

# Regular Meeting Agenda

## Hybrid Meeting

### July 13, 2021

Chairman Sandy Hagan called the meeting to order with all board members present. The clerk's report was read and Mike Miller requested the June minutes be amended to say that Bart Perkins is also doing 253<sup>rd</sup>. With that change Mike Miller made a motion to accept the minutes. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion. Peggy Nelson gave the treasurer's report and Mike Miller made a motion to accept the report. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion.

#### **Roads**

1. James Watters reported that the final lift has been placed on Typo Creek Drive, so all that is left is the paint and final walk through. Mike asked James if changing the speed limit would violate the contract we signed. James thought that we just need to follow the state guidelines on how to lower the speed limit, but he will confirm this is the case.
2. Mike Miller made a motion to move forward with a road survey/traffic count for a 7 day period to help Oxford decide how to prioritize road improvements in the township. Residents that live on Baylor discussed how bad the dust is on the road and were hoping Baylor would be one of the top priorities. Oxford did not get the Local Road Improvement Grant which would have automatically placed Baylor at the top of the list so now the township will use the road survey data to prioritize. Much discussion occurred about road maintenance and priorities in the township. Assessing residents for road improvements may be an option, and James will look into assessment guidelines. There was a question about how Oxford resident's tax money is spent, so Mike summarized the categories of wages, infrastructure, roads and fire service. In addition, all of the financials are posted on the east wall of the township hall.

#### **Old Business**

1. Isanti Area Joint Fire District updates
  - a. Linnea read off Isanti Area Joint Fire District Contract Amendment proposed discussion points from Oxford township (see amendment). One of the proposals to supplement the fire fund is to share profits from the annual Isanti Rodeo. There is also discussion about dividing up fire coverage on the south and east ends of Oxford as it would be quicker for Linwood to reach the southern parcels now that Typo Creek Drive is paved. Vicki requested a study to document response times to various parts of the township for Isanti Fire leaving from Station 1, Linwood Fire, and Stacy-Lent. Sandy will bring the Oxford proposal to the next fire meeting for discussion. Sandy and Vicki will ask where the money from the rodeo goes.

2. MSA has some questions regarding the Don and Toni John plat. Claire will work with Kyle Roddy to address some of the concerns and to get an updated plat that shows the entire parcel.
3. Claire from MSA has reviewed the Swanson revised plat and there are no issues. Oxford township is fine with proceeding to the county.
4. Birch Lake Shores plat was presented Wednesday July 7, 2021 at Isanti County Planning Commission. Kyle was online to give an update on changes made to the plat, and Oxford has given approval to continue to move forward with the county. Steve Kingsbury asked who communicates guidelines on building docks and access to the lake and if there a protocol in place for communicating these guidelines to the new land owners. Kyle said that the rules are set by the DNR and the Zoning office and that during the permit process, the zoning office will oversee that. Tiffany Determan from Isanti Soil and Water is on the Zoom call for this meeting, so Mike asked her to take note of Steve's concerns regarding developing Birch Lake. Mike has asked her to come up with some recommendations for our township for future.

#### **New Business**

1. Tiffany Determan from Isanti Soil and Water Conservation gave a summary of the 2020 lake monitoring results. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year they have been monitoring, and Upper Birch has the lowest phosphorus of all the lakes. Birch Lakes Shores is the new proposed development and it will be interesting to track the health of this lake. Hoffman is the most developed and has the most invasive species along/around the lakes. But overall, Oxford has some really healthy lakes due to minimal development and land use. The question was asked about how we can be proactive about protecting the health of these lakes. Tiffany shared that she feels Isanti needs stricter regulations regarding these natural lakes we are trying to protect. Linnea will put the 2020 Lake Monitoring report on Oxford's website. Steve Kingsbury wanted to thank the township for partnering with Tiffany. Tiffany recently hired an education staff person to the team and regarding the desire to be proactive with protecting the lakes, Isanti Soil and Water can work with Isanti county zoning to make sure they are getting educational material out to people that are buying property around the lakes.
2. There is a Township Officers Association meeting July 29, 2021, Thursday, 7:00 PM in Cambridge.
3. There has been a lot of set up with the new Logitech set up, and a technician needs to get to the hall to finish installing the microphones and hub correctly. Mike Miller made a motion that the IT consultation rate be set at \$50/hour. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion.

4. There has been a lot of garbage dumped in the DNR parking lot on Typo Creek Drive.
5. Steve Kingsbury gave an update on Anderson Park. There is a free library there now. They are in the process of tearing down structures on one of the new properties, and found walnut boards on the roof of one of the barns. Park attendance has been at an all time high over the past year.
6. Oxford has paid for new road signs and they will be put up over the next few months.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linnea Lentz  
Oxford Clerk  
July 13, 2021

#### Addendum A

Isanti Area Joint Fire District Contract Amendment  
Oxford Township  
Regular Township Meeting discussion  
July 13, 2021

1. No resident, landowner or visiting person or commercial entity of Oxford Township will be charged any additional fees for fire services rendered. This includes equipment and personnel. The Isanti Fire district will not charge for outside assistance or mutual aid which includes labor and equipment.
2. The residents of the Isanti fire district will license the name of the Isanti Fire District to the Isanti Fire Rodeo, a nonprofit, independent organization that administers the rodeo in the city of Isanti. A fee of 10% gross will be assessed on all gate, food, beverages, advertising, sponsorship or any other compensation received from this event. In addition, the financial information will be published and shall include all transactions related to this event. The organization will pay a minimum of 10,000 dollars irrespective of profit for the use or implied concern of the Isanti Fire District. The Isanti Rodeo association will also disclose it is a private organization that pays for the use of the name of the Isanti Fire, or the Isanti Fire District on all advertising. The rodeo association will also add Isanti Fire District to their insurance policy indemnification of the Isanti Fire District. The Isanti Fire District will also be added as additional insured to any and all insurance policies of the Isanti Rodeo Association. The Rodeo Association will

carry a minimum of 2 million dollar insurance policy with a 10 million umbrella. Any Isanti Fire District employees, either full, part, paid on call or volunteer will be covered by the Rodeo Association insurance policy in the event of an injury. The rodeo association will indemnify the Fire District for any and all risks leading up to, during and after the Isanti Rodeo.

3. The Isanti Fire District may assist adjoining fire districts and abide by their fee schedule. If the adjoining district allows for an additional fee for services rendered the Isanti Fire district can submit a fee not to exceed the adjoining districts fees. Any and all fees collected will go into the Isanti Fire Districts general fund.