

Edna Township
Regular Board Meeting
August 15, 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, Keith Brokke, Ben Bucholz, Karen Marthaler and Echo Doekter were present.

The agenda was reviewed. Supervisor Bucholz motioned to approve agenda with the addition of Commissioner Bucholz after Weed Control. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Clerk's report was approved as presented to the supervisors in an email prior to the meeting, on a motion by Brokke, 2nd by Bucholz and a unanimous vote.

The Treasurer's Report showed receipts of \$3,926.69, disbursements of \$94,186.34, and working capital of \$375,953.81. Schattschneider motioned to approve the report as presented, Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Gopher feet were delivered to Brokke prior to the meeting. The claim for the gopher bounty is included with the monthly list of claims for payment.

Bucholz motioned to approve the claims as listed and to approve the transfer of \$67,092.40 from the money market fund the checking account. Brokke 2nd the motion. Schattschneider, Bucholz and Brokke voted pro and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Voss and Trevor Rossum were at the meeting to discuss the septic system request. The property pins for the recorded road are not where the road actually is located. Doekter will contact CCI to verify what the township recorded as the location of this road.

Schattschneider visited the lady on S Little McDonald who has been depositing her brush in the road right of way. She said she had permission to deposit her debris on this land. Schattschneider explained that she could not deposit it in the road right of way. At this time the debris pile had not been moved. Schattschneider will write a letter, giving her 30 days to move this pile of brush and explain that if it is not moved the township will remove it and bill her.

Noted that the township received a notice of the Devils Lake and Little Devils Lake LID meeting. No board members attended this meeting. The issue of puddling water on Devils Lake Road, from 45914 to 45940, was discussed. Devils Lake Road was built up according to the township specs. If this area of the road is altered the water will run down and recreate the prior problems. The Board agreed that the road should not be modified. Gorman Township is not responding to requests to repair the areas of Devils Lake Road that were damaged by their grader. Sonnenberg will be asked to provide an estimate to make these repairs. Bucholz will continue to negotiate with Gorman Township.

There was a discussion of the variance notice for 42219 Big McDonald Dr E. The county turned down this request. There was a discussion about the problems caused by this resident clearing the snow from the road himself. The way he moves the snow causes a buildup in the neighbor's driveway. Since they are not year-round residents no one has complained. It was noted that this is not acceptable. Brokke spoke to the resident about not pushing the snow on the road anymore.

Vicki Sazama contacted Bucholz and Schattschneider about irrigators spraying their driveway and the road, 423rd. This is the Benke irrigator, Bucholz contacted Benke about this irrigator spraying the road. The driveway being sprayed belongs to Richard Sazama, but is being rented by Marty Sazama. The owners have been contacted.

Rick asked for a couple loads of gravel on Minnesota and 380th. The Board agreed to do this in the Spring although it seems it has not been done. Sonnenberg will double check this tomorrow. Schattschneider stated it looked like new gravel was just dumped recently.

The downed tree on E Big McDonald has been partially cut up but not cleared. This will be added to the subcontractor priority list.

Doekter corresponded with the DNR and Mrs. Malcom regarding the water permit issued to Louie Sazama. Louis died this Spring. Tom and Marty Sazama are listed as "other contacts" on the permit. Copies of the prior letters to the water permit holders were sent to Tom Sazama. Marty would have already received the letters because he holds other water permits.

VOTER is a program approved by the MN legislature to help with election expenses. Otter Tail County needs a response to the proposed distribution. Edna Township's share is less than \$100. The Board agreed to allow the county to use the Edna portion of the program. Edna Township will be relieved of the reporting requirements for this program. The Board approved certifying the 2024 levy to the county as approved at the annual meeting.

Dockter registered to attend the 4-Corners training from MAT for Clerks, in Fergus Falls in October.

Noted the email from MAT regarding upcoming webinars about 2023 Local Road Improvement Program.

The Access Approach for Nathan Soland and Joe Wehri on Sybil Lake Trail was approved by Schattschneider. Schattschneider will compose a letter for the observed approaches that do not have approach paperwork. (Heart Lake, N Little Mc, 380th, 43094 E Big Mc). There was a short discussion regarding changing the approach policy to also cover any changes to existing approaches.

460th, the asphalt portion, is in need of work. Schattschneider has talked with Hobart township about resurfacing this road, Hobart would like to do it in 2025 so funding can be included in the next budget. There are some areas of the road that are in pretty rough shape right now. Schattschneider will get an estimate to patch the sections that do not look like they will survive the winter. Note that an estimate of \$ 455,356.00 to resurface the entire asphalt portion was received from Stabnow.

Bucholz reported the county has now sent a letter to Dave Taylor regarding the weed issues on his property. Edna is no longer involved, except being required to mow or spray the ditch to control the weeds in the road right of way. The complaints about thistles, received from Kenny Moenkedick, were reviewed by the county. A text was sent to Mr. Moenkedick.

Commissioner Bucholz explained the new county policy to deal with chronic weed control problems. The townships will still need to report new weed problems. He also discussed the marijuana issues. The plans for the reconstruction of the Highway 10 and County Road 60 intersection have been finalized. There are information meetings scheduled.

The EMS issues are county wide. The county is establishing a task force but it will be a long-term project. There is an immediate need. The next joint powers meeting will be on Monday the 21st.

The review of the Dunn Township road policy is still on the unfinished business list, along with traffic control, road sign inventory and the town line agreement with Dora Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Mary Scheeblin
Edward Dockter

August 15, 2023

RICH VOSS - 4701 ENGSTROM BEAAR Rd DENT
TOWER ROSAM " " " "

PAV BUCHOLTZ Com mts ~




Torey Sonnenberg

Date Range : 7/12/2023 To 8/12/2023

<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>
08/10/2023	Karen Marthaler	Toner	3532	\$29.50	100-41110-201-	Council/Town Board	\$29.50
08/10/2023	Ken or Colleen Sazama	102 pair of gopher feet	3533*	\$306.00	100-42702-491-	Gopher Bounty	\$306.00
08/10/2023	Minnesota Department of Revenue	Payroll withholding - deposited on-line	3534	\$251.58	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$251.58
08/10/2023	United States Treasury	Form 944 Deposit - medicare taxes for employer and employees and withholding, via EFT	3535	\$369.65	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$369.65
08/12/2023	North Central Inc	355th, Paul Lake Way, Mallard Loop and 345th	3536	\$7,885.00	201-43122-220-412	Unpaved Streets	\$7,885.00
08/12/2023	APC Inc.	2023 sealcoating	3537	\$52,635.60	201-43121-224-407	Paved Streets	\$52,635.60
08/12/2023	J. K. Stabnow, PE	Engineering Services 1/15/23 - 8/11/2023 2023 Sealcoat projects	3538	\$4,210.85	201-43121-303-	Paved Streets	\$4,210.85
Total For Selected Claims							\$65,688.18

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		Benjamin D. Buchholz	Town Supervisor			8-15-23
		Gary Schattschneider	Chair, Town Supervisor			8/15/23
		Keith Brokke	Town Supervisor			8/15/23