

**Oxford Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
February 9, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Sandy Hagan with Sandy Hagan, Mike Miller, Linnea Lentz, and Peggy Nelson present. The clerk's report was read with Mike Miller making a motion to accept and Sandy Hagan seconding the motion. Peggy Nelson gave a treasurer's report, and a motion to accept was made by Mike Miller and seconded by Sandy Hagan.

Roads

1. James Watters gave an update on Typo Creek Drive work and asked if the township had any concern over Dressl installing the culvert during the winter when the water flow is lower. Since the road will have to be closed for 1-2 days, Sandy requested that signs go up ahead of time to notify the public that the road will be closed. James will keep Oxford updated with emails to let us know when this will happen.
2. James submitted the draft LRIP application for Baylor using input from the supervisors, and he has spoken with Pam Olsen from Linwood township. Linwood will pass a resolution of support to include with the application.
 - a. The supervisors have reviewed the resolution 2021-02, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR PAVING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON BAYLOR ST NE/245TH AVE NE. This resolution states that the money awarded is only to be used for only to be used for construction, not engineering costs. Mike Miller made a motion to approve, resolution 2021-02 and Sandy Hagan seconded the motion. Mike described that this grant is to help fund roads of regional significance, and Baylor is getting used more and more as a throughway. If Oxford township gets this grant, we will be one of a handful if projects that is funded. James asked that we send a copy of the signed resolution by tomorrow morning.

3. Rick Keller was on the zoom call, and Mike asked Rick if he was able to share his GPS monitoring records. Rick mentioned that Sandy has the tracking reports. Bart Perkins also ran a GPS monitoring record for Oxford township and shared his screen with the results for when he plowed the roads. Rick and Bart discussed which type of device is better for the cold weather, and it seems that a magnetic device is better. Mike has asked Sandy to share Rick's reports once he has them organized. This is to help baseline costs between different service providers. Mike thanked both Rick and Bart for the work they have done to keep the roads clear. Oxford will continue to look at best options for road maintenance.
4. There are dead trees on the left side of the road on Pigeon Loft. Since STS is not operating during COVID, we may need to hire someone to cut them down. Mike will try to get a signed letter from the property owners within the next couple of months to cover the legal liabilities.

Old Business

1. There were no Isanti Area Joint Fire Districe updates. The supervisors will request that minutes be sent to oxfordtownship@outlook.com so the board has visibility to the minutes.
2. Charlene Albright was on the call to talk about her experience applying for a kennel permit at the county. On January 14, 2021 she applied for a variance with the goal of obtaining a kennel license for senior dog rescue. Accepting these dogs in her home means they are not euthanized. The variance was denied based on having homes too close. She was surprised by the result because other Isanti county residents with similar requests were granted variances. One of the findings from the county cited that the neighbors were too close, and barking dogs would be a problem. Charlean has countered by pointing out that old dogs mostly sleep and eat and do not bark much. In addition, she has 19 signatures from neighbors supporting her mission. Charlean invited Sandy Hagan to her home and he verified that the dogs appeared comfortable and well loved. Charlean is asking Oxford township for a letter of support as she applies for a permit again. Mike Miller made a motion that supervisor Hagan put together a letter of support from the township for Charlean's next permit application. Sandy seconded the motion.
3. Brian Swanson attended the zoom call to present changes in the revised plat to the board to see if Oxford township had any objections to the plat before the variance

goes before the county for approval. There were some recommendations from our supervisors with respect to proposed lot access. Mike Miller set up time to meet with Brian at the county and at the property to go over specific details.

4. Sandy Hagan attended the county Broadband meeting on January 22. He said that not a lot was decided, but there will be another township broadband discussion on February 19, 2021 from 2:30-4:00 via zoom that he plans to attend.

New Business

1. Isanti County Zoning meeting Thursday February 11, 2021 at 9 am
 - a. Brain and Lisa Swanson revised plat- They are requesting a variance from the county. All neighbors have received notification of the zoom call. Mike will also try to attend as there are 5 extra lots that concern Mike.
2. Steve Kingsbury asked what is happening with the annual meeting next month. Mike replied that we still won't be holding a meeting in person, and that it will be via Zoom. The board discussed how to best notify the township residents and decided that we will publish notice through ECM, send postcards with the meeting information, and post on Oxford township's website. Mike Miller made a motion that we set aside money to print postcards and mail them to township residents. Sandy seconded the motion. Linnea will take care of posting the notices and sending out postcards.

Mike Miller made motion to adjourn, and Sandy Hagan seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Linnea Lentz
Oxford township Clerk
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