

**Edna Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**July 18, 2023**  
**Dent Community Center, 201 Birch St, Dent MN 56528**

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

Gary Schattschneider, Ben Bucholz, Keith Brokke, Karen Marthaler and Echo Dockter were present. Other attendees are listed on the following sign in page.

The agenda was reviewed. The letter regarding 37061 S Little McDonald and the notice of the MAT District 9 meeting were added to the agenda. There were 2 guests that had their questions about E Big McDonald Tr and possible township building permits answered before the meeting started. Schattschneider motioned to accept the agenda with the additions. Bucholz 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tom and Vicki Sazama had 240 pairs of gopher feet to turn in for the bounty. The Board agreed to approve this claim and go ahead with payment at this time so the Sazamas would not have to wait. While the claim and check were being processed the Board answered a few questions for Tom and Vicki.

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. Bucholz motioned to approve the minutes after Brokke was spelled correctly. Brokke 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report showed receipts of \$6,483.99, disbursements of \$99,793.11 and working capital of \$466,213.46. Bucholz motioned to approve the report as presented. Brokke 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

Wade and Stacy Dockter were present to discuss the continuing problems with the Devils Lake road. The Board just received the engineers estimate for the paving of the road. This was discussed. The township road policy is to pay for ½ the cost of the asphalt. The cost to prepare the road for paving is the responsibility of the landowners. A petition with signatures of 100% of the landowners must be received before any work is done on the paving project. The Board reviewed MN Statute 429 to verify the 100% requirement. The clerk will email the MAT petition suggested form and a sample of a petition received previously to the Dockters. They mentioned a lake association meeting coming up soon. The estimate from Stabnow is attached to these minutes. The Board also recommended that the costs would likely increase by at least 10%, assuming the price increases by the time the work could be done. The Dockters also wanted to discuss possible fixes for the current run off problems. Schattschneider will review these ideas with Sonnenberg. Devils Lake Rd became a township road because it was maintained for more than 6 years. It does not meet the township road specs but it is a township road. The road does not have the required 66ft width. It appears the township only has authority/responsibility for the road surface, no ditches or road right of way. A few options for fixing the problems with the road were discussed.

Joe Tschida brought in 99 pairs of gopher feet. His claim was added to the list of claims for payment. The Board agreed to process his claim and payment as quickly as possible.

Bucholz motioned to add 355<sup>th</sup> to the list of gravel roads to be done in the 2023 rotation. This is the only road in the "southern" part of the township that would be done in 2024 if it was not completed now. It would be less expensive to do it now. Brokke 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

The claims for payment were reviewed. The list was updated with the gopher bounty claims. The attached list of claims shows the handwritten additions and the signatures. The last page was updated in the CTAS program and attached to the list for ease of reading. Bucholz motioned to approve the updated claims list for payment. Brokke 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously. Bucholz motioned to approve the transfer of \$94,186.34 from the money market account to the checking account. Brokke 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and each supervisor voted pro to pass this motion.

**Phone calls and contacts during the month:**

The trees on Jackim Drive were trimmed by Sonnenberg but they need to be trimmed higher. A high camper will still have trouble getting through. Schattschneider will contact Sonnenberg and add this to the subcontractor list.

Mallard Loop also has trees that need trimming. Schattschneider will add this to the subcontractor list also.

The Don Honer approach was discussed. When 403<sup>rd</sup> was graveled, disced and crowned last year the road was raised enough to cause Honer issues getting his equipment into the field. Brokke visited with Honer. Brokke asked Sonnenberg to add some gravel and the problem is fixed. There is a problem with an irrigation system in this area that is spraying the road. The field being irrigated belongs the Honer Trust. Wanda Lomiller is one of the trustees. Brokke contacted her and she will notify the renter of the requirement to stop spraying the road.

The Richard Voss septic system letter was finished last week. The letter will be emailed to the contractor and snail mailed to Richard Voss.

Schattschneider gave an update on the EMS meetings and issues. The joint powers board is made up of 13 townships and was established several years ago. At that time each township contributed money to get it set up and running. After a few years it was able to cash flow and the townships did not have to contribute any more funds. In the last couple years there have been cash flow issues. Most first responder and ambulance services are having the same problems. The reimbursements from Medicare and insurance companies are not enough for the services to survive. Perham EMS had a reserve fund that has now been tapped into. The board expected this fund to hold them over for a at least 3 years but it is now projected to run out within a year. The joint powers board is looking into options to fund the service. Schattschneider explained these and the board reviewed the email provided by the city manager to show how different options would affect each township. Schattschneider has a few questions to take to the next meeting.

Kenny Moenkedick informed the board of a weed problem. Bucholz has already informed the county of the problem. It appears the land involved is in CRP.

A note was received about branches being dumped in the road ditch along S Little MacDonald Dr. Schattschneider will look into this.

Note that the 2<sup>nd</sup> irrigator letters have been mailed.

There was one notice of a variance hearing that was texted to the Board. There were no road issues.

The reminder letter from MAT about the District meeting was shared.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

*Doug Schattschneider*  
*Eckw Doebts*

July 18, 2023

Ed Beck

Brian Kutter

Wade & Stacy Dockter

Tom & Vicki Sarama

Joe Tschida

Date Range : 7/1/2023 To 7/12/2023

<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>
07/12/2023	Minnesota Department of Revenue	Payroll withholding - deposited on-line	3520	\$251.58	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$251.58
07/12/2023	United States Treasury	Form 944 Deposit - medicare taxes for employer and employees and withholding, via EFT	3521	\$369.65	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$369.65
07/12/2023	Keith Brokke	Reimbursement for Bullcrete Pothole Patch	3522	\$34.50	201-43121-224-	Paved Streets	\$34.50
07/12/2023	Sonnenberg Excavating	Mowing and Brushing ditch by Dave Taylor's weed infested field	3523	\$1,860.00	201-43260-224-	Weed Control	\$1,860.00
07/12/2023	Sonnenberg Excavating	Gravel on 355th, Satter Road	3524	\$10,398.10	201-43142-224-	Gravel, Class 5, major road repair	\$10,398.10
07/12/2023	Sonnenberg Excavating	Road Grading	3525	\$3,823.29	201-43140-224-	Grading Services/regular	\$3,823.29
07/12/2023	Newling Asphalt Services, LLC	Crack fill for 395th, 460th, Bills Beach Rd, Bills Beach Ln, Cousins Ln, Marion Lodge	3526*	\$31,476.00	201-43132-224-	Crackfill	\$31,476.00
07/12/2023	Newling Asphalt Services, LLC	Crack Fill for 423rd, 432nd, E Big Mc, N Little Mc, 455th, 16,300 3.08 miles	3527	\$4,575.00	201-43132-224-	Crackfill	\$4,575.00
07/12/2023	North Central Inc	Dust control	3528	\$38,927.00	201-43122-220-412	Unpaved Streets	\$38,927.00

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07/12/2023	Joseph or Carol Swiontek	reimbursement for replacing GIS sign - snowplow	3529	\$50.00	201-43125-224	Ice and Snow Removal	\$50.00

Total For Selected Claims *Sirumic's gopher beauty* # 120.00  
 \$91,765.12  
 IT 99 gophers check #4003 897.00  
 \$ 92,782.12

*RE* Tom #4000  
*RE* Tony #4001  
*RE* Vicki #4002  
 Town Supervisor  
 Benjamin D. Bucholz

*Gary Schattschneider*  
 Gary Schattschneider  
 Chair, Town Supervisor  
 Date 7/18/2023

*Keith Brokke*  
 Keith Brokke  
 Town Supervisor  
 Date 7/18/2023

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Date Range : 7/1/2023 To 7/19/2023

Date	Vendor	Description	Claim #	Total	Account #	Account Name	Detail
07/12/2023	Joseph or Carol Swiontek	reimbursement for replacing GIS sign - snowplow	3529	\$50.00	201-43125-224-	Ice and Snow Removal	\$50.00
07/18/2023	Tom Szazama	100 gophers	3530.1	\$300.00	100-42702-491-	Gopher Bounty	\$300.00
07/18/2023	Tony Szazama	100 gophers	3530.2	\$300.00	100-42702-491-	Gopher Bounty	\$300.00
07/18/2023	Vicki Szazama	40 gophers	3530.3	\$120.00	100-42702-491-	Gopher Bounty	\$120.00
07/18/2023	Joe Tschida	99 gophers	3531	\$297.00	100-42702-491-	Gopher Bounty	\$297.00
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*The gopher claims were approved during the meetings.*

Benjamin D. Bucholz	Town Supervisor	Date
Gary Schattschneider	Chair, Town Supervisor	Date
Keith Brokke	Town Supervisor	Date