

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 25th, 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, Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by Lowell Vagle to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The meeting minutes for June 11th, 2013 were reviewed and Pete Fredrickson motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by John Rowles and carried unanimously.

CONSTITUENTS (see attached attendance sheet): Dave Anderson was present to discuss a loud neighbor that owns a sandblasting company. Norm and Rita Nelson came to state their concerns about the poor road conditions on Tyler Avenue. Many suggestions were discussed, but the cost is so great that it needs to be carefully planned before repairs can be made. Marion Reil stated her opposition to Bemidji Township's proposition with Beltrami County to trade part of Van Buren Ave. for Tyler Ave.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roads: It was mentioned that Clearwater Paving had been missing some holes on Township roads while doing patchwork. Pete Fredrickson motioned to have J.D. Hansen and Sons put in a 36 inch culvert on either side of the existing culvert on Jackson Avenue to see if that would eliminate the flooding problem on that road.

Signs: No Report.

Fire: Brian Merschman noted that there is a Fire Association meeting on July 9th, 2013. No one from Bemidji Township has received any notification for fire committee meetings coming up.

BATO/ BRACO: No Report.

Weeds: Chuck Buus was present to discuss his situation with weeds on his property and how he plans to control them. He gave an update on his progress and will follow up in September to complete anything that was missed this spring.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Joint Commission/Board Meetings:** After some discussion, Pete Fredrickson motioned that Bemidji Town Board members and Commission members shall not attend Joint Planning events and nothing will be paid if attended. Board Members and Commission Members are not representing Bemidji Township and will not be paid by Bemidji Township. Bemidji Township is taking back their jurisdiction over planning and zoning as

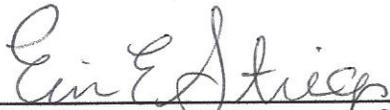
per the mediated agreement signed on 5/31/213. Lowell Vagle seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The clerk will send an email to Mayana Rice of the Joint

- Planning Office as well as all Commission members notifying them of this motion.
- Questions Regarding Permits/Ordinances: The clerk has been getting several phone calls with concerns or complaints wondering if Bemidji Township has various ordinances in place for un-kept lawns, etc. For now, there are no specific ordinances in place and there will be no permits granted for the time being. Pete Fredrickson moved to place a moratorium on all building/land use in Bemidji Township to be revisited in 30 days. Lowell Vagle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Lowell Vagle made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Prepared by Erin Stieg, Bemidji Township Clerk


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Approved 7/9/13


Jan Heuer, Chairperson