

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 25th, 2012
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Jan Heuer, Pete Fredrickson, John Rowles, Lowell Vagle, Brian Merschman, Michelle Anderson

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: Items "Enbridge Letter" and "Closed Meeting Date" were added under "Other Business". Lowell Vagle made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The meeting minutes for September 11th, 2012 were reviewed and Pete Fredrickson motioned to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Brian Merschman and carried unanimously.

CONSTITUENTS (see attached attendance sheet): No constituent issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roads:

Road supervisor, Pete Fredrickson, suggested that Bemidji Township get a plat book. However it was mentioned that a new one has not come out yet, so the Board will revisit the issue in January, 2013. Brushing of the roads is getting done and the Township will do some each year until it is caught up. There was a suggestion to put the cleaning issue in the 5 year road report for the annual meeting. There was no update on road exchanges, but there has been some discussion.

Signs: There is a crooked sign on Tyler Avenue & Roosevelt Drive; Jan said she will fix it.

Fire: There was some discussion about the Rural Fire Association. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct.9th, 2012.

Weeds: A letter has been drafted and sent to the property owner on Tyler Avenue about the weed complaint that was received last month. Brian Merschman mentioned that there is a state statute on weed control, but the authority falls to the County to enforce the ordinance.

Joint Governance: JPB meeting was light, but the few cases seem to be going to the JPC. Some minor confusion about one of the items voted on. Available dates for the LGU meeting were discussed.

JOINT PLANNING:

Administrator's Report: Mayana Rice of the JBP asked Pete about attendance at township meetings. He said because of Ag restoration, she should maybe attend more meetings than quarterly.

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. Monte Eidem and Joe Mckinnon were present, George Stowe was absent. It was

mentioned that George is having some health issues. Roles and attendance of representatives were discussed with Monte and Joe. JPC members feel they should be able to get their information from public hearings, the Board stated that they would also like them to come to Township meetings so that everyone is on the same page. There was some discussion about Ag Zone restoration benefits and why the Township wants it back. The clerk will pass along information about Ag restoration to the representatives. Monte announced that he will be leaving at the end of October. There will be an item added to next agenda to discuss a possible replacement for Monte.

Quarterly Joint Planning Payment: The fourth quarter payment will be sent to JPO on October 1st, 2012 and the first quarter payment for 2013 will be retroactively adjusted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2012 Newsletter: This item will be readdressed when the website is updated. Item is moved to next agenda.

Enbridge Letter: The clerk will follow up to receive notifications for the Line 67 Station Upgrade Project.

Closed Meeting Dates: October 15th was chosen as an available date to hold a closed meeting to discuss litigation. It will take place at 6:00pm. The clerk will put notice in the newspaper.

Other: Brian Merschman motioned to allow Michelle Anderson, Deputy Clerk to be reimbursed for time worked at the 9/25/12 Town Board Meeting. This was seconded by John Rowles and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by Lowell Vagle, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Prepared by Erin Stieg, Bemidji Township Clerk



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Approved 10/19/12



Jan Heuer, Chairperson