

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF BASHAW
APRIL 11, 2023

Action may be taken on any agenda line item

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Degner
- **MINUTES FROM march 14, 2023, MEETING :** Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Damon, second by Kelbel. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0).
- **TREASURERS REPORT** Bank balance \$430,428.55 with April disbursements of \$16,347.24 with receipts of \$39,666.54. Leaves an ending balance of \$142,305.54. Motion by Kelbel to accept the treasurer's report, second by Damon. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0).
- **TOWN CHECKING ACCOUNT – SHELL LAKE STATE BANK** Steve discussed the township checking account with Shane at the Shell Lake State Bank. They are able to offer 2.5% on the general checking account.
- **CORRESPONDENCE** None
- **PUBLIC INPUT** None
- **PLOWING OF PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS** Degner stated that there was an in detail discussion in regards to the major breakdowns and extra expenses incurred due to them. The majority of driveways that we are plowing for prefer special accommodations and sometimes require additional trips. By adding certain restrictions to the driveways it will require monitoring and enforcement in addition to just the applications. Dennis inquired into . Motion by Degner to discontinue plowing private driveways, second by Damon. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0).
- **PLOWING OF PRIVATE ROADS** Degner feels that the plowing of private/platted roads can continue with some initial inspection. Motion by Degner to continue to plow private roads and sanding if deemed necessary upon initial inspection for clearance any private roads with more than 3 residents, second by Damon. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0).
- **FINANCING FOR TOWNSHIP TRUCK PURCHASE AND FINAL PRICE** Degner discussed the purchase price considering that it is two years out from when the initial contract was signed. It is approximately \$16,000 more than was originally contracted. Total cost should be \$186,611.02. The plan by the town board is to pay for the truck outright and not finance any portion. Motion by Degner to approve \$190,000 for the purchase of the new town truck, second by Damon. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0).
- **AMEND 2023 BUDGET – ALLOCATE ARPA FUNDS TO NEW TRUCK PURCHASE** Degner discussed that there are funds of \$54,085 from Insurance funds and ARPA funds of \$48,279.42. Total on hand of \$142,063 allocated towards the purchase of the truck already. Motion by Kelbel to allocate the ARPA funds of \$48,279.42 which includes interest earned toward the truck purchase and amend the budget to reflect, second by Damon. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0). Degner advised that once the new truck is received they will list the old truck for sale and hopefully be able to put the monies toward grader repair/maintenance.
- **AMEND 2023 BUDGET – APPLY \$40,000 BUDGETED TRUCK PAYMENTS TO ACTUAL PURCHASE** Degner just wanted to let the residents know that the \$40,000 that was listed in the 2023 budget for truck payments will just be directly utilized towards the purchase.
- **DRIVEWAY PERMITS/APPLICATIONS** None
- **ROADS** Bill Taubman said today was a bad day for roads with the snow melt. They put up a high water sign last evening and it was already taken by this morning. Bill measured water levels today and some of them were as high as 19 inches. Bill received a call from Ed Morrison in regards to Cadle Road and the water was high and seemed to be flowing in the wrong direction. Cadle and Long Lake Road had issues and some water was flowing over the road. Cadle Road and Sunset Road is currently closed due to wash out and some gravel seems to have displaced as well. Degner received a call about North Pine Tree Road and County Highway B. Bill feels this may be the worst road conditions currently within the township. Not seeing any frost boils or heaves within the blacktop. Bill advised there are not very many potholes

present. Kelbel stated that right on the town line on Sand Road just onto Spring Lake Road (Dewey's jurisdiction) has a culvert issue and is closed. Swiss Chalet Road has been graded. As soon as the flooding is under control they will start to work on the potholes and grading. Mandatory dive on the Yellow River Bridge is due and will be scheduled by the county. Estimated cost of the dive is \$900. Look at getting stands for signs. Tony recommends just going with roll up signs as versus metal signs.

- **TRUCK/GRADER** Grader got a wash job and discussed maintenance and repairs needed. Bill asked Tony what the county does to repair their graders. They replace the wrecked metal, sand down the rest and repaint. It is a big project to tackle. Tony inquired if it had fenders on it and it does not. The grader had its annual inspection done and there are a couple of injectors that are not functioning. Bill feels that there is significant lose of power. Fabick recommended replacing the harness in its entirety. \$750 per injector with \$400 labor. Trip charge \$1,040. Total estimate would be around \$3,000 to get the two injectors changed out. There are 6 injectors in the grader. Bill thinks that something needs to be done with the wing as it has been on 3 graders now and has quite a bit of maintenance and repair. Look at auction items to try and locate a used but new to the township wing. Motion by Kelbel to replace 6 injectors, wiring harness, fuel filters with an estimated cost of \$6,500 second by Damon. Motion carried. Yes (3) Degner, Kelbel and Damon. No (0). Steve Madison's shop had repaired/painted their grader and it looks very well done. Bill is in conversation with Steve in regards to the possibility of doing it for the township grader.
- **TOWNHALL** None
- **SET ROAD TOUR DATE** Meeting set at the March meeting for April 17, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.
- **SET NEXT MEETING DATE** May 9, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
- **APPROVE VOUCHERS** Motion by Kelbel to approve vouchers , second by Damon. 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). Meeting adjourned 7:16 p.m.

Lesa Dahlstrom, Treasurer