

Oxford Township Regular Meeting Minutes September 10, 2019

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 Harlan Bellin.

Roads

1. Typo Creek Drive update. Jim Watters from MSA shared that we have advertised for bids, which will be opened at the Oxford town hall September 17 at 11 am. So far there are about 8 contractors looking at the bidding website, and Oxford doesn't have to make a decision immediately. Linnea will post notice on the door and on our website for the bid opening as it counts as a public meeting. Jim reported that all the paperwork and permits are submitted at the county level. However, the Isanti county authorization to work in County ditch 20 form needs to be signed. Also, Sandy has to sign a new unsigned Declaration and covenant about the culvert as it needs to be notarized. Jim will send a new form out to the board members.
2. The beaver problem is temporarily resolved.
3. Culverts were placed on Buster's road and cleared just in time for all the rain.
4. Roads are in decent shape, but 263rd is getting rougher. Baylor looks great and residents are happy with the improvements.

Old Business

1. IAJFD updates- Al Jankovich came to the meeting to address the topic of the fire call charges. He reported that the district has brainstormed ways to deal with charges from calls that are exceptionally long or expensive. The outcome is that the majority of the board is in favor of charging the responsible party to cover unplanned expenses. The district has learned that the historical documents are not entirely legal and if challenged by an attorney, IAJFD could be liable for the charges that they have attempted to pass on to the responsible party. An

amendment to allow for special charges was given to the Oxford board members to review. In addition to allowing the district to charge responsible parties for service fees, the amendment describes and defines means of collecting fees if they are not paid. Mike remains concerned about the taxation without representation aspect of it. It was brought up that the joint fire district is a political subdivision of all the townships and that the amendment is not to create a new tax, it is to create the ability for the governing body to assign negligence that caused the department to go above normal firefighting methods to fight a fire. Oxford supervisors would like to show the document to our legal council, so no decisions will be made at tonight's meeting. Al reminded everyone that the next fire district meeting is next Wednesday at Station 3.

2. There were no Kennedy and Graven updates this month.
3. Sandy talked to Nate Sondrell and all emergency ID signs are up. Sandy and Nate are going to start working on Oxford street signs, but this may not get done until next year.

New Business

1. US Census Outreach Efforts in Oxford Township
 - a. Chou Moua, a Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau sent a formal request to meet with Oxford. He is hoping to schedule approximately 30 – 45 minutes to meet with us. Contact info is: chou.moua@2020census.gov; 651-324-2530. Linnea will call Chou and try to get him on the agenda for our October meeting.
2. Anderson Park's Fall Festival is Saturday September 21. This is their 10th anniversary and they are estimating 150 people.



Irving & John Anderson County Park 10th Annual Fall Festival

Saturday September 21st, 2019

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| <p>10:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 1:00 10:00 – 2:00 11:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 2:00</p> | <p>Nature Bingo, Face Painting, & Wagon Rides Wildlife Science Center Booth Canoe / Kayak Paddling (equipment provided) Rock Climbing Wall Park Master Plan Display Guided Nature Hike FREE Food & Music</p> |
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This event is sponsored by the Friends of Anderson Park, who are committed to preserving the natural beauty and primitive nature of Anderson Park.



3. Oxford 2019 Special tax settlement was \$540.83
4. Harlan would like a beaver bounty discussion placed on the agenda for our annual meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linnea Lentz
Oxford Township Clerk
September 10, 2019