

Minutes of
Moe Township Bd. of Supervisors
January 9, 2012
(audio recording available)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the Clerk absent. The POA was given. The agenda was modified and accepted as modified. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.) Only change was the addition of Elk Lake Rd project added by Strandskov under new business.

The minutes were accepted as E-mailed to all Board members. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.)

The Treasurer's report was given. Highlights were Nov. 2011 tax settlement and the mess that the Treasurer is going through because of the State implementing new software for their website. Botner then explained the handouts showing the budget performance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as given. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.) At this time, Johnson read the monthly claims for the Clerk. A motion was made to pay the monthly claims. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

Elk Lake Update

Bushard met with another tiling company but hasn't heard anything yet. They were Advanced Drainage out of Sauk Center. Jerry Morical asked Bushard to ride with him and inspect his field approaches as he wants to widen them. Bushard told him that if there is an existing culvert, they have to be extended and if none exist, don't worry about it. Johnson also reported that he had talked to two more tiling companies and requested quotes by the Feb. meeting.

Road report

Bushard reported on grading this fall after getting complaints. His last grading was Friday, Jan. 6, 2012. He reported that Ronnie had to put the barricades back up on East Moe Road. He also reported that he had heard that Doug Sherman's mailbox had been knocked down. As we have not plowed there, we would not be liable.

Robert Neubauer & Eldevik Survey

Johnson showed the survey which proves that Newbauer has encroached the Township ROW. Land & Resource told us to prove Newbauer is in our ROW. This we have now done. Johnson volunteers to meet with Dave Rush and will request our Commissioner, Jerry Johnson to be present. Johnson will request that the County re-imburse us for the survey. Estimate was for around \$500 for survey.

NEW BUSINESS

Rebuild Tall Timbers Road

Johnson reminded the Board that we should finish the road this spring. He suggested rip-rap or some sort of vegetation along the bank. Strandskov suggests we wait and watch this area for erosion as it is usually stagnant water and rip-rap may not be needed.

Mosquito Lane repair

Johnson reported that we have been putting this off for 3 years. The rock we added did do a great job. He suggests that we consider adding a layer of blacktop this spring. He will pursue a quote.

Shed property

Bushard reported that he had contacted the owner of the property around the shed and they explained to him that they don't know where the property lines are and there will be upcoming survey of the land. The owner asked if the township would widen our access road and wants to know if there is an easement. Roger Chlian is the new owner. Strandskov suggests that Chlian put in his own access road to his field which surrounds the shed property. They have been using our driveway to gain access to their field. The Board would like to see him put in a new approach keeping in mind the required setbacks for buildings.

Raising Elk Lake Road

Strandskov had recently driven through the whole area. He feels that there is an issue with all the tiling that has been done. This has added to the level of Elk Lake. Therefore, he would like to see the road raised up to handle the high water. Bushard thinks that another 10 inches and it would run over land in a different spot. Johnson cautions the Board that if we raise the road, we need to get permission for a natural outlet for future high water. Because raising the road would just move the problem. Strandskov maintains that the heavy rains have not caused the problem since 1969. Bushard verbally estimated loads of rock, class V, etc. if Saathoff could do the project this summer. This would be to raise the road approximately 3 feet. The consensus of the Board is that Saathoff could probably build the road with the addition of different grades of fill and rock. Bushard agreed to get some quotes for material to raise the road.

Budget meeting scheduling

Johnson reported that because of scheduling conflicts, the only date that will work is Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 8:00 am at the office of the Clerk. No public input will be taken.

Announcements & Correspondence

Johnson gave the monthly letters, upcoming meetings and announcements, etc.

Date, Time & Place of February meeting

Note: This meeting will begin with the annual Board of Audit. Botner reported that she wouldn't be back until later in February. After much discussion, it was decided that the Board will meet on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Hall. Botner doubts that she will be able to make it but will have whatever she has available with the time allotted. Johnson agreed to call both Fire Departments to find out what they expect for levies in 2013.

Public Input

Huettl asked about the first payment on the new grader. Strandskov reported that the loan interest is only 2.1% and we will pay this loan monthly.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk