

**Edna Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 18, 2022**  
**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.

Dennis Sazama, Gary Schattschneider, Ben Bucholz, Karen Marthaler and Echo Dockter were present.

See sign in sheet for other attendees.

The agenda was reviewed. Sazama made a motion to approve the agenda with changes. Bucholz 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

The clerk's report of the September meeting was reviewed. Sazama made a motion to accept the minutes with the spelling corrections, Bucholz 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Treasure's report showed receipts of \$744.18, disbursements of \$137,491.37 and working capital of \$450,458.45. Schattschneider motioned to accept the report. Bucholz 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it unanimously.

There were no bounties to be paid. The claims for payment were postponed. The Chairman from Dead Lake was expected to come to the meeting with the invoice for the work on the town line road. He was not present at this time.

The road report began with the review of Mallard Loop. The county added gravel and packed it. This road is now restored to the condition it was in before the bike path was constructed.

The clearing of the road right of way on E Big McDonald Dr was discussed again. Sazama would like one more chance to talk to the owner of the property who is reluctant to sign the permission letter for road right of way clearing. It was agreed that the properties that the township has permission letter for should be cleared soon. If the property owner does not sign the letter her property should not be cleared. This is not a change from the conclusion reached at the September meeting.

The branches hanging over the road on E Little Mc have been trimmed. The area of concern on N Little Mc has not been reviewed yet.

There was a request received regarding mowing the ditches on 380<sup>th</sup> Ave. This is a minimum maintenance road. The Board agreed this needs to be done. Mowing/brushing of 380<sup>th</sup> Ave will be added to the Sub-contractor list.

Sazama received a phone call requesting the removal of a beaver. This was a dead beaver on private property. The township does not provide removal of carcasses.

Schattschneider will contact Newling Asphalt regarding the damage to the driveway at 37776 N Little Mc caused by the stripping equipment.

Schattschneider reported that there were no puddles on 370<sup>th</sup> St after the recent rain. The road has a crown and no dips. The Board will wait to see how this road settles this winter. No bill has been paid for this yet.

The Access Approach policy was discussed and a few more changes were made. The revisions will be sent to Jeff and the Supervisors before posting.

Sonnenberg is still working on the washouts on the curve of 432<sup>nd</sup> St. The curve and the washouts on the other side of the road, further up the hill, need to be seeded. The plan is to compact it now and seed it next Spring. This will give this area time to settle and to make sure the packing worked.

Bucholz, as the weed inspector, is recommending 3 mowings next year. There was also more discussion about spraying.

The priority report for Sub-contractors was reviewed.

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| <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>      |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 10/18/2022                       | Dead Lake Township              | Cost of tree/brush removal on 400th Street, Edna side only                            | 3438*          | \$1,740.00         | 201-43101-224-413 | Highways, Streets & Roadways | \$1,740.00         |
| 10/17/2022                       | Minnesota Department of Revenue | Payroll withholding - deposited on-line   | 3443           | \$235.08           | 100-41110-103-    | Council/Town Board           | \$235.08           |
| 10/17/2022                       | United States Treasury          | Form 944 Deposit - medicare taxes for employer and employees and withholding, via EFT | 3444           | \$297.15           | 100-41110-103-    | Council/Town Board           | \$297.15           |
| 10/17/2022                       | Karkela, Hunt & Cheshire, PLLP  | Emails between Ben and Sam regarding Engstrom Beach drainage easement                 | 3445           | \$405.00           | 201-43101-304-211 | Highways, Streets & Roadways | \$405.00           |
| 10/18/2022                       | Newling Asphalt Services        | Traffic markings  | 3446           | \$14,888.12        | 201-43121-224-406 | Paved Streets                | \$14,888.12        |
| 10/18/2022                       | Ben Bucholz                     | Mileage for weed inspection road tour   | 3447*          | \$55.00            | 100-41110-331-    | Council/Town Board           | \$55.00            |
| <b>Total For Selected Claims</b> |                                 |   |                | <b>\$17,620.35</b> |                   |                              | <b>\$17,620.35</b> |

Claims List for Approval

Edna Township

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Detail

| Date | Vendor               | Description            | Claim # | Total | Account # | Account Name |
|------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|-------|-----------|--------------|
|      | <i>[Signature]</i>   |                        |         |       |           | 10-18-22     |
|      | Benjamin D. Bucholz  | Town Supervisor        |         |       |           |              |
|      | <i>[Signature]</i>   |                        |         |       |           | 10/18/22     |
|      | Dennis Sazama        | Chair, Town Supervisor |         |       |           |              |
|      | <i>[Signature]</i>   |                        |         |       |           | 10/18/22     |
|      | Gary Schattschneider | Town Supervisor        |         |       |           |              |

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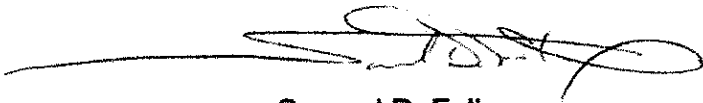
RE: Drainage Easement

Dear Echo:

In our office conference with with you and Ben Bucholz, we discussed drainage easement issues that recently arose between adjacent landowners Jim Mertes and Gordon and Adele Spidah. I spoke last month with Otter Tail County Attorney Michelle Eiden about the same issue. From all the information that I have received, the issues presented appear to be private drainage easement issues between adjacent private landowners which do not implicate either Township or County authorities or responsibilities. The only qualification to that assessment that I can determine at present would be that the private landowners may be required to go through the permitting process to ensure that they adhere to all local and state ordinances, statutes, and rules in asserting their private easement rights or responsibilities. As a result, it is my opinion that Edna Township should take no active role in navigating the apparent dispute between landowners.

I hope this clarifies the issues involved. Please feel free to reach out to me with any additional thoughts or questions or if new information comes to light that might bear on my opinion of the Township's rights and responsibilities.

With Regards,



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