

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF BASHAW
FEBRUARY 9, 2024

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Degner
- **MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9, 2024, MEETING:** Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Kelbel, second by Damon. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0).
- **TREASURERS REPORT** Bank balance \$233,018.58 February disbursements of \$31,077.36 with receipts of \$470,678.62. Leaves an ending balance of \$200,277.13. Motion by Damon to accept the treasurer's report, second by Kelbel. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0).
- **CORRESPONDENCE** There is additional funding opportunities for townships that may be coming up this year. Degner attended the recent ambulance meeting and they did have a profit in 2023 for Washburn County. They are looking at proposing a variable increase/decrease contract dependent upon the profitability of the services. ARPA reporting due April 30th.
- **PUBLIC INPUT** None
- **REBUILD TERRY TRAIL – DAN BURCH** Dan Burch contacted Degner and there is a small road up in the Benson Thompson Estates-Terry Trail. Taubman put together some figures of what would be needed to update the road. Terry Trail Details: 1,220 feet in length and 1,080 feet is the length that needs improvement. 20 feet width would require 267 yards of gravel @ \$22 (for each additional 1 inch gravel add \$1,469) \$5,874. 18 feet width would require 240 yards of gravel @ \$22 (for each additional 1 inch gravel add \$1,320) \$5,280. Culvert \$1,000; Disk Site \$200; Remove trees \$250; Grader – 12 hours \$1,320; Labor – 22 hours \$500; For a total of \$9,144 for 20 feet and \$8,550 if the 18 foot was selected.
- **LRIP/TRID/TRIS PROJECT – SAND ROAD** No new update on the Tris project. March is the anticipated decision on these projects.
- **DRIVEWAY PERMITS/APPLICATIONS** None
- **ROADS/UPDATE ROAD PLAN** Nothing much for plowing or salt/sanding. Taubman was out driving on Swiss Chalet and he discovered some bumps in the areas that we did the excavating in. The tree that Linda Nielsen called in regards to that was hanging over Sunset Road was marked for Taubman and Harrington to look into. Taubman went back and looked at the tree and it is a large oak tree so he plans to contact the Nielsen's and find out what their specific concerns were with the tree as Taubman thought that one limb was probably the biggest issue. If the whole tree were to be cut down it will be quite a project. Taubman spent a little time on Pond View as the culvert is anticipated to be replaced this upcoming summer. Taubman would like to have the bank issue looked into getting remedied, however, after his inspection all of the utility lines are at the crest of the bank so he doesn't feel like there was much that could actually be done. Culvert on Starkey Lake Road needs to be looked at before reconstruction as well. Taubman will contact Commissioner Danielsen at the highway department to see about coordinating the Pond View Road culvert before reconstruction. Taubman discussed roadways that are open to ATV traffic as he was contacted by the new Washburn County Rec officer. Discussed the possibility of opening all roadways. Taubman found an ordinance from 2003 that stated all township roads are open, however, they are not signed so are not able to be traveled. Degner discussed if the road weight signs should be put up or wait. They will place the signs and if needed to remove them they can throw a bag over the sign or remove it.
- **TRUCK/GRADER** Nothing much to report. The truck needs a replacement flashlight to place in the cab. There also should be a fire extinguisher in the truck. The fire extinguishers need to be mounted. The ceiling tiles in the office storage area were replaced. In the shop Taubman would like to see a six foot step ladder purchased for easier access to the equipment maintenance. Taubman would also like to see a battery powered ½" wrench added to the shop supplies. Degner would also like to see a retractable air hose reel installed in the shop also. Also look at a hose reel for water lines in the shop.
- **TOWNHALL** Harrington cleaned out all of the lights.
- **SET NEXT MEETING DATE** March 12, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
- **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** Annual Meeting add ATV Routes.

- **APPROVE VOUCHERS** Motion by Damon to approve vouchers 15208-15222, second by Kelbel. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0).
- **ADJOURN MEETING** Motion by Degner to adjourn the meeting, second by Damon. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0). The meeting adjourned 10:08 a.m.

Lesa Dahlstrom, Clerk/Treasurer