Lake Eunice Township

Treasurer: Ann Hixson Supervisors: Ed Clem, Gerald Johnson Chairman: Jason Rosing Wayne Jacobson, Al Bergquist

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The Lake Eunice Township board held its monthly meeting at the town hall on January 12th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.  The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion by Ed Clem and seconded by Wayne Jacobson.  The treasurer report was reviewed. The motion was made to approve the current treasurer’s report by Ed Clem and seconded by Jerry Johnson. Discussion on CTAS and continued work needs to be done.

Phil Hanson, chair person of Lake View Township, was there to discuss the 2-mile Extra Terrestrial issues with the city of Detroit Lakes and six total townships. Essentially, the city of Detroit Lakes has potential to take over jurisdiction of properties located within townships. Mr. Hanson is asking for Lake Eunice’s support and had many examples of issues that have occurred in this township. Mr. Hanson reports the financial commitment will be approximately $5000, split between six townships. Mr. Hanson has identified Troy Gilchrist as the attorney that will guide the townships through this process. Ed Clem has been attending all of the meetings and has been actively involved in advocating for residents of Lake Eunice Township. All board members were in favor of Ed Clem continuing to attend these meetings. The board members were also in favor of the financial commitment needed for Lake Eunice Township to be represented.

In addition, Mr. Hanson was there to review the Road Resolution for 230th Ave and also East Pearl Lake. A road resolution was drafted and reviewed that would establish the road maintenance responsibilities for Lake Eunice Township and Lake View Township. The resolution was reviewed and passed unanimously by the road supervisor.

Irene Johnson, Lake Eunice’s township assessor has retired. Heather Anderson received information from a private assessor that would be willing to take over our parcels. This was discussed with road supervisors who indicated they would prefer to keep the assessor work up at Becker County.

Ottertail Power Company filed a general rate case that may affect some Lake Eunice Residents. They are seeking an annual rate increase of 6.8 %. Residents are encouraged to contact Ottertail Power Company at 218-739-8200 for any questions.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will be having a meeting on February 4th, 2021 at 2:00 pm to discuss proposed amnedants to Rule governing Water Quality Standards. Jason Rosing will attend that meeting.

Lake Eunice Township was notified of the opportunity for a Local Road Improvements Grants. This grant is available for local road improvements. Supervisors were asked to prioritize the needs of Lake Eunice. Possible road improvement options will include Buckhorn Road and East Pearl Lake Road. Jason Rosing recently submitted a State Park Road Account application for Buckhorn Road. That would be a DNR project to pave Buckhorn up to the publish access. A local road improvement grant will be pursued to pave the rest of Buckhorn. Heather Anderson will be in touch with the Becker County Engineer and also Carl Malmstrom about notifying residents. Discussion about partnering with other agencies that have a vested interest in paving these roads. An example would be the school district and the bus drivers that drive the routes in Lake Eunice to provide the safest routes possible for the children going to school.

The Board of Audit will be February 9th, 2021 after the regular scheduled monthly meeting.

Budget number for 2021 will be reviewed at next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:01 pm by Al Bergquist and seconded by Ed Clem.

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