

Regular Meeting
Oxford Township
4/11/2017

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Hagan. Roll call was taken with Sandy, Harlan, Mike, Peggy, and Linnea present. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Mike made a motion to accept and Harlan seconded it. Peggy gave a treasurers report which Mike made a motion to accept, and Harlan seconded.

Roads

1. Rick reported that margins have been pulled in on most roads to try and reclaim some of the gravel. Sandy remarked that there have been some complaints but once the reason for the ridge is explained, most people are ok with it.
2. Ed Kramer from Linwood township asked Oxford to consider placing a stop sign on Baylor and 245th to help slow down traffic on that road. Mike Miller is going to talk to Linwood supervisors to discuss if there is benefit to adding another stop sign.
3. Mike asked Rick to prepare an estimate for placing gravel on 263rd.
4. Century Link sent Oxford a letter detailing plans to run a fiberoptic cable along Typo Creek Drive. Joe will work with them to make sure that the plans align with the new road plans. Senator Mark Koran attended our meeting, and reported that broadband is a big issue for rural Minnesota. He gave an example of how Sunrise township is funding broadband for the residents. When trying to get broadband available in a community, the recommendation is to have all government bodies coordinate with each other and then work with the telecommunication companies.
5. Typo Creek Drive Updates:
 - a. Richard Heilman, Isanti County Engineer, applied for a State Aid number for our project - Isanti County is the local governing agency that State Park Road Account grant money passes through.
 - b. We are currently waiting for geotechnical information on depth of unsuitable materials (peat) to proceed with design of the roadway across the wetland area. This location did not freeze hard enough last winter for drill truck access. Currently the site is too wet for rigs to access and yet not wet enough for a boat to sample how deep the muck excavation would need to be. This information will be available within the next month, then we can finalize the road design and determine actual wetland impacts.
 - c. On April 11th there was a wetland meeting at Isanti County to go over the proposed construction and impacts for wetland permit application. At this time all agencies are supportive.
 - d. A neighborhood informational meeting should be scheduled soon.
 - e. Recommend that Oxford talk to residents along the road to see if someone is willing to sell granular material
 - f. Mike Miller made a motion to spend \$2,000 for the DNR permit to be paid when needed. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion.

Old Business

1. The emergency signs for Oxford township have been ordered, and will be installed once they arrive. Mike Miller made a motion that Sandy work with the emergency ID sign installer to inspect all other road signs in the township, and replace what is needed to get reflectivity up to current standards. Sandy seconded the motion.
2. IAJFD update: There are 0 new hires for station 3. The firefighters will be conducting more training in May and will burn down John Koecher's old house.
3. Oxford township has signed a partnership agreement between Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District for Water Resource Monitoring. The first tests will be conducted in June/July, and this report will be accessible to the public. The bill for the first quarter will be approximately \$2,800.00.
4. Sandy will review the Census 2020 information packet that Oxford received.

New Business

1. Linnea will return the levy information voted at the March annual meeting to Isanti County Auditor/Treasurer.
2. Oxford filled out contact information for the Isanti County Homeland Security and Emergency department.
3. Tim Marion presented a proposal for land acquisition in Oxford township on behalf of the MN Deer Hunter's Association. There are a number of conservation groups working with the landowner, Leann Molin. Leann's parents purchased the property in 1957, and the family has been working with the DNR for years to manage the forest. The habitat ranges from hardwood forest to wetland and will be beneficial for a variety of wildlife. The proposal will be heard next week at the county meeting, and the purchase agreement is being drafted. Oxford received a draft of a resolution stating that the township approves the acquisition of the Molin property by the DNR partnering with multiple wildlife groups. Sandy made a motion to accept resolution 01 for 2017, and Harlan Bellin seconded the motion.
4. Wade Book, a representative from the Isanti County Sheriff department was present at the meeting. Sandy talked with him about a driveway on Vassar that was built without permits. Wade also reviewed the printed year to date call log for Oxford.
5. Senator Koran gave a legislative update, stating that deadlines were moved up a month this year to make sure there is time to discuss all the issues. One of the hot topics is the aging population in Minnesota and affordable health care. They are currently working to build teams focusing on economic development, roads, and health care. These teams will go to community meetings during the first year to understand the issues and improve communication before developing plans.

6. Anoka Conservation District sent a notice to Oxford as well as affected landowners for a meeting to discuss options to improve water quality in Typo Lake.
7. The Historical Society sent the township a color printed photo of Oxford township in 1914.
8. There is a large amount of garbage being dumped in Oxford township, especially along Type Creek Drive.
9. Thank you notes from the organizations that received contract for service money will be posted.
10. The Allina Medical Emergency Services medical report for 2016 is available for interested residents to review.

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

April 11, 2017

Linnea Lentz

Oxford Clerk