

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jan Heuer, Pete Fredrickson, John Rowles, Brian Merschman, Lowell Vagle, and 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:** After review and discussion, the item "Fire" was removed due to the discussion of the topic at the previous Closed Meeting of the Bemidji Township Town Board. Lowell Vagle made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 were reviewed and it was mentioned that there was an error in the date at the top of the document. Brian Merschman motioned to approve the minutes with correction. The motion was seconded by Pete Fredrickson and carried unanimously.

**CONSTITUENTS (see attached attendance sheet):** Sandy Beck was present to discuss the vacation of an unimproved cart path on her property.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Roads:** A road hearing was set for Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to set up the legal vacation of the unimproved cart path on the Beck's property. It was decided that Pete Fredrickson and Lowell Vagle would perform an examination of the road at the Road Review meeting held on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**BATO/ BRACO:** Lowell Vagle gave a report on the BATO annual meeting that was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. Bruce Hasbargen spoke about roads and mentioned that there are none in the immediate area that are being worked on. There was further discussion about the upcoming weed committee meeting and the budget for 2013.

**BRACO:** Lowell stated that Bemidji Township is doing very well year-to-date as far as Animal Control is concerned. There have been no bites or citations and only 6 impounds so far.

**Weeds:** Lowell Vagle gave a report of the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Weed Committee meeting. William Patenaude presented a review on weeds in Minnesota that need to be *eradicated*, however many did not apply to Beltrami County. Lowell did say that there is a list of weeds in Beltrami County, including Purple Loose-leaf, Garlic Mustard, Cocklebur, and Canadian Thistle that do need to be *controlled*. There is financial assistance available to Bemidji Township residents for controlling weeds on their property, however there is a process of paperwork and reimbursement that may take some time.

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**Joint Governance:** There was some discussion on the planning cases for the Sanford Center and the South Shore Development area. No motions or decisions were made on either topic. Joe Mckinnon also brought up a request for an Interim Use Permit for John Schulke who would like to put used cars on display. At 6:29 pm Jan Heuer excused herself from the meeting to

meet with Beltrami County Sheriff's Deputy to discuss recent damage to the township parking lot. Pete Fredrickson took over during the discussion with Joe Mckinnon regarding the Joint Planning cases. Jan resumed as chair at 6:54pm.

**JOINT PLANNING:**

**Administrator's Report:** None given.

**JPC Representatives Attendance:** Joseph McKinnon and Michelle Anderson were present.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Rental Permit Renewals: The town clerk had some questions about roles and timelines regarding rental permit renewals. Many of Bemidji Township's rental permits will expire in June, 2013 and Erin will be renewing these permits. An inspection will need to be done of the property, paid for by the property owners, and inspection paperwork must be presented along with a \$100.00 renewal fee and the application for rental permit.

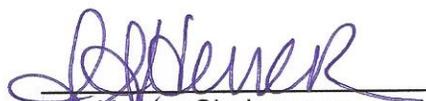
**ADJOURN:**

Pete Fredrickson made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Prepared by Erin Stieg, Bemidji Township Clerk

  
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Approved 6/11/13

  
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Jan Heter, Chairperson