

Unofficial Minutes of
Moe Twp Board of Supervisors
September 1, 2015 (audio recording available)

The meeting was called to order by Bushard. All members of the Board were in attendance. The POA and introductions were given.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. (m- Krafthefer, s- Johnson, v- unan)

A motion was made to approve the minutes. (m- Johnson, s- Krafthefer, v- unan)

The Treasurer's report was given. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report. (m- Johnson, s- Krafthefer, v- unan)

The monthly claims were read by the Clerk. A motion was made to accept the claims. (m- Krafthefer, s- Johnson, v- unan)

OLD BUSINESS

Tall Timbers & Moe Hall Road Feasibility Petition Results

Bill Leuthner explained that to be a valid petition the petition must be signed by the land owners of at least 35% of the linear frontage of the roads listed on the petition. After reviewing the petition signatures the results were as follows: 39,978 total linear feet, 12,433 linear feet were "yes" votes for the petition (32%), and 26,545 linear feet were "no" votes (68%).

A few items that have been discovered is that one of the yes votes, from Zarbok is not valid as he has an easement but owns no property along the road, Another was Bitzan who has 66 feet of frontage and was excluded from the initial parcel listing. These changes along with several properties changing hands did not change the total number of parcels, still 100, but there are only 82 landowners, 47 of which had signed the petition.

The cost of the project as it stands today with no buffer for unforeseen expenses is at \$4,100 per parcel. If a 10% buffer was added to it for contingencies the cost would be over \$4,500 per parcel which has the board questioning whether that would exceed the increase in property value the road improvement would bring to every parcel. Because many of these parcels are different sizes how many appraisals would need to be done to validate the property value increase. The township was looking to assess the project out equally per parcel whether it has 100 foot road front or a quarter mile of frontage. Bill Leuthner explained that the township could only assess an amount to up to the increase in property value caused by completing the road project. Bill also asked an appraiser if he thought that the \$4,100 was a reasonable amount for the property to increase due to such a project – the appraiser was hesitant to make such a statement due to all the variables in this particular situation.

Additionally, Tall Timbers Court has come into question but it is NOT a township road. It was dedicated but the township did not accept it during the December 7th, 1999 meeting because it was not up to spec.

Another issue that was discovered this month is that the Township's insurance company, Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust has stopped covering litigation expenses due to 429 project assessment challenges because they have had so many challenges on these types of projects in recent years. This would mean that the Township would be on its own to cover such litigation fees and damages. These challenges would come after the assessments had been determined and there would not be a way for the Township to charge these additional expenses back to the project's landowners.

Input/questions were taken from the public regarding what should be included or excluded, how it should be assessed, safety concerns and speed limits.

Johnson made a motion not to accept the road improvement petition because it did not meet the required minimum of 35% of the linear feet (statute 429.031 sub 1F) and the fact that our insurance company will not cover 429 project assessment challenges. It was seconded by Krafthefer. With Bushard abstaining.

Road Report

Bushard talked to Paz Excavating about Peterson's culvert, Minister Lake and the culvert on Wolf Lake Road. Johnson had also talked to Paz regarding the turn around on Brandt's Beach Road.

Gravel Update

All roads have now had new gravel applied to them. Now we are just calling for gravel here and there as needed.

Rip Rap Update

Johnson filled out the DNR application to rip-rap Mill Lake.

Town Hall Study Update

We will take a look at the Pioneer Park facility to see if that would meet our needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Shed Roof Leak

The shed roof is leaking – we suspect it is the ridge cap. Johnson will get quotes to fix it.

Second Snow Plow Operator

We are looking for a second snow plow driver. We will ask Shane if he's interested in coming back.

Fall Spraying of Town Hall

Egenes will call Godfathers and Plunkett's to get a quote for fall spraying of the hall.

Announcements and Correspondence

The correspondence for the month was read.

October Meeting Time and Place

It was agreed by all that the next month's meeting would be 7:00PM on Monday, October 5th.

Public Input

The board was asked if we could still add the 4 inches of class V with the Base One product if we don't move ahead with the road improvement project up through applying chip seal. One concern is that just gravel with Base One may not be able to be assessed since that may not increase property values at all.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Todd Egenes, Clerk

Chairperson_____