

Report of October 16 Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting is December 18, 2012

Board members present: Bill Norris, Chairman      Dennis Sazama, Supervisor      John A. Krueger, Supervisor  
Carol Nelson, Clerk                                      Karen Marthaler, Treasurer

Audience:

Terry Marthaler              Pete Charon                      Gary Benson                      Lyle Smith

Dave Heyer, Engineer      Rick Sonnenberg

**CALL TO ORDER 8:00 PM - Pledge of Allegiance**

Township Business

1. Introductions – Pledge of Allegiance      Remind audience to sign the roster
2. Agenda – Make changes and approve = for #4b, add Gary Benson/dust control  
For #8 public correspondences, add certification of Edna Township road mileage

3. Bounties for gopher or beaver                                      none

4. Road Reports

a. Sonnenberg's Road Work

Sonnenberg's gave a verbal bid of \$75 each to remove & replace road signs for Edna Twp. They have already completed that job for Hobart Twp.

Engineer Heyer's comments

Edna Twp. has 433 road signs. There are currently no chevron [curve warning] signs. Replacing or changing signs involves a resolution created & passed by Township Supervisors and must indicate where each changed sign is to be placed. Federal rules as of 10/16/12 = minimum amount can be done during each of the next 4 years. There are 25 signs in Edna Twp. that need immediate attention. It is possible to install new posts 2-3 feet ahead of old signs & posts. Must then have Gopher 1 come out & mark for cable, etc. The new signs & posts can be finished in the new location. If a sign does not meet reflectivity rules, it must be replaced. Many of our stop signs belong to the County or State DOT. Stop Signs cost \$34.10 plus posts & hardware. May be able to use top post on some signs if they meet guidelines. Edna Twp. also intends to recycle the aluminum. This may also help lower the total cost of sign replacement.

b. Roads in general

Gary Benson, 38090 St. Hwy 108, lives on the corner of a minimum maintenance road & Hwy 108. There is a lot of traffic going past his home. Dust/dirt leaves a cloud over the area all day long. Is there something that can be done? Dust is not such a problem in the spring as there is more rain. Benson has lived there since 2003. Lakes Loader is moving the class 5 out of their nearby pit. The surface treatment chloride cannot last under rough truck traffic. Does OTC levy a gravel tax? Sonnenberg says adding class 5 & then chloride would be helpful. Plus there is a soft spot in the road. Norris intends to view the road on Sunday & see what can be done.

5. Clerk's report = change the cost of Sonnenberg's Excavating claim to                      \$21,980.00 from \$5,960.00                      Sazama made the motion to change the clerk's report. Krueger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Report approved 3/0.

6. Treasurer's report \$8.95 filing fee & bank interest cash balance \$78,037.99 as of 9/18.

Sazama made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Krueger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Report approved. 3/0

7. Claims to be paid = 9 claims totaling \$16,640.11 needed payment. Motion to approve made by Krueger, Sazama 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 3/0

8. Public correspondence

OTC Highway Department 2012 mileage certification. OTC claims Edna Twp maintains 45.5 miles of road surface. Engineer Heyer has labeled 50.7 miles of roads as maintained by Edna Twp. Supervisor Norris will write & send a letter along with the list of mileages from engineer to have OTC change our miles.

9 Unfinished business

A beaver has move back on Devils Lake Road. There is at least one newly destroyed tree.

The next check from Otter Tail County should reach the bank about December 1, and is anticipated to be about \$100,000.

Signs replacement – Krueger wants to change out the stop & yield signs currently in place in Edna Twp. Sazama made the motion, "to replace all of Edna Twp. stop signs & yield signs, 33 signs in total. Krueger 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion to hire Sonnenberg Excavating to remove & replace these signs was made by Norris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Krueger. Motion approved. 3/0

Web site – need to add Treasurer & Clerks reports to the site.

**10. New business** – None

**11. Administrative business**

No changes

Sazama attended the Emergency Services meeting in Perham. EMT is upgrading radios for better communication with fire, ambulance, police, and different twps. They also want to get new ambulance with air ride.

**12.** Meeting adjourned by Supervisor Norris at 8:40.

CLAIMS PAID AT OCTOBER MEETING