

EDNA TOWNSHIP MEETING **September 17, 2019** **www.ednatownship.org**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dennis Sazama, Carol Nelson, Gary Schattschneider, Karen Marthaler and Echo Dockter were present.

The agenda was reviewed. Sazama made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of Minnesota St to the Road Report. Nelson 2nd the motion and it passes unanimously.

The clerk's report was reviewed. Sazama made a motion to accept it as presented. Nelson 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was presented. It showed receipts of \$1217.43, disbursements of \$18,590.50 and working capital of \$361,525.78. Sazama made a motion to accept the report as presented. Nelson 2nd and the motion passes unanimously.

There were no bounties.

The claims for payment were reviewed. Sazama made a motion to pay the claims as listed. Schattschneider 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jeff Stabnow reviewed the email from Mark Piencner on N Little McDonald. He is requesting consideration for reimbursement for the driveway he installed before the road project finished. The project for putting in asphalt on north and east Little McDonald included doing the aprons of the driveways affected. The township paid for aprons up to 12 ft wide and as deep as the road-right-of-way Jeff calculated what the cost of materials would have been to do Mr. Piencner's driveway. The amount is \$190.00. Sazama made a motion to reimburse Mr. Piencner this amount. Nelson 2nd and the motion passed. The amount will be added to the claims for October.

Jeff and Sazama mentioned that there is an approach going in at 37740 N Little McDonald. There is no permit for this project. Dennis will contact the contractor.

Carol Nelson reported on the issues with the drainage/washout problems at 45140 W Little McDonald. Torey also explained why this happens. Part of the problem is that the road is treated with dust guard. This chemical is fairly expensive. Grading would just gradually remove all the benefit of the dust guard. The roads that receive dust guard generally are not graded from the time the dust guard is applied until mid-September or until there is a call. Torey is recommending that the township look at discing the gravel road shoulders in the early Spring. It may take a few days for the clumps of sod to dry and deteriorate but it will be worthwhile. The vegetation on the edge of the gravel roads keeps growing, forming a berm that keeps the water from the road from flowing into the grass or ditch. Busting up the sod allows the water to flow gently into the grass. This should keep the roads from developing washouts. Roads are graded in the Spring to bring up the crown of the road for drainage. They are graded in the Fall to bring the crown back down to keep cars from sliding into the ditch in the winter. Nelson will call the Rileys and explain.

Jeff Stabnow talked about the Little McDonald paving project. He reminded the Board that the invoice was only a draft invoice. It was agreed that no payment would be made until a different invoice was received. There was discussion about the length of time it took to finish this project, the penalty clause, and the difference between the contract price and what the draft invoice showed. This was tabled.

Mr. Mertes from Engstrom Beach was present. Dennis had done more research and made more calls. The landscaper that Dennis had review the project will not touch the cat tails. His reasoning is that the pond is lower than the lake, and clearing the cat tails will cause more problems because the lake water will flow in and cause more problems. The options Dennis presented are 1) to restrict the culvert, 2) build a moat around the culvert or 3) building up Mr. Mertes yard to keep the water from flowing in. There are no holding ponds and there are at least 5 lots draining into this ditch.

The lake level seems to be part of the problem, keeping the water from draining. There is no ditch system on the other side of the Engstrom Beach because landowners keep filling the ditches. There are trees in the ditch easement that have been allowed to grow over the years. Mr. Mertes insists that it is the cat tails that are the problem. The Board believes there is a combination of issues that are causing the problems. Jeff and Dennis will continue research on this.

Dennis will talk to Lot Pros about patching the spot on Big McDonald Lake where the tree stump was removed. There was more discussion about fixing this whole section of road. There is no way to estimate the cost because there is no way to know how deep the problem goes. The Board agreed to continue to fix the problems as they come up.

Now that the north and east Little McDonald roads are almost done, stripping is needed. The fog coat is to be applied on the Wednesday following this meeting, weather permitting. This should be allowed to cure for 7 days before the road are painted. The list of roads to be striped contains 13 roads. There was considerable discussion about just which lines are to be painted. The original thought was that all roads on the list would have double center lines and fog lines. The discussion concerned setting a precedent of putting double lines (in the center) on ALL township roads. The discussion covered what a double center line means, is passing ever legally allowed on that road, would it slow down traffic and what was there before? It was generally agreed that the rural residential roads should have double lines in the center and fog lines. There rest of the roads were not so easy to decide. Edna township does not have any "No passing" signs and there was agreement that the Board did not to put any up. The emphasis now is the less road signs the better. Schattschneider made a motion to have the 13 roads on the list stripped. The 5 residential roads would have a double center line. The other roads would have a dotted center line. All of the roads would have fog lines. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The sign order is ready. Echo will pick them up.

Mr. Reistenberg is asking for gravel for Minnesota St which is a minimum maintenance road. He also told the Board that the Minimum Maintenance sign is missing. He is asking for about 90 yards of gravel and grading from Cty Rd 123 to the driveway, also the east end of Minnesota ST. Sazama made a motion to do the gavel and grading and to order Minimum Maintenance signs. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was agreed that 4 minimum maintenance signs should be ordered.

The email from August from Joan Covington regarding the potholes east of E Little McDonald Dr. was discussed. It was agreed to add these to list of road bumps for the 2021 budget. (See list in unfinished business)

The emails received this month have all been discussed in the road report.

Unfinished business:

Mailbox support compliance – The list of dangerous mailboxes is still under review. Nelson and Dockter have been working on this and will continue. There was some discussion about what should be included in the mailing.

Work on snowplow policy

Road bumps – 2021 budget, Big McDonald Lane, about 300 ft, potholes east of East Little McDonald, dip on the corner of ?, dip in front of 38182 N Little McDonald,

Traffic control

Traffic sign inventory

Road maintenance records

Proposed schedules for continuing maintenance

Computers and printers for clerk and treasure

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

September 17, 2019

Darrell Newick

James Minter

Mark Kestel

Jeff Stabnow

Terry Mather

Date Range : 9/1/2019 To 9/17/2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Detail</u>
09/12/2019	Forum Communication Company	Publishing notice of meeting time change	3137	\$29.75	100-41131-351-214	Publishing	\$29.75
09/12/2019	Sonnenberg Excavating	spreading gravel:sybil lake rd-20080, sybil lake ln& trf-8216 and heart lake rd-9472	3138	\$37,768.00	201-43101-224-403 201-43101-224-403 201-43101-224-403	Highways, Streets & Roadways Highways, Streets & Roadways Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$20,080.00 \$8,216.00 \$9,472.00
09/12/2019	Sonnenberg Excavating	Grading:8/2,12,13,14,16, 23,26,29 Mowing and second cut (wider) Mowing=3016	3139	\$6,294.75			
09/12/2019	City of Dent - Fire	1/2 of Fire Contract	3140	\$14,900.00	225-42201-360-501	Fire Contract	\$14,900.00
09/12/2019	PERA	3rd quarter, employee and employer portions	3141	\$450.00			
09/12/2019	MATIT - MN Assoc. of Townships	Commercial Package Insurance	3142	\$1,475.00	100-41110-100- 100-41110-120-	Council/Town Board Council/Town Board	\$225.00 \$225.00
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Total For Selected Claims				\$60,917.50			\$60,917.50

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	Carol Nelson	Town Supervisor				9/17/2019		
	Dennis Sazama	Chair, Town Supervisor				9-17-19		
	Gary Schattschneider	Town Supervisor				9-17-19		