

# Oxford township Regular Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Hagan. Roll call was taken with Sandy, Mike, Harlan, Peggy, and Linnea present. Minutes of the last meeting were read with Mike approving them, and Sandy Hagan seconding them. Peggy gave a treasurers report with an itemized list of bills paid. Mike made a motion to accept, and Harlan seconded it

## **Roads**

1. Typo Creek Drive update
  - a. MSA updated the board on their efforts to determine if the consolidation was as heavy as in the original Geotech report. The new Geotech firm working with MSA wants to perform their own boring. So far, due to the weather, they have not been able to do this. Chuck handed out cost projections using the estimated original 7 feet of consolidation, and the grant will not cover this. But Chuck said that there is an option to ask for more grant money and that in the past, the DNR has awarded money to projects that cost more money than anticipated. Mike asked when we need to apply for that. Chuck said that we need to apply when we bid the job, if the amount is over grant. Mike Miller made a motion to continue with the project. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
2. Towing resolution authorized by township at the March Annual meeting
  - a. Mike Miller made a motion to adopt the resolution for the towing ordinance. Sandy seconded the motion. Linnea will file with the county 19-02
3. Rick got all the roads graded. Depending on how much snow we get, Rick will have the plows running as needed. Mike updated the board on the township paving plan. Elmcrest and Typo Creek Drive will be done in 2020 (2 miles of roads). Baylor ST NE and 245<sup>th</sup> Ave NE will be put off until 2021. Sandy,

Harlan, and Mike will meet with Linwood to see if that works with their road plan. On Baylor Street NE, the board is looking at doing an assessment of the property at the time of paving.

### **Old Business**

1. Fire District update
  - a. Al Jankovich presented. He said that there has been a lot of high profile fires in Isanti county in the last couple of months so he is making the rounds and checking in with all the townships. The hot button topic for Oxford township was the bill sent to Waterview kennels after their fire. There was a lot of discussion around how to pay for personnel and equipment for special situations. Mike is concerned that the fees are fair and equitable and asked if the fire department also charges for accidents that require a longer time investment. Al stated that Isanti fire does not charge for medical calls. Steve Kingsbury suggested that the district have a sort of rainy day fund that we can draw on instead of billing someone. He also asked if it was an option for Oxford to have a fund that covers our residents if we need over 8 hours of fire support. Rick Keller was at the meeting and said that Stacy-Lent does not charge for fires, even the more labor intensive ones. The township will continue to explore options for resident assistance during upcoming meetings.
2. The supervisors voted to sign the partnership Agreement between the Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District and Oxford Township for 2019 Oxford Township Water Resources Monitoring. Linnea will send signed copy to Tiffany Determann. Pat asked how many years the contract is good for- Mike said that we gave a 10 year commitment, but the contract is renewed annually. Once the 10 years is done, we will skip for 5 years. They need to monitor for 10 years to get the baseline.
3. Zoning:

At the March zoning meeting, the request of James and Carolyn Zaccone of Kozy Oaks to create a lot with less than the required rear lot width of 400' was discussed. Sandy was at the meeting and said that the township wants the quality of the lake to be maintained. This will be discussed again at the April 11 zoning meeting. Needs to be done under the current regulations. One of the Oxford supervisors will try to be present at the April 11 meeting.

### **New Business**

1. Linnea sent the 2018 Levy information from March annual meeting to Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer. Oxford's total levy is \$319,742.58
2. Zoning- There are two Oxford township proposals that will be presented at the Isanti County Planning Commission meeting held Thursday April 11 at 7 pm in the county board room of the Isanti County Government Center:  
First, the continuation of the Kozy Oaks request to create a lot with less than the required rear width of 400 feet, and second a request by Keith Chmielewski for an interim use permit for an extended home occupation conducted with an accessory structure for the storage of display fireworks. Our supervisors had no opposition to this request.
3. Recent Oxford permits granted by Isanti County were shared with the supervisors. In March and early April, there were 3 permits granted to Oxford township residents: one for a deck, one for re-siding, and one for a house addition.
4. Mike Miller made a motion to approve the Oxford township website annual fee of \$110.87. Sandy seconded the motion. Steve Kingsbury asked if there is a link to Anderson Park. Linnea said she thought there was a link, but that she will double check.
5. Oxford received a thank you notes from Isanti Safety and Rescue for the approval of the contract for services money.
6. MAT Spring short course: Peggy and Linnea attended March 26 in St. Cloud. Linnea brought in the invasive weeds booklet for township. Also, Oxford has been asked to review the map of Oxford that is currently on website for accuracy.

7. Bi-annual weed ID and training seminar was held on March 29, 2019 from 1:00-3:30pm at the Isanti County Government Center Main Board Room and was attended by 3 Oxford board members!
8. There will be a safety meeting at the Isanti County government center on Friday May 17, 2019, Mike can't attend, but asked if any of the other supervisors could go.
9. Sandy mentioned that the township needs to buy more swing away mail boxes.
10. The township officers meeting will be held on 4/25 at 7 pm at the Isanti County government center.
11. Pat Davis reminded the board that Maurie Anderson brought up his invasive weed problem at the annual meeting, and that he doesn't want them sprayed, but would prefer the mowing option. Mike said that they learned at the invasive weed seminar that sometimes spraying is better, sometimes cutting, but that they need to know what weed it is. Sandy will go look at what is on Furman.

Mike Miller made a motion to adjourn and Harlan Bellin seconded the motion

Respectfully submitted,

Linnea Lentz

Oxford Clerk

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