

Regular Meeting Minutes

Hybrid meeting

August 16, 2022

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance, and Chairman Sandy Hagan called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with Mike, Sandy, Harlan, Peggy, and Linnea present. Minutes of the last meeting were read with Mike Miller approving them, and Harlan Bellin seconding them. Peggy gave a treasurer's report with an itemized list of bills paid. Mike made a motion to accept, and Sandy seconded it.

Roads

1. MSA updates – James gave an update on a brief conversation MSA had with the contractor for Brian Swanson. Basically, they are still working on the schedule for when they start the development but once started, James will be onsite to make sure that they are following our specs. Mike asked James about doing some core samples on our roads. The estimate is about \$800 to have James look at our road specs and confirm that the township is getting what we are expecting even on our gravel roads, not just blacktop.
2. Dust Suppressant lessons learned. There were many Oxford residents in attendance to discuss the dust suppressant that was placed on our gravel roads last month. Dan, from DustLock was on the Zoom call to answer questions about the product and talk about his experience with this soybean byproduct over the last 25 years. Mike asked if the product has been used with sand before, and Dan replied that if the resource in an area is sand, that's what they have used in past. Rick Miller, an Oxford resident that lives on Pigeon Loft Road brought up that after application on the road, his car started vibrating and he shared photos of his car with the buildup that was present underneath and in the wheel wells. Rick stated that he has significant costs associated with trying to get the residue/sand mix removed from his car. Peggy Nelson stated that 259th has the same issue and she has taken her car to 9 car washes, and finally did try Dawn

with some success. However, the wheel wells remain full and she needs it cleaned. Many other people in attendance also spoke up with varying levels of issues with their vehicles. Linnea collected the names of everyone with concerns and these names are listed in Appendix A. Mike Miller then described the supervisor's response to the immediate problem. The day after Rick Miller contacted the board with concerns, Oxford reacted with laying down chip, grading and packing the road. The supervisors also opted to take the outside shoulders that weren't sprayed, and pack it as a mitigation strategy. Mike asked those present at the meeting if all that work helped the situation. Rick thinks it started to help the situation, but there is still an issue on Pigeon Loft road. Jen Perkins asked if there a better alternative for dust suppression. Mike said that the answer depends on who you ask. The board was trying to balance dust concerns with cost and an environmentally friendly option. Mike Miller said that the township has already spread this product on almost 2.5 miles of our township roads including a mile on 259th, ½ mile on Baylor, and a mile on Pigeon Loft. Mike Miller made a motion to expedite necessary work on the roads without bidding it out. Harlan second the motion and the motion passed. Mike Miller then addressed the issue of compensation for cleaning up vehicles. Mike is willing to contact our township attorney to see if there is anything that can be done, and will have an answer by next month's regular meeting. James Watters recommended an inspection at this point and will coordinate with Mike to have someone present during the roadwork later this month. Finally, Dan mentioned that when he was spreading the oil, many vehicles passed him traveling at a high rate of speed on Pigeon Loft. Mike Miller closed out the conversation to summarize that the soybean oil product isn't the root cause of the problem. Potential contributing factors seem to be how it was applied, conditions of the road, traffic, and the heavy rain soon after application. Immediately following the meeting, Supervisor Mike Miller sent out a nice

summary of the meeting conversation via email. This summary is included in Appendix B.

3. Sean McLaughlin from 266th was in attendance and asked for signoff on a driveway permit. In addition, he asked about the process of buying the road and our board advised that he talk to his neighbors before making a final decision.
4. Mike Miller asked Bart if he can take care of tree trimming on Buster's road and 253rd.
5. Mike Miller received a call from a concerned resident on 253rd regarding the quality of the road and unhappiness with the grading being done. Mike Miller made a motion to have Bart grade 253rd starting in the month of September. Harlan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business

1. Harlan gave an update on the fire district. There were 100 runs in June, and they are working to fix cracks in the parking lot of station 3. The next meeting is tomorrow night.
2. Oxford-Linwood town line road resolution- Mike went through the formal agreement regarding our shared road with Linwood. Mike will send this to Linwood township for approval and comments. Mike also informed the board that Lent township is joining with the City of Stacy by end of this year.
3. Peggy has requested a new door knob for the town hall. Mike stated that he will fix the front door before Oxford's next meeting

New Business

1. Township Insurance- Dawn Zimmerman will be coming to the next meeting to talk about what they can offer the township for insurance. MATIT insurance is sanctioned by the state of MN, and currently provides our township with insurance. Linnea will put her on the agenda.
2. Election Results
 - a. 180 voters from Oxford.

- b. Linnea stated that we will need more election judges trained for the November general election.
3. Oxford filing-
- a. Supervisor A- Mike Miller
 - b. Supervisor C- Chilton Hagan, Jen Perkins, and Pat Davis
 - c. Treasurer- no one has filed

Mike Miller made a motion to adjourn and Harlan Bellin seconded the motion, motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linnea Lentz
Oxford Clerk
August 16, 2022

Appendix A

Peggy Nelson
Rick Miller
Michael Buckley
Noreen McGuire
Susan Flannigan
Adam Petty
Bob Generous

Appendix B

The concern at this point is after it rains the residue from the oil and sand is still binding on some vehicles traveling on Pigeon Loft Road. Some more than others and this could be from several factors such as but not limited to, speed, tire design, aerodynamics of the vehicle and weather. It was also noted that the dust reduction has improved livability for those living close to the road. A side note, our postal carrier has expressed her gratitude for the improvement to all of the roads we have treated. She travels our roads every day with window down no air conditioning and really experiences the full effects of dust from our roads every day on all of our roads. Her vehicle is remarkably clean with little if any residue on or under it.

On August 29 we will be applying approximately 1" of 3/8 traprock to the top surface of Pigeon Loft Road. This will be applied by Dan from Dust-Lock with his truck. The traprock will be transported to the dead end "turnaround" and stockpiled by Beach Transportation, some of this may happen prior to August 29 or the day of. Bart will have the following equipment on location and provide the following services, loader for filling Dans Truck, grader with scarifier and packer. After thinking about this last night, I think Bart blades the road before we start to add additional rock, no packing. This should open the surface and help the rock chips bind with the exciting road

top. After the topping is complete a light blading to ensure the surface is smooth and packing at the same time.

We should have people as in Oxford Township to control traffic at the beginning of the road to have traffic drive slow. Sandy and Harlin? I will put out traffic cones on each driveway that morning reminding residents what is happening and to use caution and slow down if traveling on the road.

The end goal is to have a hard rock surface binding with the existing surface, minimizing fine particles and oil from floating to the surface when vehicles travel on the road. This may increase the dust but hopefully not as bad.

Once more, Thank you for understanding and giving a big effort in improving the living conditions on Pigeon Loft Road.

Mike Miller