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 November 16th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.  The minutes from the October meetings were reviewed and approved by a motion by Ed Clem and seconded by Al Bergquist.  The treasurer report was reviewed. Discussion about the upcoming budget and to watch the numbers. The township has not received the total bill for the brushing, done by Carr’s Tree Service. The motion was made to approve the current treasurer’s report by Ed Clem and seconded by Wayne Jacobson.

The 2021 Census was reviewed by the Board. The total population of Lake Eunice township is 1729. This is an increase from last year for 47.

Rick Renner, snow plow operator was present. He is not available for a week in December, 2021. The board advised they do have a replacement for him and Rick will contact him. Two charge accounts have been set up for diesel-Orton’s in Audubon and also Tesoro on Highway 59. Rick was asked to keep the receipts and turn in monthly. In addition, Rick Renner discussed the potential issues about objects in the right of way. He noted there are structural objects, pavers etc. that are in the right of way. The snow plow policy was reviewed by the board. The board wants township residents to know that if an object is in the right of way, they are responsible for the damage, if the snow plow hits it. The snow plow policy will be reviewed and updated as needed for next month.

Katie Mark and Brian Davies were present to discuss a minimum maintenance road that is off of County Road 22. Mr. Davies indicated there is still traffic on that road including trucks and ATV’s. Ms. Mark indicated that it appears that someone has improved that road and it continues to widen, encroaching on her property. She advised that the road has clearly been expanded and improved and someone has brought in class 5 gravel. Ms. Mark wants this improvement to stop and let it go back to its minimum maintenance condition. Ms. Marks also wanted to know if they could put a gate up-this was discussed and denied by the board per the township attorney. Jason Rosing affirmed that improvements can only be made with the approval of the township board. In addition, if there appears to be a large amount of traffic on this road, the township has a responsibility to look at the minimum maintenance status. A road can be designated minimum maintenance when it does not have a large amount of traffic. It is the township responsibility to ensure this status is appropriate.

The board did discuss this road and the information received from Carl Malmstrom, township attorney. Jason Rosing will reach out to Hough and discuss any improvements that have been made and also indicated no improvements can be made, moving forward without the board’s approval. In addition, the township will be adding a sign on the road designating it as minimum maintenance.

Planning and Zoning notices were as follows-the board noted no concerns about these notices and had no feedback:

15432 Summer Island Rad

11543 E Lake Eunice Road

15090 Summer Island Road

12466 Shorewood Beach Road

Gene Anderson, reached out to the township prior to the meeting but was not present, with an update on Lake Maud Trail:

* Ryan Construction has completed gravel work for the road.
* Scott Hendricks has shaped the road and he is installing signs this week.  He said he should be finished by Thursday.
* Can you schedule a time to inspect the road per the agreement?

The board will individually tour this road before the next meeting. Due to the timing and the weather, it is unclear if the board will be able to get an accurate view if the road will be up to the specs required. Heather Anderson will contact Gene Anderson and give him an update. In addition, the township will not be taking over maintenance on this road until it is ensured that the road is up to specs and can be toured.

Gene Anderson also would like the board to discuss the Windsong Development:

Becker Co Planning & Zoning called asking about a road agreement for the Windsong Development.  This road does not have a name. The developer, Roy Smith, thought it would be better if the township board decided on the name for the road.  The board discussed and looked at the Lake Eunice Map. The board is recommending this road be named-North Lake Eunice Road. Heather Anderson will reach out to Gene Anderson and advise.

The board discussed Buckhorn Road and the upcoming road project. The board would like to start the bid letting process this winter. Jason Rosing will contact Becker County Engineering to start that process. In addition, the board discussed finalizing the special assessment process. Recommendations were reviewed from Apex Engineering. The board supports a special assessment process which includes taxable market value. The board feels this could be the most equitable and also the residents that were in attendance at the last meeting were more supportive of that process. In addition, the board supports a 10-year special assessment loan at four percent interest. Heather Anderson will reach out the the auditor’s office and Apex Engineering. Jason Rosing advised that he will be in contact with Becker County Engineering.

Extraterritorial meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 30, 10 am at courthouse. Ed Clem will attend this meeting.

ARPA funding was discussed. The township has 2 estimates for townhall project, which includes the new front and back door- that are wheelchair accessible which will allow for a straight flow for elections. In addition, the proposals will include opening up the main room to allow for more square footage and also the distancing suggested for elections. The project will also allow for a handsfree style bathroom, with automatic lighting etc. The project will also include the removal of the old voting booths and repairs and painting that must be completed due to the construction. These estimates do not include the electrical work that needs to be completed. The estimates were:

Do Right -$57, 580.71

Kaiser Building-$94, 766

The board approved hiring the lowest estimate with some work being done now and the outside work being done in the spring. Heather Anderson will contact both contractors.

In addition, the board approved Heather Anderson purchasing new voting booths. These voting booths will be movable and should allow for social distancing during voting.

The board was updated about the order from Connect Interiors. We are still waiting for the clerk’s office equipment and we are hopeful that will be in soon.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:28pm by Wayne Jacobson and seconded by Al Bergquist.

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