

Regular Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
January 11, 2022

The Virtual Zoom meeting was called to order by Chairman Sandy Hagan. Roll call was taken with Sandy, Mike, Peggy, and Linnea attended using Zoom. Harlan attended via phone connection. Minutes of the last meeting were read with Mike Miller approving them, and Harlan Bellin seconding the motion. Following the clerk's report, Peggy gave a treasurer's report with an itemized list of bills paid. Mike Miller made a motion to approve the report and Harlan seconded the motion.

Roads

1. James Watters was on the call to give an update from MSA. The Typo Creek Drive project is mostly complete, final acceptance form from State aid has been received and the final pay request was sent to Isanti County to be processed. Regarding Baylor, James reminded the board that task order 3 has the Baylor cost estimates on it. The survey and design estimate for Baylor is around \$30,000 with a total cost of roughly \$260,000. Oxford will be receiving some money, but with these costs it still looks like the residents may need to contribute some money. James asked for clarification on if we are waiting to move on Baylor until we understand the funding better, or if he should go ahead and solicit bids. Based on the many unknowns, it was decided we will revisit this next month.
2. The board continued discussion on snow plow policy/resolution and Mike will look up the statute and start a resolution for February. Lent township has a policy and Rick Keller mentioned that the township works with the sheriff to issue a citation for collecting the money. Bob Kollmer asked about how the county handles this as he has noticed that there are residents that plow across county road 20. Mike will talk to the county and reach out to the sheriff's department and we will re-visit in February.

3. Rick said roads are looking good with the plowing. He is trying to keep Typo clean so the sun can melt the snow, and James asked if it has been hard to clear with all the amount of shade along that road. Mike mentioned that he has been on Typo recently and Oxford's side of the road is looking a lot better than Linwood's portion.

Old Business

1. Isanti County Planning commission hearing is at 6 pm January 13 at the Isanti County Government Center. Agenda items of interest are listed below:
 - a. Organizational meeting
 - b. Draft accessory dwelling unit. Mike made a motion that any additional dwelling unit should be no more than 800 square feet, and should also have Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards incorporated into the floor plan. Furthermore, the current residence needs to be the primary dwelling even after the accessory dwelling is constructed. Sandy Hagan seconded the motion. Linnea will send an excerpt of these minutes to the county so they have visibility to our motion regarding accessory dwellings.
 - c. Don John plat- Lyons addition. Mike has not seen the new plat which has now been divided up into several parcels. He suggested tabling the discussion until Oxford has the ability to review the latest plat.
2. Harlan gave an update from last month's fire district meeting. They are looking to hire 5 new people and the next meeting is one week from tomorrow night at Station 1.
3. Contract for services
 - a. Amount available- \$4,030.10
 - b. Non Profits requesting money- Family Pathways, Isanti Safety and Rescue, Viking Vittles, and Cambridge Food Shelf.
Mike would like to include the Seven County Sr. Federation, the Historical society, and the Isanti county ag society. He recommended that we divide the money based on last year's amounts. Mike made a motion to have Peggy and Linnea divide the money. Harlan seconded the motion.

- c. For reference, the 2021 contract for services amounts are listed below:
Family Pathways- \$500, Veterans Memorial park-\$500, Viking Vittles- \$250, Isanti County 4-H- \$250, Isanti County Ag Society- \$250, Isanti County Historical Society- \$250, Seven County Senior Federation- \$250, Isanti County Safety and Rescue- \$500, Second Harvest Heartland-\$720.
Total= \$3470.00
4. Clerk and Treasurer deputy position updates. Sara Winkel reached out to Linnea to let her know that she is going back to school and will not have the time to act as deputy clerk.

New Business

1. Tiffany Determan sent the township another Natural Environment Lakes video featuring Oxford township lakes. Linnea played the video for visibility.
2. Steve Kingsbury reported that Friends of Anderson Park has applied for \$700,000 so that everything proposed in the long range plan except the interpretive center will be funded. The park will have substantial improvement over the next 2 years, including a fenced in 5 acre off leash dog park fenced in. Mike mentioned that there is nice article in last week's county news. He also pointed out that Oxford's initial investment will have kick started almost 5.5 million dollars of funding that has been invested in our township. Thousands of people visit the park every month and many of them are Oxford residents. Mike asked Steve to express the board's appreciation to Barry next time he sees him.
3. Steve Kingsbury asked if the township is still looking to divide fire service for the township. Mike said that we are still having discussions with Linwood township but that, as is common for many entities, they are having a hard time maintaining and keeping staff. Mike is seeing that there is a statewide problem with respect to find labor and have reasonable response times, especially in rural areas.

Mike Miller made a motion to adjourn, and Harlan Bellin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linnea Lentz, Oxford Clerk
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