

# Regular Meeting Agenda

July 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by chairman Sandy Hagan with all board members present. The clerk's report was read and a motion for approval was made by Mike Miller. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion. Peggy gave a treasurer's report with a motion for approval by Mike Miller that was seconded by Sandy Hagan.

## **Roads**

1. Typo Creek Drive updates
  - a. Mike has not gotten ahold of everyone on the list that Joe Pelawa provided Oxford township, but he expects to have more answers by the next meeting. At this time, he is working on making sure we can secure the money that was awarded to make the road safer. Tentatively, the new plan is to move the road back to where it was and widen it a bit. Bob Kollmer asked if Bolton and Menk give us a break on the work done for Oxford so far. Mike said it was not likely, and partially our fault for not looking at what they were doing. The other part of the fault is with Bolton and Menk for trying to put a super highway in where there didn't need to be one. Bob was curious to know where Joe made his mistake to be so far off from the bids that came in. Mike thinks that the blacktop timeline was so far out that all the contractors put higher numbers on it to make sure to cover their costs. A second issue was that the new road plan was moved further to the west than we had planned which required more tree removal. At any rate, Mike plans to talk to the key person at the state to know what we can and can't do to qualify for the funding. Bottom line is that Oxford will not be going through a middle man moving forward.
2. Road conditions
  - a. Roads are decent. Central Applicators sprayed the township, and covered most of the sections that had noxious weeds. Mike was surprised that the application eradicated everything within 30 hours. He thought that the

grass would survive. Mike is going to look for something that kills knapweed, and not the grass. Sandy thought we were going to be more selective about what was being eradicated. He also saw them spray through the wetlands. They came in below their estimate of \$10,000. Mike would like another tour with Darrick this fall. Darrick has some biocontrol bugs to release for leafy spurge.

### **Old Business**

1. Donald John plat
  - a. Supervisors reviewed the plat. Oxford will not allow all the driveways to come on to Lyons. Mike is asking for smaller lots, and to cluster the houses to the north. In addition, we can't approve any plat until they correct the issue with the son's garage. Once that is fixed we will work with the county and developers to put in a blacktop road. Donald John asked what happens if they would rather do the campground instead of development. Mike said they need county approval for that. Trina, Holly, Mike, and developer should meet at the county to see how many driveways could go onto the township road. Mike can meet with them at Isanti county in the next couple of weeks. Lent township plans to blacktop Lyons, but not this year yet. Mike brought up the fact that historically in our township, if you do the road correctly the lots will sell for good money referencing the Graphic Homes development. Mike recommended seeking out someone who is an expert on development since they are doing a substantial building plan.
2. Request of Reliable Land and Trust to restore a building right to a property that was previously deemed non-buildable within a variance request dated October 27, 1981. Isanti County Board of Adjustment meeting June 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. The building right was restored, and 4 houses will be built in Oxford township on this parcel.
3. IAJFD update
  - a. Rodeo took place last weekend

- b. 99 runs logged last month, of which 13 were fires. This is a 19% increase over last year.
  - c. The district received a grant for breathing apparatus that can fill breathing tanks up to 6500 lbs. The plan is to keep all the tanks at Station 1, since a safety enclosure is required. The old equipment will go on Craig's list.
  - d. The Green Lake money recovery has been going on since June 2017, and the district has finally accepted they won't get paid.
4. Oxford town hall sign
- a. New sign is done and looks great! Cost was \$193.00.
5. Flower fund
- a. Mike talked to the MAT attorneys- not many townships have anything for this. They recommended that the township should define how the person served the township, and which roles and/or family members qualify for receiving flowers. Harlan made a motion that it should be a former member of the board or a husband or wife thereof. Mike Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.
6. Isanti County News paper delivery to Oxford residents.
- a. Multiple people talked have talked to staff at the Isanti County News, and they claim the Stacy post office is to blame for not delivering the paper. Isanti County News said they have an agreement with the Isanti post office, but not with Stacy. Sandy will talk to the Stacy postmaster to see if they will deliver the paper.

#### **New Business**

1. Oxford needs to move our August 14 township meeting due to primary election.
- a. The supervisors decided the August meeting will be held August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm. Linnea will post notice of meeting change in the Isanti County News and the Scotsman.
2. Linnea will post notice in the Isanti County News and Scotsman for two supervisor positions and the treasurer position. The filing period will open Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup> and close Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Notice was approved and Linnea will post.

3. Steve Kingsbury asked that we have a key that would define the abbreviations in the minutes (MAT, IAJFD, SWCD, MATIT, etc). Linnea will include a key in the minutes for the abbreviations.
4. Steve Kingsbury also mentioned that there are 6 oaks that are dead near Pigeon Loft Road. He asked the supervisors if he could just cut them down. Mike said rather than him take the liability, place tape around the trees to be taken down and George from Sentence to Serve will take care of it. Sandy would also like George to cut some of the trees overhanging the roads. Sandy and Mike will drive around and mark the trees to be trimmed.
5. Mike asked Harlan if he would be willing to mow the ditches for Oxford.

Sandy Hagan made a motion to adjourn Mike Miller seconded the motion

Abbreviation key:

IAJFD- Isanti Area Joint Fire District

ISWCD-Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District

MAT- Minnesota Association of Townships

MATIT- Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust