

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Jan Heuer, Pete Fredrickson, John Rowles, Brian Merschman, Erin Stieg, 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: After review and discussion, Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The meeting minutes for January 8th, 2013 were reviewed and Pete Fredrickson motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Brian Merschman and carried unanimously.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roads: A letter was reviewed from the Beltrami County Highway Department informing the township that the mix of salt and sand used to clear ice from the roads will be changing, and the pricing will be different as well.

The clerk was given contact information for Craig Collison, District Engineer at MnDOT, for the constituent on Fenske Farm Lane to call if more maintenance is needed on her road.

Signs: No report.

Fire: Brian Merschman asked when the next Research Committee meeting would be in February. John Rowles will find out for him. Brian also motioned that Erin get a list of other townships that would be affected by the new fire District changes so they can be contacted and made aware. Pete seconded this motion and it was passed unanimously.

Weeds: Brian Merschman spoke with Dick Anderson. He will keep Bemidji Township updated as far as criteria to be followed for weed control in 2013.

BATO/ BRACO: No report, John Rowles will go to the meeting tonight.

Joint Governance: Township officials reviewed the "LGU Contribution Analysis" submitted by the JPO and determined that there are still items that need clarification before first quarter fees will be paid. They also went over the "Proposed Changes to Code" handout with Michelle Anderson and discussed their position on different items. It was determined that Bemidji Township would not vote on any changes until they have complete information and adequate time to review it.

Legal Issues: Jan Heuer reported that Bemidji Township is leaning toward mediation in the current legal situation regarding annexation. They are in the process of picking mediators and dates and will be having a closed meeting in the near future to discuss the next steps.

JOINT PLANNING:

Administrator's Report: Sub-Committee Sign-up: The clerk passed around a handout from Mayana Rice with dates and times of subcommittee meetings to sign up and attend. Pete motioned that Erin write Mayana an email to state that the times suggested are not good for anyone on our board. John seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

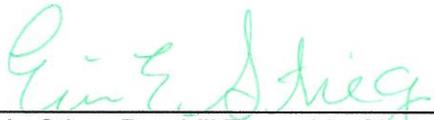
JPC Representatives Attendance: Michelle Anderson was present as a representative for the JPC. No other representatives were present.

OTHER BUSINESS: Letter of Storm Damage Reimbursement: The clerk received a letter from Homeland Security and Emergency Management stating that a payment has been processed to Bemidji Township for the costs incurred from the strait-line wind event of July 2-4, 2012. Bemidji Township should be receiving these funds shortly.

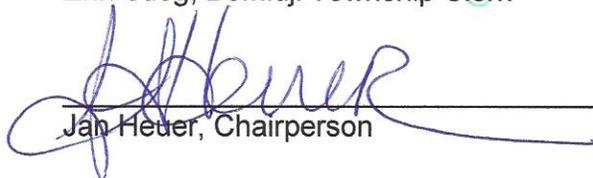
ADJOURN:

Pete Fredrickson made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Prepared by Erin Stieg, Bemidji Township Clerk


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Approved 2/12/13


Jan Heuer, Chairperson