

Edna Township
Regular Board Meeting
February 28, 2023
Dent Community Center, 201 Birch St, Dent MN 56528

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

Dennis Sazama, Ben Bucholz and Echo Dockter were present.

The agenda was reviewed. Sazama motioned to accept the agenda with additions. Bucholz 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. Sazama motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Bucholz 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was included in the meeting handout. The report showed receipts of \$4476.38, disbursements of \$43,954.76, and working capital of \$ 485,517.39. Sazama motioned to accept the report as presented. Bucholz 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

There were no bounties to be paid.

The claims for payment were reviewed. Sazama motioned to pay the claims as presented. Bucholz 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. Sazama motioned to transfer \$7,902.75 from the money market account to the checking account. Bucholz 2nd the motion and they each voted in favor.

Shawn Sweere, from Perham Township, was present to discuss the changes to the town line road agreement. Perham Township would like to take over the winter maintenance of 400th Ave from County Highway 34 north to 405th Ave. Edna Township has done the winter maintenance on this road for several years. The change is requested because Perham Township has a new township road branching off of 400th Ave. Since they are coming onto 400th Ave to maintain the new road they would be willing to maintain all of this section of 400th Ave. Edna will still have a turn around spot for the snowplow that is working on 405th St. This is the only change to the agreement. Sazama motioned to approve the new agreement, Bucholz 2nd and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement will be effective today.

There was a general discussion of the possibility of asphaltting Fort Thunder Road west of County Highway 125. The first part of this road belongs to Perham Township and it continues into Edna Township. It would make sense for the townships to work together if this project progresses.

Arvig is proposing to install fiber optic cable in the Sybil Lake are of Edna Township. Bucholz motioned to allow Arvig to go ahead with the standard provisions. Edna Township will not be responsible for any damage to the cable. Any damage to a township road must be fixed to the satisfaction of the Edna Board. Sazama 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

The phone calls and correspondence were reviewed.

Noted the call from the Sheriff's Department regarding an abandoned vehicle on a private road.

The trees on E Big McDonald in the road right of way near the swamp were removed because they are on public land, according to the research Sazama did with the DNR and Land and Resources. One of the residents of the area was contesting the ownership of the land. She did threaten legal action. The Board will wait to see what happens. There are still stumps in the road right of way near Bob Walde's property. Sonnenberg recommends grinding the stumps so that the ditch can be mowed. This would wait until Spring. Sonnenberg is also recommending additional brushing when Devil's Lake Road work is done this summer. This is the 2nd year of the 3 year plan to upgrade gravel roads in the township. Sazama and Bucholz agreed that this area will be examined when the Spring road tour is done.

Noted the loss of \$834,197 by MATIT. At this time it does not look like it will affect townships.

Darrell Nordick's mailbox and support pole have been damaged 2 time this winter. Sonnenberg agreed to replace Nordicks and Logans support poles. They were both the approved mailbox support poles. Sonnenberg asked to have Nordick contact him. Dockter will respond to Nordick's email.

Bucholz gave his review of the Dead Lake meeting concerning Southview Lane.

Noted the Variance request for property on Paul Lake. The Board has no objections.

Donation requests from Perham Center for the Arts, East Otter Tail County Agricultural Society (Fair), and Perham Area Public Library, Otter Tail County Historical Society, and New York Mills Cultural Center arrived before the February meeting and fulfilled the requirements of the donation policy. Also received requests from History Art and Cultural Society and Prospect House and Civil War Museum which did not comply with the donation policy

Bucholz suggested the groups requesting donations should attend the Annual Meeting.

The irrigation letter was reviewed. The Board would like the letters to go out as soon as possible to allow farmers time to make the changes requested before Spring planting begins.

The other items on the unfinished business list remain.

The Annual Meeting proposed agenda was reviewed. The Board wants the Fire Fund budget to be increased to cover the cost of the 2024 fire contract. The Fire fund and the total levy will be raised by \$1,500.

Reminder of the EOT Association of Townships Spring meeting on March 6 at 1:30 at Thumper Pond. Dockter and Marthaler will be attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Mary Schaleschian
Edw J Dockter

February 28, 2023

Adm. Serv.

Shawn Sweet

Lacey Sinnerberg

Perham Township

Date Range : 1/27/2023 To 2/27/2023

<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>
02/21/2023	United States Treasury	Form 944 Deposit - medicare taxes for employer and employees and withholding, via EFT	3476	\$289.65	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$289.65
02/21/2023	Minnesota Department of Revenue	Payroll withholding - deposited on-line	3477	\$233.07	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$233.07
02/21/2023	Turn 2 Creative	1 year contract for website maintenance, includes email accounts	3478	\$1,191.39	100-41131-320-	Publishing	\$1,191.39
02/21/2023	Otter Tail County Treasurer	Sand and salt - for December	3479	\$3,037.91	201-43125-240-401	Ice and Snow Removal	\$3,037.91
02/27/2023	MIN Assoc. of Townships Agency	Commercial Package Insurance, 3/1/2023 through 2/29/2024	3480	\$1,648.00	100-41110-361-	Council/Town Board	\$1,648.00
Total For Selected Claims				\$6,400.02			\$6,400.02

2-28-23



Benjamin D. Buchholz
Town Supervisor

Date



Dennis Sazama
Chair, Town Supervisor

Date

Gary Schattschneider

Town Supervisor

Date

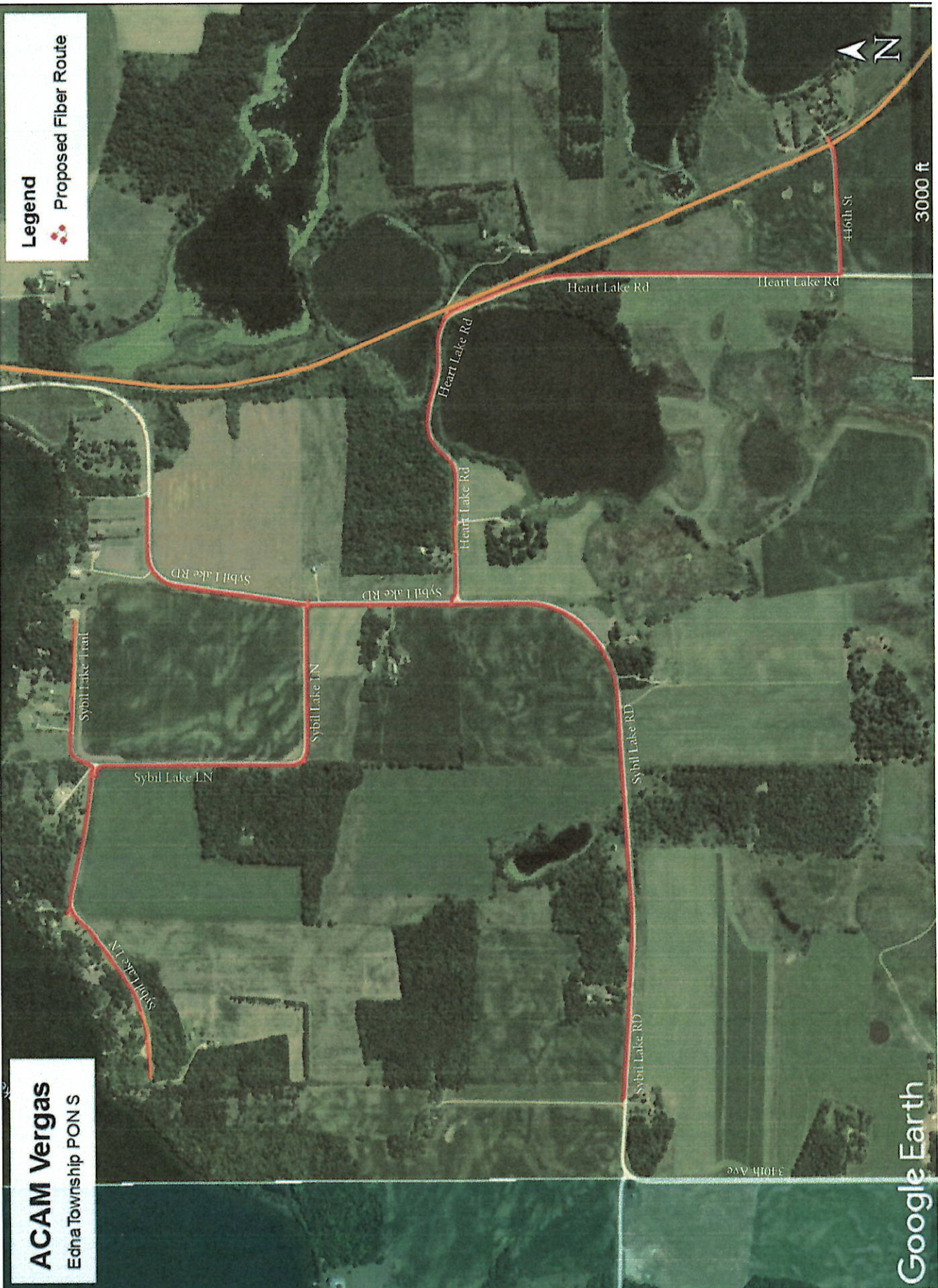
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