Long Lake Road project. A decision needs to be made regarding direct and indirect assessments. There are 219 properties on Long Lake Road. 79 have direct access and 140 are indirect access.

The township attorney was contacted by phone.

The purpose of the hearing is to share the feasibility report and get feedback from the residents. After the hearing, the Board will make decisions regarding assessments.

Ruppe does not recommend an assessment policy as each project is different. The law firm will prepare a letter to go to residents and a notice to be published on Nov. 20 and Nov. 30.

Supervisor Ostby moved to accept the Feasibility Study and order an Improvement Hearing. Supervisor Peterson seconded and the motion passed. Resolution 2024-007 was passed. The Improvement Hearing will be on Dec. 5 from 6-8 PM at the Health and Human Services building.

Supervisor Peterson moved to adjourn, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Sherry Jean Larson, Chair

Pat Jacobs, Clerk