

Oxford Township Regular Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting
November 9, 2021

The Hybrid Zoom meeting was called to order by Chairman Sandy Hagan. Roll call was taken with Sandy and Mike present at the town hall. Harlan attended via phone connection, and Linnea, and Peggy attended using Zoom. Sandy Hagan led the pledge of allegiance. 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. Typo Creek Drive update- James reported on the final inspection notification from the state aid office, and the only comment is that we need to replace all mailboxes with swing away type mailboxes. This will have to be done before we get final agreement from state aid. James anticipated that the final pay off will be ready for approval at next month's meeting. Finally, James will continue trying to connect with Valley paving before the December meeting.
2. Mike did a road survey last week and they are in good shape considering the dry summer. Mark Faust asked if there have been any updates regarding last month's discussion on dust suppression. Mike replied that the township doesn't have enough money to do all the roads, so the board offered some other options to Oxford residents. The Minnesota Association of Township attorney recommended a subordinate taxing district as a way to get dust control faster than the township may be able provide. If 50% of neighbors on the road agree to the improvement cost, they can pay for the dust suppression on their road. Mark proposed forming a committee to help make recommendations for the new budget season with the goal of road improvement. Depending on the solution chosen, cost would be \$125,000-1,625,000 to improve all of the township roads. Solutions for Baylor were discussed and Mike said we are still looking to get a second bid for cost of blacktop. In addition, the township still plans to apply for

- grants to help offset the cost. Mark Faust suggested that we start the process of putting these numbers into the budget. Steve Kingsbury talked about how he worked with the Calcium chloride company that allowed individual homeowners to contract with them. It might be worth checking to see if that is an option with the soybean oil application.
3. With respect to the school bus driver claiming that there wasn't enough room for the bus to turn around, both Harlan, and Sandy drove over to evaluate the turnaround area. It was determined that there is enough room for a bus to turn around, and this is an issue with the school district/bus driver and not a township road issue.

Old Business

1. Isanti County Zoning- Sandy and Mike went to the last meeting and listened with interest to the additional dwelling discussion. There is still a lot of room for improvement on the current proposal. Sandy and Mike plan to go to the meeting tomorrow night to provide input.
2. IAJFD updates- The supervisors are now getting email updates from the fire district. The next meeting is at station 2 a week from tomorrow, and Harlan is hoping to be able to go.
3. Linnea talked with our Logitech technician, and he is recommending longer cables so the microphones can be positioned around the hall better. In addition, for a more permanent setup, we will need to contract an electrician for the final installation. The supervisors would still like the ability to disconnect the monitor between meetings for more secure storage. Mike talked to his security person and got an estimate for inside and outside camera installation. Due to the large size of the email estimate, the supervisors did not receive the information so Mike will re-send. We should also replace the thermostat at the hall so if it gets colder than a set threshold, phone notification will be sent.
4. Clerk and Treasurer deputy position updates- Peggy and Linnea have been actively searching for interested people to fill these positions, and will keep the board updated with progress. In the meantime, Anna is willing to help with Deputy treasurer duties.

New Business

The Highway Department Mileage Certification form is due Friday November 19th. Mike and Sandy plan to get exact measurements on our new roads before sending the form in.

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

Respectfully submitted
Linnea Lentz
Oxford Clerk
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