**Minutes**

**Dovre Township Meeting**

**1/12/23**

**Chair,** Sherry Jean Larson called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

Present: Keith Quale, Marie Ostby, Sherry Jean Larson, Bruce Peterson, Glenn Arfstrom, Pat Jacobs, Teren Novotny

Guests: Sarah Swedberg, Howard Werner, Eric Olson

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

**Fire Report:** \*Pennock Fire Board Mtg Jan. 21, 2023, 9 AM

**Guests Requesting to be on the Agenda:**

Sarah Swedberg, EDC: child care presentation: The EDC was awarded a $200,000 grant for childcare. There is a 50% match requirement. The EDC is asking a partnership contribution of $500 from the townships. Prior to the annual meeting in March, she will provide the # of providers in Dovre Township and the number of children being served.

Eric Olson reported that he set up a game camera and was amazed at the amount of semi traffic on 11th St. He also attended the meeting for an update on broadband.

**Treasurers Report :** Teren Novotny presented the treasurers report for November 2022. Supervisor Larson suggested tabling discussion of escrow accounts. Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.

Supervisor Ostby moved to approve the treasurers report, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.

**Approval of Orders:** Supervisor Quale moved to approve payment of the orders, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Certification Listing of non-conservation land. Property forfeited to the state for non payment of taxes. Parcel # 13-242-0370 and 13-432-0380

Township must approve for public auction or request a conveyance to the township for public use. Supervisor Peterson moved that the township forfeit any claim to the property, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried

1. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proposes amended water rules. Hearing on 2/16/23 held virtually. Proposed rules update and correct Class 2 beneficial use designations.
2. Hiring of engineer for road: Supervisor Ostby presented information on charges from Hakanson Anderson who provide this service for other local townships. Discussion that we use them and possibly submit a RFP in the fall.

**Old Business:**

1. Broadband update: The Border to Border grant was awarded for Mamre, Arctander and Dovre Townships. Currently Federated is working on the contract with the state. Information will be sent in February and a community meeting will be held in March. Property owners will need to sign authorization to have the lines cross their property.

Dovre Township has a subordinate district and only those in the district will be paying for the installation costs. The assessment will be about $1500 per parcel over 10 years.

1. Long Lake Association use of town hall: Supervisor Ostby moved to approve use of the town hall without charge. A key will be provided. Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried.
2. Billing for 11th St.—response to Tom’s Backhoe—Issue will be dropped.

**Access or Platting Applications:**

\*Ashe application is pending receipt of the application fee.

\*Mass Hysteria exercise business is parking in our right of way in violation of our policy. Supervisor Peterson will view the area before the February meeting.

\*Strehling received approval for the business on Long Lake with a condition that if any violations, the CUP will be revoked. Supervisor Ostby received a photo showing parking in the wrong area. Additionally, they still have not submitted an access permit.

**Supervisors Reports of Activity**

Supervisor Quale has gotten 26 calls regarding snow removal and damage to mailboxes.

Supervisor Ostby distributed a sample snow and ice control policy to be reviewed in Feb. She also received a call from Willmar bus regarding difficulty turning buses

Supervisor Arfstrom got 13 calls mostly around snow removal.

Supervisor Peterson has received some calls regarding snow removal.

Supervisor Ostby obtained cost estimates for 8th St. with an estimate for a 9 ton road, for a 9 ton road with a walking path and for a 10 ton road. Supervisor Arfstrom feels that the people should have a better understanding of how much cost would be for the various options. Residents on 8th St. will be invited to the Feb. meeting to hear this info.

**Permission to dispose:**  2 Uline catalogs, 14 misc. envelopes, duplicate Forum bill, Request to appear at Dec. mtg from Miner. Supervisor Larson moved to approve disposal, Supervisor Ostby seconded and motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

2/6/23 6:00 PM January Dovre Board meeting

1/21/23 Pennock Fire Board meeting 9:00 AM

4/13/23 Board of Equalization 5:00-5:30

Supervisor Quale moved to adjourn, Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at PM.

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Sherry Jean Larson, Chairperson Pat Jacobs, Clerk