

EDNA TOWNSHIP MEETING August 18, 2020 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.

Other attendees included Jeff Stabnow, Doug Ackling, Torey Sonnenberg and Gordon Spidahl

The agenda was reviewed. Sazama made a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of Doug Ackling in Road Report. Nelson 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

The Treasurer's Report showed receipts of \$4,550.09, disbursements of \$8,895.03, and working capital of \$468,617.02.

Sazama made motion to accept the report as presented. Nelson 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Road Report

Doug Ackling was present to discuss the road he is building for Mark Lenius. This road is an extension of road that is already connected to N Little McDonald Dr. The access was built 8-9 years ago. The current road allows access to a storage building. The road being built will allow access to land that is beyond the storage building. Ackling attended the meeting to verify what has to be done to ensure the road can be accepted as a township road. There was discussion concerning how much of the road has already been done. One of the specs for new roads is that the road be inspected as it is being built it ensure the base is built as specified. It seems that the road might already be beyond one of the inspection points. No plat was provided. Sazama made a motion to have Stabnow do a preliminary inspection of soil maps and samples on this road and prepare a recommendation. This cost will not be a township expense. Mr. Ackling agreed to cover this cost. This is only a preliminary inspection and not a guarantee of acceptance at any point. Schattschneider 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sazama still has not heard from Lot Pros regarding the quality of the road stripping that was done. Note that this claim still has not been paid.

None of the access permits filed at the last meeting have been completed.

Stabnow reported that the sealcoated roads were being swept on Monday morning and the fog coat has been done. Stony Hills has been reviewed a couple times. It has not been proof rolled yet. There are still some soft spots. There are also some drainage issues. The unusual rains have been a test of extreme conditions. Stabnow will be reviewing the drainage issues with the design engineer. Sazama and Dockter have signed the plat. Stabnow will contact Anderson regarding the soft spots.

Weed Control – Torey suggested calling Marcia from Becker county to help with weed identification and enforcement. Nelson has had problems with enforcement. The township should identify the problem and then turn it over to the county. The enforcement is up to the county. It seems that the SWCD is very busy. We will start doing a better job of documenting the weed problems that have been identified.

Nelson identified a problem area (Dave Taylor has property with spotted knap weed). Nelson took the pictures into Amy at SWCD when the training was held last summer. Nelson stopped in to check on the progress and was unable to see Amy at that time. There has been no communication since then.

Mr. Spidahl was at the meeting to discuss the continuing problems with the drainage ditch on Engstrom Beach Rd. This is the ditch that the county has refused to maintain. It is on private land but is labeled as a ditch easement. There are concerns about the fill the neighbors brought in on the other side of the road. At this time the fill is so high it will cause problems with snowplowing. In the past the two owners have been able to maintain this area but that has changed. The county will not do the maintenance and the township cannot do anything either. The wild grass growing in the ditch needs to be mowed. Sazama will check with Land and Resources to see if there is a fill permit for the ditch right of way that was filled this summer. The township should have the right to request this be removed if there is no permit. Sazama

made a motion to have Stabnow inspect the ditches in this area, starting at 43127 Engstrom Beach RD. Nelson 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. This is a difficult problem as it seems no one has the authority to fix the issues. There are problems with 431st. Sazama directed Sonnenberg to put in a couple loads of gravel.

Sonnenberg reported that he is almost done graveling and will finish in the next week.

The Board requested that Stabnow do an addition to the road specs to include an option to use a T turn instead of a cul-de-sac at the end of a road.

The Board received an email about the Heart Lake “dump ground”. People are still dumping garbage in this area. The email suggested signs reading “There are game cameras set up to find the culprits, unless they are being used some days beside deer stands. You guess which days they are here!” While the Board appreciated the suggestion, they decided to first try some “NO DUMPING” signs. The poison ivy is pretty thick around there right now, but it is not stopping the dumping. It will stop the clean-up.

It was noted that the potholes on 455th, east of the castle house were repaired on Monday. The other bumps are scheduled to be done in a couple weeks.

As the Priority Report for Sub-contractors was being reviewed Sonnenberg mentioned the problems with the Kerbs Lake road. He requested permission to put 6-8 loads of gravel on the road now, instead of in the Spring. There is a time crunch in the Spring to get it done after weight restrictions go off and before the dust control goes down. Once the dust control is down the road is worked as little as possible. The Board agreed that it makes sense to add the gravel now.

There are trees hanging over the road on Mallard Loop. Nelson is working on a letter/form to allow the township to remove trees in the road right of way. Even though this is a township right and responsibility it is strongly suggested that the township have the permission of the landowner before removing any trees.

The possibility of a Fall Road review trip was discussed especially this year because the Spring road trip was only done by one supervisor because of the pandemic. The Board did not feel a Fall trip was necessary.

The unfinished business list was reviewed:

- Ditches – brushing, tree removal, spraying, Nelson is working on policy

- Townline road agreements - Dora, Dead Lake, Hobart and Perham – Dockter will send last known agreements

- Traffic control

- Traffic sign inventory

- Proposed schedules for continuing maintenance

- Posting “box” outside the community center – waiting for City of Dent to review.

- CARES funds for elections – face shields and extra person for sanitizing, is it time to raise election judge pay?

- CARES funds. Sazama made a motion to purchase 3 more computers, as close to the last two as possible. This will provide a township computer for each person on the Board. This is being done to ensure better communications between Board members and to make sure we can hold no contact meetings if necessary. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Schattschneider will order the computers from Arvig with the same specs as the Clerk and Treasurer computers.

Other

- Election review – 174 voters at the primary, at least 35 absentee voters.

- Looking for 2-3 people to work in shifts to sanitize during the November election. Nelson and Marthaler agreed to work the election. They will not be judges but will be doing the sanitizing of the election booths and commonly touched areas.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Claims List for Approval

Edna Township

Date Range : 8/1/2020 To 8/31/2020

<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>
08/16/2020	Dora Township	1/2 the cost of crack sealing(filling) of Beaver Dam Rd, town line road	3204	\$750.00	201-43132-224-	Crackfill	\$750.00
08/16/2020	Deluxe	Check blanks - 1000	3205	\$359.60	100-41110-210-	Council/Town Board	\$359.60
08/16/2020	Sonnenberg Excavating	Mowing, and second cutting	3206	\$3,016.00	201-43143-224-404	Mowing/ditch spraying	\$3,016.00
08/16/2020	Sonnenberg Excavating	Spread Gravel - 7/21-27 - 423rd, 7/27-30 - 380th	3207*	\$18,894.24	201-43141-224-402	Gravel/normal maintenance	\$18,894.24
08/16/2020	Sonnenberg Excavating	Road Grading 7/6,13,16,20,21,24,27	3208	\$4,823.00	201-43140-224-402	Grading Services/regular	\$4,823.00
08/16/2020	Sonnenberg Excavating	Engstrom Beach Road - gravel, rock, chain link fence, skidsteer	3209	\$3,693.50	201-43140-224-402	Grading Services/regular	\$3,693.50
08/16/2020	Sonnenberg Excavating	Engstrom Beach Road - fill hole	3210	\$320.00	201-43140-224-402	Grading Services/regular	\$320.00
08/16/2020	Carr's Tree Service inc	Spraying, poison ivy	3211	\$925.00	201-43260-224-404	Weed Control	\$925.00
08/16/2020	North Central Inc	Dust control - Kerbs, 380th, DevilsLake,355th, Benke	3212	\$8,347.94	201-43101-220-412	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$8,347.94
08/16/2020	Echo Dockter	Reimbursement for copies, mileage, election supplies and a printer	3213	\$369.75	100-41110-352- 100-41110-210- 100-41995-200-	Council/Town Board Council/Town Board Election Expenses - CARES	\$4.00 \$193.26 \$83.94

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08/15/2020	Carol Myhre	Election Judge - mileage for head judge training	3214	\$25.30	100-41410-331-301	Elections	\$88.55
					100-41960-331-210	Election Judges	\$25.30
Total For Selected Claims				\$41,524.33			\$41,524.33

Carol Nelson Town Supervisor Date 8-18-2020

Dennis Sazama Chair, Town Supervisor Date 8-18-2020

Gary Schattschneider Town Supervisor Date 8-18-2020