

Regular Meeting
Oxford Township
4/10/2018

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Hagan. Roll call was taken with Sandy, Harlan, Mike and Linnea present. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Mike made a motion to accept and Harlan seconded it. Pat Davis, (acting treasurer) gave a treasurer's report which Mike made a motion to accept, and Harlan seconded.

Roads

1. Typo Creek Drive Updates
 - a. Town Board to Authorize the Typo Creek Project to move forward with Ordering Advertisement for Bids. The date for bid opening will be on Tuesday, June 5th at 10:30 am in order to take action at the June 12 meeting. All bids will be brought to Joe's office and will be taken to the town hall to be opened. At that time, the contract will be awarded by the township. Bob Kollmer recommended a bid meeting to make sure the specifications were clear, but Joe said that this is a pretty straightforward road project. It will be advertised in Quest and the official papers of Oxford township. Sandy will have to sign the advertisement for bids. The contract will be awarded on June 12th.
 - b. Town Board authorized a draft letter to inform residents of the upcoming activities for Typo Creek Drive. Supervisors did not have any edits to the draft letter and authorized Joe to send the letter.
 - c. DNR easement approval, needs to be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder for Isanti County. Copy to be sent back to the DNR office. Sandy will bring the letter up the county tomorrow.
2. Roads are getting rough, but nothing can be done now. Snow expected this weekend, but in case it rains Rick will have both the grader and the plow ready. Rick has done Oxford's roads for 24 years. Rick proposed a \$10.00/hour raise this year, which translates to \$1400.00/year. The board discussed the request and Harlan Bellin made a motion to accept the \$10.00/hour increase. Sandy Hagan seconded the motion and the motion passed.
3. Lent township is asking Oxford to improve our part of Elmcrest.
4. An Oxford resident (Curt) that lives on 259th attended the meeting with some questions. First question was about when the next scheduled improvement to 259th will be. The quality of the road is poor with all the truck traffic. Rick said they try to grade once a week, but doesn't always happen. Curt also asked about the trucks hauling black dirt and if there was a current permit. Mike said that excavating permits don't expire, but can't be transferred. Mike also let Curt know that we don't govern black dirt permits, and recommended that he contact Trina at Isanti County. Curt requested that the road get graded more often. Mike stated that there is a chance that we will have money to put limerock down on the road to improve the weakest section. Lime holds the road together better, but the downside is that the road is dustier. Curt's last request was if the township could put a speed limit on the road. Mike stated that there is interest, but in order to

post a speed limit the state has to certify the proposed limit which is almost impossible. Mike told Curt to circle back later in the summer to see where the road budget is.

Old Business

1. Whispering Pines
 - a. Final plat – Mike Miller made a motion to approve Cliff’s Whispering Pines final plat. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion and the motion passed. Linnea will send excerpt of minutes stating approval to Trina Bergloff. Mike asked Tom to move the sign to the other side of the power line as it is currently on the neighbor’s property.
 - b. Baylor street improvement discussion will be put off until next month’s meeting.
2. IAJFD
 - a. Calls are up 4% from last year
 - b. They received a couple of grants for updating equipment
 - c. On April 14th the fire district will burn down a house on 165th . Also, IAJFD burned down a house next to Anderson Park last month
 - d. Still negotiating lease with City of Isanti, but the proposed raise in rent is too much

New Business

1. Central Applicators representatives (Heath Farnam and Bryan Bruenig) attended the meeting to give a presentation on noxious weed and brush control. Heath discussed weeds that are on the eradicate and control list for Minnesota. He has driven around the township and noted we have diverse rights of way. He also noted that we don’t always have the full right of way- crops or trees come right up to the road in areas. Central Applicators can provide the township with select herbicide application for target species (target weeds or brush). They have a roadside truck for application with adjustable boom and spray tank. They also have an ATV applicator for select applications- for example aquatic rated herbicides for roads near wetlands. Central Applicators also clears trees and brush adjacent to the road, (noted that Oxford has an oak wilt problem), and have a lot of equipment to remove trees efficiently. Heath gave Oxford supervisors an estimate for roadside spraying and brush mowing for the 2018 season which came in under \$600. Mike mentioned that Darrick Wotachek will do a vegetation assessment with Oxford supervisors in May or June to create a quantitative map of noxious species so we can map over time. Isaac said that a Central Applicators representative can help with the vegetation assessment and help come up with a plan on how to control the problem areas.
2. Right of Way (Utility)/Excavation permit fees. Mike wants to study the subject and discuss at the next meeting.
3. County and MN Association of Township dues check was written out this meeting.
4. Wetlands, Ditch, and Buffer law Seminar- April 25th, 2018 from 8:30-12:30 at Isanti County Government Center. Landowner Outreach and Education event on ditching/excavating activities within wetlands.

5. The Donald John Preliminary plat along Lyon Street was presented to the board. Mike will meet with Trina Bergloff to make sure that the county is ok with the plan. There are 8 lots on the concept plan. Mike stated that current plat has many driveways on to Lyons St NE, we would prefer a single road and have the houses more clustered. Each lot will be assessed a fee to help with the road improvement, and we are still figuring that out. Also, Oxford is not well versed in the county regulations regarding lots along the wetland. Mike cautioned them to be patient and that the plat approval is a process that will take a couple of months.

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

April 10,2018
Linnea Lentz
Oxford Clerk