

**Rochester Township
Thursday, August 14, 2014
Board Minutes**

Members Present: Brian Mueller, Art Reckinger, Lenny Laures, Douglas Butler, Brian Braaten, and Gary Swenson

Members Absent: Jeff Orth

Guests –Deputy Chad Miller, Gary Donovan, Bruce Borgerding, Gene Peters, Kevin Torgerson, Lori Torgerson, and Bill Toiten.

Douglas Butler called the meeting to order at 7PM.

A motion was made by Art Reckinger to approve the July 10, 2014 minutes as corrected. Brian Braaten seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Park Discussion - Art Reckinger reported that Jeff Orth had a discussion with the Chair of the DMC and they were not interested in any involvement with the Miller property as a park. The board tabled this issue until something is brought to the board.

Meadow Crossing Road Repayment Plan - Homer presented via email a repayment plan and is working on putting a second lift on. Lenny talked to a property manager for that area and told him we could not remove snow from that road unless the road is repaired.

Send a letter to Homer stating that we need repair Meadow Crossing Road prior to October 1st, Rich Wright. Brian Braaten, Douglas Butler, Lenny Laures and the clerk will send a letter out early next week.

Kevin Torgerson introduced himself to the board.

Land Use Plan Amendment – Lily Property - Gene Peters requested the board consider a land use amendment dealing with Lily property in section 6, requires a land use plan amendment to remove a portion of the property from the Urban Service Areas to Suburban Service Area to suburban subdivision on the adopted land use plan to provide for a rural residential development using township standards. Bill Tointon requested that we pass a resolution supporting this amendment. 08-01-14. Brian Braaten made a motion to approve the amended resolution (190 acres for or less and the word remove to move. Art Reckinger seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Salem Township and Rochester Township Center Line Agreement - Douglas Butler presented a center line agreement discussed and agreed on at our October 2013 board meeting with two board members of the Salem Township board. Art Reckinger made a motion to accept the resolution (confirming our October 2013 agreement) between Salem Township and Rochester Township. Douglas Butler seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

The other issue is a problem we have on that center line road with water flow in the ditch. Art Reckinger and Brian Braaten will work on the current town line water problem with representatives of Salem Township.

ISTS Vertical Separation - Art Reckinger said that he worked on a letter to the county and gave it to Jeff Orth for signature dealing with the county's 4 foot septic vertical separation, requesting it be 3 feet of vertical separation as recommended by the state and the water research center.

2nd Access for Meadow Crossing Road - Art Reckinger thought the board is liable because there is no second entrance for those residents off of Meadow Crossing Road. Art Reckinger made a motion to hire McGhie and Betts to do a study generating a probability curve determining the risk to the township. The motion died for lack of a second. Brian Braaten requested that we table the motion until next month.

Stop and Yield Signs - Art Reckinger reported that we have the authority to remove or change road signs. He will check with our Township attorney to see if we have the authority to change signs to agree with MUTCD rules.

Deputy Chad Miller - Deputy Chad Miller reported on activities within the township in July.

Road Report – Lenny Laures - Update on 40th Street, sign program is in process, asked for permission to spend some money on spraying and to replace Kevin Mulholland mailbox stand which the board approved .

Treasurer's Report – **Brian Braaten made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Brian Mueller seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed unanimously. Closing Balance \$484,842.52.**

Rochester Township Claims – **Brian Mueller made a motion to approve August claims #2546 thru 2564 for a total of \$340,669.04. Brian Braaten seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed, with Brian Mueller abstaining from voting.**

JPB Claims – **Brian Braaten made a motion to approve JPB August claims from 3033 thru 3050 in the amount of \$14,373.77. Brian Mueller seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.**

Board of Adjustment – No meeting.

Planning & Zoning – - No meeting

TCPA – **Art Reckinger updated the board on current TCPA activities. The financial condition has improved this past month and we are in the black.**

Meeting Adjourned – **Brian Mueller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM. Brian Braaten seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectively Submitted,

Gary Swenson, Clerk

Jeff Orth, Chairman