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 a public meeting on Buckhorn Road on May 23rd, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Residents had access to the assessment roll. All residents present were given a copy.

John Okeson reported that there are three spots on the road that are settling. These three areas do need attention and should be redone in the next week. The road is almost completed. Residents report the road has flattened out and there appears to be no crown. John Okeson did affirm. This issue did increase the projected price of the project but Mr. Okeson does feel it should still come in around $103,813.16. The total price to fix this issue was estimated around $20,000.

Bruce Squires was present and inquired about the process for special assessment and how the board made that decision. The board did indicate that there was much consultation with the Becker County Auditors office and the township attorney on what would be the most equitable way to assess this road. The board indicated and supported a per parcel special assessment after much consultation. The board did pass a resolution, indicting as such on April 28th, 2022. Mr. Squires indicated he was not in favor of this project being done, but understood many wanted it to be done.

Pete Nerdahl was present and indicated he can’t wait for it to be done.

Gray Schander was present. Mr. Schander was sent the special assessment notice on four total parcels. He told the board that he has combined three of those parcels (170880303, 170880304 and 170880305) into one parcel. Mr. Schander reported that would only give him two properties to be assessed. He was asked when he did this-he advised about a month ago. He was asked if he had any paperwork for the board to review and he did not. The notice of special assessment notices was sent in the mail on May 5th, 2022 to the residents. In addition, the public notice, in the Detroit Lakes Newspaper was published on May 8th, 2022. Mr. Schander could not tell the board when he made the request to the Becker County Auditor to combine the parcels.

In light of the above information, the special assessment statue was reviewed. Because changing the number of parcels, would affect the amount each parcel would be assessed, the board was hesitant to certify and approve the assessment roll that was completed by Apex Engineering on May 5th, 2022. Essentially, changing the number of parcels would change the special assessment from a projected $4718.78 to $5190.66-an increase of $471.88 per parcel. The board was hesitant to certify and approve the assessment roll, completed by Apex Engineering on May 5th, 2022 without consultation from the township attorney and also the Becker County Auditor’s office. A motion was made by Ed Clem to table this resolution until that consultation could be done and this was passed unanimously.

The board had discussion about the possibly of having to do another assessment roll and there was discussion on how to do that, but staying within statue timelines for notices and publishing. Due to that, the board did change their next monthly meeting to June 21st, 2022 to possibly accommodate another public meeting, if so, directed by the township attorney. The resolution will be tabled until June 21st, 2022.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:54 pm by Wayne Jacobson and seconded by Jerry Johnson.

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