

Regular Meeting  
Oxford Township  
February 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Hagen. Roll call was taken with Sandy, Mike, Harlan, Peggy, and Linnea present. Minutes of the last meeting were read. The supervisors requested that Linnea amend the January minutes to reflect the date change of the February meeting to February 7 due to scheduling conflicts. It should also be noted that the meeting date change was posted in the Isanti County news and Scotsman, as well as on the Oxford township website. Mike Miller made a motion to accept and Harlan Bellin seconded it. Peggy gave a treasurers report with an itemized list of bills paid. Mike Miller made a motion to accept, and Harlan Bellin seconded it.

**Roads**

1. An Oxford resident called Sandy with a grading question about 259<sup>th</sup>. The resident commented that the gravel is being pulled from the south and the road seems to be moving toward the north. Sandy asked Rick to look at this, and Rick said he will slide the gravel toward the mailboxes this spring.
2. In addition, Pigeon Loft is slippery and some people driving on that road are going too fast for the conditions.

**Old Business**

1. A discussion about the emergency ID signs occurred. The estimate from Northstar for installation at the height of 5 feet for 360 signs is \$2,160. This cost includes assembly and installation as long as the signs are in the proper order. The cost of 360 signs at \$31.40 each will be \$11,304.00. These signs are 9" x 20", and include the house ID plus Oxford township. This item will also be placed on the agenda for the March annual meeting. Sandy will ask Troy about which fund the money should come out of. Sandy made a motion to order the signs now so they will be ready to install when the ground thaws. Mike requested that we hold off until after the March annual meeting. Linnea looked up the March 2016 meeting minutes and this topic was addressed with no opposition. Harlan agreed that the board had the authority to order the signs now.

2. The supervisors have identified possible meeting dates with Tiffany Determan regarding Oxford lake monitoring. Mike will call her with possible dates including February 27, 28, or March 7, 2017.
3. IAJFD update: Al Jankovich met with Stacy Lent and Linwood township fire departments to sign auto aid agreements. Linwood is ready to sign and will cover agreed sections in Oxford. Stacy Lent is still meeting internally to discuss what the agreement will look like. If there is a structure fire, all departments would respond. If it's a medical emergency, IAJFD will cover with a possible "gentleman's agreement" that the other fire departments would assist as needed. There will be a training for IAJFD members to burn down the house on the east side of the road across from Jumping Jacks in March.

#### **New Business.**

1. Isanti County Planning commission is holding a public hearing on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> to consider the request of Ward Allen, Sandra Putnam, and Phyllis VanRossum to present a preliminary plot of VanRossum Village.
2. The finalized local board of review calendar for April will be posted.
3. The supervisors reviewed the MN Benefit Association life insurance, and will keep it the same.
4. The Isanti County Parks Department is asking for \$1,000 from Oxford township to assist in planning efforts for the Isanti County Trail and Bikeway Master Plan . Oxford was sent maps and upcoming meeting information about this new county wide trail system. This item will go on the agenda to discuss at the March annual meeting.
5. Peggy received a PERA report with Mike Miller and Harlan Bellin's names on it. This is due to the fact that they are only paid annually, as opposed to every 6 months. Peggy will call PERA to correct the issue.
6. Oxford township received a notice from the Land Stewardship group concerning an ordinance on how to put a freeze on major development. Due to the adoption of our road standards, Oxford township does have some protection against major development.

7. Oxford received Thank-you notes from Isanti Safety and Rescue, Seven County Senior Foundation, the Agricultural Society, and Family Pathways from the Contract for Services money received last month. In addition, we received requests from the same groups to present at the March annual meeting.
8. The supervisors reviewed a Boundary Annexation Survey. Our township has no changes, and Sandy will send in the completed survey.
9. We received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census Update. Sandy will read through the packet and we will discuss at the April meeting.
10. Vicki Nielson requested that we turn off the furnace during the annual meeting as it is hard to hear what is being discussed when the furnace is running. Harlan will come to the town hall and heat the building before the meeting starts so the furnace can be turned off during the meeting.

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

Linnea Lentz

Oxford Township Clerk

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