

Regular Meeting
Oxford Township
9/12/2017

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Hagan. Roll call was taken with Mike, Harlan, Sandy, Peggy, and Linnea present. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Mike made a motion to accept and Sandy seconded it. Peggy gave a treasurer's report which Mike made a motion to accept, and Harlan seconded. In addition, she mentioned that Oxford received a letter from People's Bank to inform us that they are merging with First Bank of Trust, (based out of South Dakota).

Roads

1. The emergency ID signs are up, and Nate is working on an inventory of all township signs. Once the inventory is done, he will get an estimate on what it will cost to replace them. Nate also plans to let us know if any of the sign posts need to be replaced. Sandy volunteered to do the inventory on culverts within the township.
2. Nate agreed to get replacement Chevron signs for Typo Creek Drive, and will install them for us.
3. Oxford residents mentioned that Elmcrest is really dusty. Rick Keller was at the meeting and said that it was his understanding that dust control was applied to the road. Peggy confirmed that Oxford was billed for application of dust control, so Rick will make sure that it was done.
4. Roadwork planned for next year includes a joint project with Linwood to work on 245th before the road breaks down. Baylor is also experiencing increased traffic lately, so Mike plans to check that road in the next couple of weeks.

Old Business

1. IAJFD update- there were 80 calls in August with an average response time of 8 minutes. So far, there have been 511 calls for the year, which is up 9% from last year. The city is asking IAJFD for a number of improvements at Station 1, and the fire department is currently investigating what responsibility would fall under the FD, and what the city should do.

New Business

1. Mike Miller won the MAT District 7 election, and is the new District 7 representative!!
2. MAT district 7 meeting information
 - a. Legislative update – discussed the fact that infrastructure for broadband in rural areas needs to be built up. Transportation funding was cut, and new weight restrictions are less strict. And finally, new election law specifies 5 election dates through the year.
 - b. MAT expense report was reviewed. See Linnea if interested.
3. Linnea will fill out the submission form for the Local Government Innovation Award due the first week in October. If granted, Oxford could receive up to \$5,000.

4. The Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo is in St. Cloud October 4-5 this year.
5. Linnea will post MN LTAP classes
6. Rud Surveying is doing a plat of Aaron Boetcher's property (40+ acres east of Baylor). The supervisors are going to reach out to see how many houses may be in the subdivision.
7. Saturday, September 16 is the annual park event at Anderson Park from 9-12. Mike Miller will be there giving horse drawn wagon rides. There will also be a nature walk and lots of other activities. The 2018 calendars are now available so see Steve Kingsbury if interested in getting one.
8. Mike Miller requested that we stay with People's Bank, soon to be First Bank and Trust until the annual meeting next March. The residents can decide if the preference is to move to a locally owned bank at that time.
9. The Minnesota Pollution Control agency sent out a notice of amended rules to protect wild rice. Sandy will request a copy of the amendments.
10. Chris Caulk attended the meeting and had a number of updates for the township:
 - a. Chris knows the vice president at People's Bank and suggested that we call him if we have any questions about the transition to First Bank and Trust.
 - b. Chris expressed his condolences on the passing of David Barnes, and said that there will be extra police patrol along County Road 20 and Apollo during the funeral service.
 - c. The department purchased a new truck for patrol, and Chris indicated that some of the officers prefer the truck to the chargers.
 - d. There were a bunch of mail boxes destroyed in the township, and the recommendation is to replace with a swing type base. In a separate incident, concerned residents on Pigeon Loft noted a person acting suspiciously parked near their driveway. They notified the police and parked the offender in until the police arrived. Police discovered that the car was stolen, so thanks to Oxford residents for their assistance in the case.
 - e. The jail is currently holding 50-60 people/day. Mike asked about the Sentence to Serve crew. Chris replied that the crew consists of 4 people at one time, but juveniles no longer participate in the program.

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

September 12, 2017

Linnea Lentz

Oxford Clerk