**Minutes**

**Dovre Township Meeting**

**6/7/22**

Chair, Marie Ostby called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Marie Ostby, Glenn Arfstrom, Keith Quale, Kim Larson, Pat Jacobs, Teren Novotny

Guests: Bruce Peterson, Steve Kalina, Jerry Haus, Mac Gilland, Scott Newberg, Tony Schmoll, Jon Peterson, Robert Wilson.

**Approval of Minutes:** May, 2022 meeting. Supervisor Quale moved to approve the minutes, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.

**12th St. NW -Tony Schmoll** appeared before the board about grass kill along the road from salt applied over the winter. The damage is worse than in previous years. Tony feels that the solution is to use less salt or a salt/gravel combination. If the property owners fix it, what happens next time and could they have some compensation to make the repair. Supervisors Arfstrom and K. Larson viewed it today. Supervisor Ostby read comments submitted by Supervisor S. Larson on this issue. Supervisor Ostby stated the township policy on road maintenance. Supervisor K. Larson moved that we talk to Jaime Boonstra about minimizing the salt used next year. Supervisor Arfstrom amended the motion to invite a representative from the area to meet with the road supervisors and Jamie Boonstra. Supervisor Arfstrom seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Bruce Peterson** appeared before the board. He is concerned about the inability to maintain the ditch on Long Lake road because of the steep slope. Supervisor Ostby stated that Long Lake road is on the plan to work on in the next few years and the slope will be reshaped when the road is rebuilt. Bruce asked if he could reshape the slope if he has access to dirt. He will coordinate this with the road supervisors.

**Mac Gilland** appeared to ask about drain tile on 22nd St. NE. The problem has continued. The property owner on the north end tiled directly into the township tile which is not allowed. Another neighbor also put in tile. The engineer viewed this on the road review and recommends that the tile be resized with drains installed in the yards. Supervisor Ostby moved to work with a local engineer, Bolton and Menk, to evaluate the size of the tile and evaluate the water problems. The road supervisors should work with Bolton and Menk and bring a design and estimate to the next meeting. Supervisor Quale seconded the motion. The motion carried. Bruce Peterson (retired engineer) recommends that no one tie into the township tile to prevent liability.

**Treasurers Report** Teren provided the treasurers report through April, 2022. Supervisor K. Larson moved to approve the report, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.

**Approval of Orders:** Supervisor K. Larson moved to approve payment of orders, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.

6372 6/7/2022 KPC 318.71 electricity

6373 6/7/2022 Swenson and Sons 7796.25 112th culvert

6374 6/7/2022 Refsland Improvements 340 tree cleanup

6375 6/7/2022 Boonstra Blading 14,936.86 road maint

6376 6/7/2022 Couri & Ruppe 1875 legals

6377 6/7/2022 Kdy Co. Auditor 21940 assessment

6378 6/7/2022 Collaborative Planning 2376 professional fees

6379 6/7/2022 Jet Black 19313.75 paving

6380 6/7/2022 Crow River Const. 25987.34 chloride

6381 6/7/2022 Hakanson Anderson 4292.25 40th St.

6382 6/7/2022 Pat Jacobs 246.87 net p/r

6383 6/7/2022 Glenn Arfstrom 114.93 net p/r

6384 6/7/2022 Keith Quale 98.55 net p/r

6385 6/7/2022 Marie Ostby 93.55 net p/r

6386 6/7/2022 Kim Larson 98.55 net p/r

6387 6/7/2022 Teren Novotny 208.35 net p/r

**Fire Report:**  none

**Road Report:** A tree came down partially on the town hall. Al Refsland completed the tree removal for $345. There is some hail damage to the roof. MAT will send an adjuster for an insurance claim.

**New Business:**

* Approval of election judges: Supervisor Quale moved to approve the resolution, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.
* Assessment process: Supervisor Ostby stated that with Long Lake road and other projects coming up, we need to discuss assessment. She said that MnDot has had to cancel some projects because they were not able to get bids because of the changing costs. Bids they did get were 40% higher than anticipated. We need bids soon for 40th Ave. and may need to consider assessment if or as needed. She suggests formation of an assessment committee with residents of the various areas. Supervisor Ostby moved that each supervisor bring some suggested names to the July meeting and then establish a meeting in July. Supervisor Ostby will create a proposed agenda for two meetings in July for developing an assessment policy. Supervisor K. Larson seconded and the motion carried.
* Pothole and Patching Contracts-Midwest Asphalt estimate $2350. Supervisor Arfstrom moved to accept bid, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.

Supervisor Arfstrom will contact MnDot regarding potholes on 66th Ave. NE.

The road supervisors will obtain bids for patching.

**Old Business:**

* Approve contract for geotechnical bid for 40th Ave. Three bids were received. Hakanson Anderson recommends using the low bidder which is American

Supervisor Ostby moved to approve American Engineering and Testing for $6150. Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.

* Set open house date for 40th Ave. Supervisor Ostby will send out possible dates.
* Discussion of newsletter
* Supervisor K. Larson will contact Stacey’s Nursery regarding planting a tree in honor of Mark Olson and his service to the Dovre Board.
* Planning Commission Hearing for Palmquist application: June 16th at 6 PM

**Information**

**2021 Population and Household Estimates:** Population 2165 Household 830

**Supervisors Reports of Activity**

Supervisor K. Larson strongly feels that we need to refer questions about zoning directly to the zoning office and make sure we do not get in between. Supervisor Ostby feels that residents do not always know how to talk to the county and may need assistance in communicating the concerns and that as elected representatives, supervisors need to advocate for residents. Supervisor K. Larson moved to put discussion of how to deal with complaints about Kandiyohi County zoning on the agenda for July, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and the motion passed.

Supervisor K. Larson talked to Mike Morrell about cars parked on the road right of way. He has been asked to contact his renter about having customers park next to the building.

Supervisor Arfstrom got a call about a frost boil which has been reported for repair. He got a call from Jeff Smith regarding the patch on Long Lake road. It is in poor condition. Jet Black will restore the right of way at a cost of $125 per hour. There were complaints that there was no signage after the first lift and drivers drove over a drop.

Supervisor Arfstrom requests clarification of what items need approval by the board.

Supervisor Quale handled an issue with trees down, removal and is in contact with the insurance company.

**Next Meeting:**

6/16/22 Hearing for plat—Palmquist application **6 PM**

6/20/22 Joint meeting with county 3:30-5 PM

7/5/22 July Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Ostby moved to adjourn, Supervisor Ostby seconded and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

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Marie Ostby, Chairperson Pat Jacobs, Clerk