

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Tipka – Chairman Supervisor; Dave Jutz-Supervisor, John Smith – Supervisor, Elvera Smith Treasurer, Lori Johnson-Clerk

OTHER ATTENDEES: Jan Jutz, Tim Juntunen, Todd Walters, Jilann Axt, Mike Schiesl, Mary & Darrell Huhn

APPROVE AND ACCEPT MINUTES – *Motion by John Smith and second Dave Jutz*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bills to pay:

- Salaries \$3,382.55
- Hutchinson Leader \$90.84

Motion to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills by John Smith and second by Dave Jutz

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

CLERKS REPORT: Nothing to report

OPEN MEETING:

- Review bids for 672nd – Total would be approx. \$100,000. It would be extra for 40' x 40 turnaround. We will figure closer to \$110,000.
Most of the neighbors are on board with the project. We would bond this year and complete next year. The residents on that road would need to get a petition showing that the majority of the people are willing to pay a portion of the road. It will be a 60/40 split (60 to homeowners and 40 for township for the tar) and they would have to decide if they wanted to pay off or be added to taxes as an assessment. The township would be responsible for the gravel.
- Residents from 688th asking about gravel. Dave Jutz said that may have been missed and we will look into it and get some put on. Dave said the county has the list of the roads that need gravel and if it is not on it, we will add it. The other question was regarding becoming an election judge – they have signed up previously and has also talked with Barb Loch. Discussion about what would be involved in going back to in-person voting and what was involved in the decision. It had been discussed at several previous meetings. Lori mentioned that Barb Loch has come to several meeting to answer questions in the past to discuss options for voting and the increasing voting costs. We could also end up voting at another location to combine costs with another township. The best option would be for anyone with concerns and/or questions to contact Barb Loch to get details.
- Mary Huhn asked about the project on 216th and moving the road 3'. Dave Jutz said that on the lake side there is no shoulder and it is still in our right of way of 33' from center of the road. Dave Tipka explained that the road is not really being entirely moved – just using the grindings along the edge. Mary said that she felt the people who lived on the lake side were getting more property and it was taking away from their property and trucks and trailers were already being parked on her property. She wanted the township to resurvey the property to find the actual property stakes before going forward with the project. Her concern was that residents on the lake side would put black dirt on the new shoulder and gain more property and still park trailers on other side. Dave Jutz will check to see if there are older records that we can determine property lines.

Motion to close open meeting by John Smith and second by Dave Jutz

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Furnace Repair** – John reported not finished yet-he will contact Nemitz to schedule again.
- **VRBO update:** Dave Jutz said there is no new information.
- **Bonding:** Dave Tipka said we have the bid from Mid-Minnesota for approximately \$123,000 for 216th St. Option B on 208th St approximately \$339,000. There is the Green Leaf project is still unknown but is around \$100,000 plus the engineering cost. We would bond for \$700,000. The price would change It will take approximately 2 months to get the money. We are waiting for Duininick's bid. We will accept the lowest bid when it comes in. We will have to accept the bids soon since some are only good for 15 or 30 days.

Motion to move forward with the bonding process. If a special meeting is required, we will have to schedule one made by John Smith and second by Dave Jutz

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Tree Trimming:** Dave Jutz said we will be doing the tree trimming again which includes killing the suckers also. Dave was approached by someone on 632nd St on west side of Lake Erie by Lake Willy to have some trees trimmed and by the field on west side had a washout and the ditch filled up with dirt and on the asphalt. Ulrich's came with skid loader and cleaned it up. There are cottonwood trees in that ditch that need to be cut.
- The culvert got cut in half just west of the creamery by Nuvera when they were putting in fiber. The culvert was caved in and Meeker Co-Op already repaired it.

ADJOURN: *Motion to adjourn by Dave Jutz and second by John Smith*