

Oxford Township Regular Meeting
November 10, 2020
6:30 pm
Hybrid Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order with Linnea, Sandy, and Harlan present at the town hall. Peggy and Mike attended via Zoom. The clerk's report was read and Mike Miller made a motion to accept and Harlan Bellin seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was read and open questions regarding where to put the extra election judge costs and the plexiglass and new tables were discussed. It was decided to use CARES 2 funding for the extra judges and the plexiglass covering the voting booth surfaces. The remaining CARES funding will be used for the other items. Mike Miller approved and Sandy seconded the motion.

Roads

1. Typo Creek Drive update was given by James Watters. There was another measurement on settlement plates conducted and there has been no movement. They will repeat measurements in the spring. Currently they are having discussions with the contractor on how to keep the area between surcharge and road drained so there is not ice on that corner.
 - a. Pay request #4 was sent to township. Sandy will sign off, and James will send to county.
 - b. Sandy gave James a number for Dressl to call for the stolen data logger.
 - c. Sandy reported that the culvert on Typo Creek has a hole in it. James will give Sandy a number so he can fax photos to him.
 - d. James still owes the township a list detailing a task order plan for road improvement projects.
2. Mike Miller gave an update on the special meeting to discuss snowplow coverage for Oxford.
 - a. Linnea read off the minutes from that meeting and they have been added to Oxford township's website. The township has requested that Rick Keller add tracking devices to his equipment to record when he is on the road and how long he's been on the roads.

- b. Josh Anderson attended the meeting at the town hall to introduce himself and communicate that he would like to bid for Oxford's ditch mowing contract. Mike would like to take a road tour with Josh so he can get an idea of what the job would require.

Old Business

1. IAJFD updates

- a. The supervisors will request that electronic minutes be sent to Oxfordtownship@outlook.com moving forward.
- b. Vicki reported that last month there were several bad car accidents. There is concern that people have been taking photos at these accidents so Al Jankovich wrote a letter to the editor reminding people to be respectful.
- c. The purchase agreement for buying Station 1 is progressing. After 5 years, the police will be out and the firefighters will have the whole building. It seems that the fire district might get some credit for the previous rent paid toward the purchase price.
- d. The district has requested that Oxford township vote on the joint powers agreement tonight. Mike would prefer a discussion with the lawyers before the vote to gain better understanding of the taxing authority. The request was made for all supervisors to attend the fire district meetings to get a better understanding of what is being discussed. The question was also raised about if fire coverage should be discussed at our annual meeting in March.

2. Election results

7 judges working throughout the day with at least 5 there at all times.

675 voters registered at the beginning of the day

64 new registrations

Total registered voters in Oxford by end of day was 739.

518 in person voters. We had a line out to the road when the polls opened at 7 am, and everyone wore masks and was patient/polite, Oxford residents are awesome!

Roughly 140 absentee ballots noted in the roster. By the end of election day, there were roughly 658 votes cast in Oxford which means we had voter turnout of around 89%!

New Business

1. Pay for election judges:
 - a. Peggy benchmarked with all other townships in Isanti County and we are the absolute lowest. Mike will talk to Steve Fenske and ask if the supervisors can approve an increase in the hourly wage.
2. Security system – Tim Mattsson will connect with someone to do a walk through and help make a recommendation for our township. However, the local security companies are overwhelmed and this may take some time.
3. Linnea has set up all of the supervisor computers and they are ready for use.
4. Unfortunately no Oxford township members were able to attend the November 10 Broadband meeting at the county.
5. Mike will call the exterminator to get rid of the mice again. Also, there is a leak in the utility room. Harlan looked at the leak, and it seems when they put in the furnace they didn't take the chimney pipe out. Mike will call the guy that put in the furnace so he can fix it.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linnea Lentz
Oxford Clerk