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 July 13th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.  The minutes from the June meetings were reviewed and approved by a motion by Jerry Johnson and seconded by Ed Clem.  The treasurer report was reviewed. The motion was made to approve the current treasurer’s report by Ed Clem and seconded by Al Bergquist.

Jerome Kahle was present to discuss his property on Pearl Lake Drive. The township recently removed a gate that was over the public portion of the road. Mr. Kahle advised he has fired his attorney in this matter. He is hoping that he can work with the board on solutions. He stated he does not want to fight with the board and is proposing the road in question become a cartway. The board did discuss this with him and indicated they would like further consultation from Carl Malmstrom, township attorney. Ed Clem did bring up concerns with the process and would like Mr. Malmstrom to clarify if there is a way to make an established road a cartway and also would the township have to abandon that road. The board did advise that typically cartways are used when there are issues with properties being landlocked and would like further guidance. Heather Anderson, township clerk will clarify with the township attorney. Mr. Kahle was thanked for coming and the board indicated they would find some answers to his questions. Mr. Kahle reported he wants to take over responsibility to that road and his neighbors do also.

Jerry Johnson noted there are 2 potholes on North Pearl Lake Road. He will take care of those.

The township spraying is completed. Carr’s Tree Service is also in the process of completing the brushing.

Also discussed was the process for the ARPA funding that the township should be receiving in the next month. Heather Anderson indicated that all the accounts and funds are set up and verified but we are waiting for the first deposit. The question was asked what the board would like to see in regards to the money that is spent and how it is spent. Suggested was board approval for anything over $1,000. Also, the board will be provided a Quarterly print out of expenditures. The board supports the handicapped accessible project for the front and back doors. Heather Anderson is in the process of getting quotes and bids. Heather Anderson indicated she has consulted with the MN Association of Townships on that project. The information received is that ARPA could be used as it increasing social distancing and offers a flow through our township as people votes. Both doors must be wheelchair accessible to provide that. The board was shown pictures of the new idea for the board table and chairs, that offers social distancing and allows for sanitization after each use. Heather Anderson is in the process of getting bids for and will present to the board next month.

The board was told about the meeting last month at Becker County in regards to ARPA funding and possible support from Becker County. Becker County has indicated there is a possibility they could hire a person to manage the ARPA funding and provide support to the townships. Becker County has offered either a “pay as you use system” or even charging townships a 2% fee from the ARPA funding. Heather Anderson did indicate the townships pay for a significant amount of support from the MN Association of Townships already. They have been offering webinars on Fridays and have been available for many questions and clarification. The board discussed that using ARPA funding to pay for a position at Becker County and also paying for our dues with the MN Association of Townships may be a duplication of services. Heather Anderson will continue to report back to the board.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:33 pm by Wayne Jacobson and seconded by Al Bergquist.

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