

Edna Township
Regular Board Meeting
June 20, 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 on the attached sign in sheet.

There were several additions to the agenda. Schattschneider motioned to approve the agenda, with the additions. Bucholz 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. The minutes of the May 16th meeting were reviewed. Bucholz motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$17,813.46, disbursements of \$18,304.78 and working capital of \$559,522.58. Schattschneider motioned to approve the report. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

There were no bounties.

The claim from AISTech, for the work done on 370th st was discussed. The Board is not in favor of paying the entire claim. The email from Stabnow implies that ASTech has already incurred almost \$40,000 in costs as they attempted to correct the problems with the initial road work. These costs were for micro surfacing, sealcoating and fog seal. "Based on my last conversation with them, I don't think they would accept an additional discount for fog which would be \$4,185.", quoted from Stabnow's email. Bucholz stated that all these things were done to attempt to correct the original problem and should not be considered an Edna cost. As far as Edna is concerned, we did not get the road we contracted for. It will cost us an additional \$4,185 to make this right. The contract for another company to do the fog seal has already been awarded. This is being done to make the entire road (423rd, 370th and 432nd) look the same. At this time 370th has a crown, does not have puddles when it rains and drives smoothly.

Bucholz motioned to pay the claims with the subtraction of \$4,185 from the AISTech claim. Schattschneider 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. Schattschneider motioned to approve the transfer of \$ 99793.11 from the money market account to the checking account. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed with each supervisor voting in favor. Note: the transfer amount includes the net payroll checks which are not included on the claims for payment list.

Phone calls and contacts during the month:

There were 4 people from Devils Lake Road at the meeting to discuss the road. The road is included in the list of roads to be upgraded this year. This is part of the 3-year plan to rebuild Edna's gravel roads. The landowners are not happy about the way the road is now. There are humps and steep drop offs. The section of road that was damaged by Gorman township has not recovered yet. The grass that was replanted did not grow and the area is now all weeds. Bucholz has been in contact with Gorman Township. There is a plan to fix this area. There was a concern that the amount of gravel applied this year would be done every 3 years. That is not the plan. After this major work is done, including the dust control application for the next 2 years, the road is expected to require much less maintenance (gravel). There were questions about the possibility of asphalt, the possibility of sloping the road towards the swamp, is there any road right of way on this road, where is the road draining? Most township roads have a 66" road right of way. This road does not. The Board continues to look into just what right of way the township might have. There are also concerns about the width of the road surface. After the current gravel work the road surface is 20'. The Board listened and explained the gravel plan and some options available. The clerk will find and deliver the information needed for a petition to upgrade the road to asphalt. All present agree that there is no room for ditches. This road does not meet the road specs for the township so concessions would have to be made. The dust from the road continues to be a problem. Dust control has already been applied to this road this year. The Board also explained that working the road after the dust control has been applied is counterproductive. The land owners also commented on the dust coming from 460th St. This is a town line road. The first mile of gravel, from 385th Ave to the east is maintained by Hobart township. This was verified by reviewing the Town Line Road agreement with Hobart Township that was just signed this week. The rest of 460th, continuing east is in

Gorman Township. There were also comments about the overhanging branches on Jackim Road. These branches are so low they are a hazard. This will be added to Sonnenberg's priority list.

Bucholz has been talking to Gorman Township about the damages to Devils Lake Road. Currently he is waiting for an estimate from Sonnenberg to fix this problem. He is also waiting for a written agreement from Gorman Township to have this work done.

Mike Satter and others from 355th have contacted Bucholz and Brokke about the dust on 355th and the condition of the road. They are requesting better maintenance of this gravel road. This road is on the schedule for 2024. Noted that it is past the deadline in the Dust Control policy but there might still be time to have it done if the residents chose to pay for it. The Board reviewed the estimated cost to do the graveling and dust control on the road this year instead of next year. It would be more than \$14,000. All agreed that would not fit into the budget for this year. Sonnenberg has been contacted about grading this road soon, and maybe more often. This led to a short discussion of the lack of rainfall in Edna Township this Spring and a surprising realization of the hit and miss rainfall from last weekend. Everyone was reminded that grading a dry road is a waste of money.

The approach for Honer's field on 405th St is not done yet. Sonnenberg was not at the meeting. Schattschneider will contact him and get this on the priority list. The Honer irrigator is still watering the road (395th). The damage is visible. The Board would like the approach fixed before he is contacted about adjusting his irrigator. Schattschneider shared his first draft of a follow up letter to the people with irrigation systems in the township. The letter will thank the people who have made adjustments and specifically list the roads that are still being watered. Hopefully this will be a reminder and will get more cooperation. No one wants to have to take the step of reporting the offenders to the state. The Board agreed this is a good idea. Schattschneider will share the letter with the other supervisors. As soon as they approve the final version it will be sent as soon as possible.

Brokke received a call from Tom Mueller on Sybil Lake Lane regarding dust control. Mike Satter from 355th Ave also called Brokke regarding dust control. Joe Swiontek from 44197 W Little Mc had his GIS sign removed by the snow plow. Dockter will call him and order the sign from the county. Mark Lutgen from Big Mc Resort had 8' of concrete curb moved by the snow plow. Brokke picked it up. The pothole on Engstrom Beach was filled by Brokke with 2 50# bags of cold mix. Rich Voss requested a letter regarding his septic system. The mound will be within the 10' set back from the road right of way.

Schattschneider attended the Hobart Township meeting to finalize the Town Line Road Agreement. There were no changes. The agreement will be filed. The Town Line Road Agreement with Dead Lake has also been signed. Edna has not received an original signed agreement yet. Schattschneider will work on this. The Town Line Road Agreement for Southview Lane, between Dead Lake Rush Lake and Edna has also been signed but Edna does not have an original signed copy yet. The Town Line Agreement between Dora and Edna Townships needs to be updated also. The Board looked over the proposed agreement and made a change. The Clerk will make the change and email the proposed agreement to Schattschneider. He plans to email it to the chairman of Dora Township and offer to have an Edna supervisor attend the Dora meeting if they want to make changes.

Access Approach applications have been received from Lachowitz, (Stony Hills), Rosenthal (Stony Hills) and Rydell. Schattschneider has approved all of these. All of these have a bonded contractor building the approach so no deposits were required. None of them have been completed at this time.

There was some discussion about weed control. The weeds in the ditch by the Taylor property have been mowed. No poison ivy has been reported. This led to the discussion of spraying to control the brush in the ditches, especially the ones that were extensively brushed last Fall. The supervisors will be looking for more recommendations on this.

The correspondence was noted. The variance notice was texted to the supervisors when it was received. There was no impact on township roads so no response was required. The letter from the State Demographer stated the 2022 population estimate is 926, household estimate is 381. There was a notice from the county regarding the sealcoat bidding, responded with notice that Edna will not be participating.

Schattschneider and Dockter have started working on the road policy from Dunn Township.

The process for bids and contracts for gravel, snowplowing, mowing and other road work was discussed. The current contracts will end in the Spring of 2024. The sample contracts from MAT will be reviewed and adjusted. No one volunteered to take on this project, yet.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Doug Schateschion
Exec Docket

June 20, 2023

Wade & Stacy Dockter

Jon Anderson

Ang & Kathy *Stacy*

Date Range : 5/20/2023 to 6/20/2023


<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>
06/17/2023	Minnesota Department of Revenue	Payroll withholding - deposited on-line	3510	\$251.58	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$251.58
06/17/2023	United States Treasury	Form 944 Deposit - medicare taxes for employer and employees and withholding, via EFT	3511	\$369.65	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$369.65
06/17/2023	Gary Schattshneider	Attend Hobart Township meeting to discuss and sign town line agreement. 24 miles at .655	3512	\$15.72	100-41110-331-	Council/Town Board	\$15.72
06/17/2023	Sonnenberg Excavating	Discing and Road Grading	3513	\$9,524.66	201-43140-224-	Grading Services/regular	\$9,524.66
06/17/2023	Sonnenberg Excavating	Gravel on Devils Lake Rd	3514	\$14,085.80	201-43142-224-	Gravel, Class 5, major road repair	\$14,085.80
06/17/2023	Sonnenberg Excavating	Gravel on W Little Mc - Kerbs Lake portion	3515	\$12,576.20	201-43142-224-	Gravel, Class 5, major road repair	\$12,576.20
06/17/2023	Otter Tail County Treasurer-Fir Ave	Township Election Supplies	3516	\$255.31	100-41410-209-	Elections	\$255.31
06/17/2023	Sonnenberg Excavating	April grading and snowplowing	3517	\$3,689.13	201-43140-224- 201-43125-224-	Grading Services/regular Ice and Snow Removal	\$2,280.55 \$1,408.58
06/17/2023	Sonnenberg Excavating	Berger Lake, trees and hauling	3518	\$3,840.00	201-43147-224-	Brushing	\$3,840.00


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Date	Vendor	Description	Claim #	Total	Account #	Account Name	Detail
06/17/2023	PERA	2ND quarter, employee and employer portions	3519	\$630.00	100-411110-103- 100-411110-120-	Council/Town Board Council/Town Board	\$315.00 \$315.00
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Total For Selected Claims				\$45,238.05			\$45,238.05


98,388.81

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 Benjamin D. Buchholz
 Town Supervisor


 Gary Schattschneider
 Chair, Town Supervisor

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 Keith Brokke
 Town Supervisor

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