**Minutes**

**Dovre Township Meeting**

**August 6, 2019**

**Call to order:** Chair, Beth Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present:** Beth Johnston, Marie Ostby, Glenn Arfstrom, Keith Quale, Sherry Larson, Pat Jacobs, Teren Novotny

**Guests:** Howard Werner, Mark Olson, Cal Miner, Russ and Carol Emberland, Paul Nordin

**Approval of Minutes:**

7/2/19 minutes: Supervisor Larson moved to approve the minutes, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:**

• Reimbursement from state for detour of Hwy 71- Beth reported that MnDot is balking at payment and is now hinting they will request requesting maintenance records for 3 years. No townships have been paid to date.

• Bills to Lake Andrew township for half of cutting grass and chloride on 11th St. We have not billed them because they take care of 21st St. NE which is in Dovre Township and is a comparable road.

• Approval of May, June and July reports presented by treasurer, Teren Novotny. Supervisor Quale moved to approve the reports, Supervisor Ostby seconded and the motion carried.

**Road Reports:**

* Horizon Hills Circle road washout-repair estimate from Swenson and Sons. Residents Dan and Lisa Scott sent an email expressing concern. Supervisors Arfstrom and Quale looked at the area with Swenson and Sons. Supervisor Ostby stated that a similar repair was done recently and the reason why the road keeps washing out there should be determined before the township keeps paying for a solution that is temporary. She wonders if cars are being parked on the shoulder while it is soft. Swenson and Sons will grade the shoulder to redirect the water, seed the shoulders and put an erosion blanket on the shoulder. Cost of $2800. Granite fines placed in the area have washed away.

Discussion that this area was repaired previously.

Supervisor Arfstrom moved that we have Swenson and Sons complete the repair, Supervisor Quale seconded and motion carried.

* Supervisor Arfstrom showed cones that were ordered for use on the roads.
* 22nd St. NE: cleaning tile, estimate for replacing tile on upper end (Ron Swenson Tiling), add rodent guard: Supervisor Arfstrom stated that he will meet with resident Westburg on Thursday to try and locate the tile. Supervisor Ostby summarized that Mr. Westburg appeared before the board in the past and he stated that they did not want it jetted open. They want a solid pipe so that they can connect directly. The township will not do that and accept the potential liability. He was instructed to have the residents need to come to a meeting to discuss.

Supervisor Arfstrom has obtained some estimates. He feels that if it is jetted out and a rodent which has died is removed, that would resolve the issue.

Supervisor Arfstrom moved that we jet out the tile, remove the animal and install a rodent cover at a cost of $1950. Supervisor Quale seconded.

Supervisors Arfstrom and Quale voted aye. Supervisors Ostby, Larson and Johnston voted nay. The motion failed. Supervisor Arfstrom owns property there but his property is not affected by this issue.

The Board needs to have residents appear before the board. Supervisor Ostby will contact Mr. Westburg and ask him to come to a meeting.

* 8th St. NE project-Swenson and Sons: Swenson and Sons have had lots of work and have been delayed. They expect to get this done this week.
* 40th Ave. NE engineers report, repair estimate—Supervisor Johnston

Residents appeared regarding this issue. Supervisor Johnston explained that we hired an engineer and borings need to be completed.

A motion was made and passed at the July Board meeting that the road supervisor get a complete evaluation of the culvert area on 40th Ave NE from a qualified engineer and get a cost estimate from a local contractor by the August Board meeting to complete road work needed to make 40th Ave NE a smooth and safe roadway.

Supervisor Arfstrom moved that the pavement be removed. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Supervisor Johnston reported that the engineering firm sent out requests for proposals. 4 soil boring shall be completed and a recommendation made.

Supervisor Arfstrom stated that he is concerned that this issue be addressed this fall so that we don’t have a big issue again next winter.

Supervisor Arfstrom moved that this be reviewed in November or earlier after the reports are received from the borings. Supervisor Quale seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Paul Nordin recommended that lights be added to the bump sign or flags attached to emphasize the sign.

Two responses were received from the requests for proposal. One is $3150 within 10 days and a report within 20 and one is $6140 and would be done within 20 working days with a report within 35 days.

Supervisor Ostby moved that we go with the proposal from Haugo for $3150. Supervisor Arfstrom seconded and the motion carried. Supervisor Johnston will follow up with the company

* Cal Miner showed Supervisor Arfstrom an area on the SE corner of the intersection of 40th and 8th St. where the pavement end. There is no shoulder. The Board will look at that.
* R/W markers on Three Fingers Road: Supervisor Johnston learned that we don’t know the tonnage of the road. We cannot mark the r/w because it then becomes ours by adverse possession. No markers will be installed until our legal rights are determined.
* Supervisor Arfstrom offered to classify roads by use. He will prepare a classification of three roads for reviewal at the September meeting.
* 5010 Eagle Lake Road issue with Century Link washout/Petersons. Green Lake Township is the road authority
* Weed complaint on 12th St. NW, SW side of Long Lake—Supervisor Quale viewed

Clerk will send letters to the property owners.

* 26th St. repair—pend for Sept. meeting
* Complaint received about trees hampering vision on corner of Long Lake Road and Horseshoe Drive.

Supervisor Ostby stated that a sign is obscured on Long Lake Road and 27th. Supervisor Arfstrom will contact Schulte Tree Service regarding removal.

* Supervisor Ostby was contacted by Dan Lippert regarding a lot next to them which is not being mowed. He was provided the county nuisance ordinance. Supervisor Ostby viewed and did not observe noxious weeds.
* At the residence on the corner of 15th St. and 48th Ave. the pathway is not being kept clear for drainage. Supervisors Johnston and Ostby spoke to the property owner. Supervisor Ostby will follow up.

**Fire Report:**

Information: Fire Services call -unintentional detector activation no fire at 2894 47th Ave. NE on 7/10/19

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

8/6/2019 5785 KPC 220.24 electrity

8/6/2019 5786 City of Willmar 11384.89 fire protection

8/6/2019 5787 Midwest Asphalt 16680.00 crackseal

8/6/2019 5788 Bladeworks 3922.60 grading

8/6/2019 5789 Couri & Ruppe 250.00 legals

8/6/2019 5790 Kraemer Trucking 9108.39 gravel

8/6/2019 5791 Green Lake Nursery 1019.76 roads

8/6/2019 5792 Boostra Blading 748.33 cuttings

8/6/2019 5793 Howard Werner 187.42 net p/r

8/6/2019 5794 Pat Jacobs 138.53 net p/r

8/6/2019 5795 Teren Novotny 92.35 net p/r

8/6/2019 5796 Sherry Larson 138.53 net p/r

8/6/2019 5797 Beth Johnston 140.33 net p/r

8/6/2019 5798 Marie Ostby 140.33 net p/r

8/6/2019 5799 Glenn Arfstrom 147.83 net p/r

8/6/2019 5800 Keith Quale 147.83 net p/r

**Old Business:**

* Glen Meadows-Tieszen: Application inactive as it was not completed. Letter sent with a bill for outstanding costs. Mr Tieszen appeared at the planning committee meeting on Aug. 6, 2019. He has not submitted a complete application to date and has not paid costs as he agreed in his signed application.

**New Business:**

* Erosion control on Heidecker storage lot: Heideckers were fined as the land has been bare and is eroding into Eagle Lake. Supervisor Arfstrom contacted them and the land has been seeded.
* 2020 Town Aid Notice received: 2020 Town Aid is $1,373
* Lot line adjustment for Ledeboer property: Their driveway is on the neighbor’s land and they are purchasing the land. No change to the driveway/access. Property ID 130130090
* District 5 Township Meeting Notice: Aug. 15th 7:00 PM at the HHS Bldg in Willmar
* Link for Board of Equalization Training:

<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/board-appeal-and-equalization-training>

* Follow up on letter to Wenkes: Letter will be mailed 8/7/19. They will have two weeks to apply for a subdivision.

**Permission to Dispose:** Ballots from 3/8/11 township election-were to be retained until Dec. 2012 . Supervisor Arfstrom moved to dispose, Supervisor Larson seconded and motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** September 3, 2019

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

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Beth Johnston, Chairperson Pat Jacobs, Clerk