

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jan Heuer, Pete Fredrickson, John Rowles, Lowell Vagle, Brian Merschman, Erin Stieg

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Bemidji Township Town Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jan Heuer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:** JPC member status was added under "Joint Planning". Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 were reviewed and Pete Fredrickson motioned to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Lowell Vagle and carried unanimously.

**CONSTITUENTS (see attached attendance sheet):** Dale Roh, of South Korea, came in to promote the Christmas Cantata at Bemidji High School on October 6<sup>th</sup>. It was stated that Bemidji Township cannot donate money to the program, but everyone is invited to come. Later in the meeting, Peter Dugenheimer came in to ask questions about the annexation and legal proceedings. He was given an update.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Roads:**

**Calcium Chloride- Fox Drive NW:** Road supervisor, Pete Fredrickson, announced that Fox Drive has been retouched. He has also met with a brushing company and set up some ground rules. Charges were discussed and a representative should be bringing in paperwork later this week. Pete also added that he has not heard from Bruce Hasbargen on a road trade yet.

**Signs: Olympic Hills Development Complaint**

This issue was discussed and the Township clerk is to call the Beltrami County Highway Department to see if the signs can be fixed.

**Fire:**

No report at this time.

**Weeds:** Weeds supervisor Brian Merschman contacted Rich Engle, who had complained of noxious plants to the east and south of his sister's property. Brian did drive out to the property and verified there were thistles in the field. After discussing what can be done about the weeds at this point, Lowell Vagle motioned for the clerk to draft a letter to the property owner making them aware of the complaint. The letter is to be copied to the Beltrami County Commissioner's office as well. Pete Fredrickson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Joint Governance:**

No report at this time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tim Wang presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Beginning Balance 7/31/2012 \$671,870.53

Receipts

Money Market Interest	\$	162.51
Animal Care Fines	\$	80.00
Total	\$	242.51

Disbursements

General	\$15,189.62
Road & Bridge	\$27,873.97
Fire	\$ 0.00
Total	\$43,063.59

Ending Balance 8/31/2012 \$629,049.45

Lowell Vagle made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. The motion carried unanimously. This report was filed subject to audit.

**Bills:**

Jan Heuer made a motion, seconded by John Rowles to approve the payment of checks 9124 to 9152, with the exception of check numbers 9133-9137 which were written in error, and 10000-10005 (see attached Claims List and Net Pay Distribution lists) and to approve the Beltrami Electric, First National Bank, Minnesota Energy, Otter Tail Power, and Paul Bunyan Communications automatic withdrawals. The motion passed unanimously.

Lowell Vagle made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, to approve the sale of investments for \$20,000.00 from money market fund to checking. The motion passed unanimously. Lowell also motioned for the renewal of the Certificate of Deposit that is up for approval on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This motion was seconded by Pete Fredrickson and passed unanimously.

**JOINT PLANNING:**

**Joint Planning Board Agenda:** The cases that the board received were not the cases listed on the agenda so it seems there was some confusion, but the Board did look over and discuss the cases they had. The date of the Joint Planning Commission meeting was also discussed. The Board also looked over the Briar Lane complaint and the letter that was sent to the property owner. No other action is being taken at this time.

**JPC Member Status:** A letter was sent out to the members of the Joint Planning Commission requesting their presence at each Township Board meeting immediately preceding the JPC meeting. Since the date of the JPC meeting had been changed, all of the representatives should have been present at this meeting. None of the representatives were present. Pete Fredrickson made a motion to have a standing record on the meeting agenda of who is present and who is absent every meeting that there is an expectation of members' participation. Brian Merschman seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**2012 Newsletter:** This item will be readdressed when the website is updated.

**Storm Clean-up:** Pete Fredrickson has spoken to JD Hansen about the cost effectiveness of his equipment. JD Hansen is looking into getting some new equipment and will keep Pete updated on his progress.

**ADJOURN:**

Jan Heuer made a motion, seconded by Lowell Vagle, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

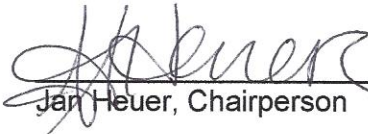
Prepared by Erin Stieg, Bemidji Township Clerk



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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Heuer, Chairperson