

**Oxford Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting
June 8, 2021**

The Hybrid Zoom meeting was called to order by chairman, Sandy Hagan. Roll call was taken with Sandy, Mike, Harlan, and Linnea present at the town hall, and Peggy attending via Zoom. Minutes of the last meeting were read with Mike approving them, and Sandy Hagan seconding them. Following the clerk's report, Vicki Nielson asked what was meant by broadband. Mike said that all townships are looking for better connectivity, and since technology is changing so fast, we are looking at options to provide better coverage for the township. Vicki also asked if Rick Keller was still working for the township. Mike said that he is still doing our road maintenance, but that Bart Perkins was awarded the road work for 259th and 253rd. Peggy gave a treasurer's report with an itemized list of bills paid. Mike made a motion to accept, and Harlan Bellin seconded it.

Next Mark Robbins gave a brief Logitech system update and said that any time we need help, we should feel free to contact him. He also reported that the wait time for conference room solutions is even longer now, and that he doesn't see the hybrid situation going away any time soon.

Roads

1. James Watters gave a Typo Creek Drive update and a lot has happened since early May. NTI gave the contractor the go ahead to take the surcharge material off so the surcharge was removed and that material was used to widen the road to the south. Typo was closed Tuesday after Memorial day so they could widen the road. After that, Class 5 was brought in, then asphalt, and one base is on the entire road now. James cautioned that the road may still settle in that area and cracks may develop after a couple of years so the township should start to budget for road maintenance. He recommended that we reach out to the county for one of the crack and seal programs

- a. Approve Contractor Pay application #5 for the Typo Creek Drive NE Improvements Project. Pay application #5 is for all the work that James mentioned above, and some additional work that was done in the winter months. Change order document 1 needs to be signed as well, and Linnea will scan and send to James once Sandy signs the documents.
2. James also gave an LRIP update to say that we did not get the funding. Mike asked him to get more details on where Oxford ranked to see if we were close to the top or to understand what to do so we can be successful next time.

Old Business

1. Harlan gave the Fire District update. There were 72 runs in April, and Steve Kingsbury asked if our Fire department has an EMS truck. Mike said our fire department is first responder only, not ambulance and that North Branch EMS would be the responding provider if an ambulance is needed.
2. MSA had a chance to review the Graphic Homes Birch Lake Shores plat. James has not heard anything back since they sent a review to Kyle in mid May.
3. Harlan reported that Mark Bellin is done hauling from his gravel pit and all the black dirt is all gone. Most of the recycle is gone, and there are only a few loads left so random trucks may come through to get the last 50 loads. Mike said that he and Sandy were on the road last week, and they witnessed the trucks were traveling west out of 259th.
4. The supervisors reported that Memorial weekend there was a white truck was out in front of the hall. Afterward, Sandy picked up some beer cans and cigarette butts from the parking area. Harlan mentioned that the town hall yard looks nice.
5. Charlene Albright's second request for a kennel permit from the county was accepted.

New Business

1. Toni and Don John presented a plat with a 10 acre property split. Don John went over the plat with the supervisors. Linnea will send the plat and the paperwork to MSA for review and the township will discuss in July.

2. Danielle attended the meeting to report that the Little Free Library is now up and running at the township! She and her husband waterproofed the cabinet, and set it up at the hall. She asked if the township wants a sign out that says little free library, and mentioned that it can also be registered online. Mike said to go ahead and put a sign up, and to register with the organization.

3. Vicki asked about what is going on with the fire department and Oxford township with respect to the contract. Sandy said he has not had a chance to attend the fire district meetings. The next fire district meeting is a week from tomorrow night at station 3. Mike reiterated his stand that he does not want residents to pay more taxes for a service we are already paying for which prompted a lively discussion. It was also suggested that Sandy should talk to the chief of Linwood township now that Typo Creek Drive is almost completed to see what sections of Oxford they are willing to service.

Mike Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted
Linnea Lentz,
Oxford Clerk
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