

**SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 9, 2012**

Call to Order @ 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:

Renee Otte
Mitch Penny
Randy Volkert
Shannon Olson
Tracie Roberge

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Gary Pautzke (Mathiowetz Construction)
Travis Simon (Mathiowetz Construction)
Wayne Gieske (Crane Creek Asphalt)
Tom Endres
Kevin Bakken (Bakken Excavating)
Paul Zumbusch (Castle Rock Materials)
Duane Ness
Jill Trescott

Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2011

Otte makes motion to approve minutes, Penny seconds. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Tracie Roberge

Penny makes motion to approve treasurer's report and pay bills. Otte seconds. All in favor.

Building Permits:

None

New Business:

- Interim Use Permit renewals:

1. Mathiowetz Construction Company

Renee Otte inquired about their operation and any changes. They stated that nothing was done in the pit this past year. They would like to continue the permit. There were no complaints from the public. Ness stated that recently he has seen a bulldozer moving through the pit. They stated that it looked like it was Gleason, and it looked like it was dirt that was moved into his pit. Ness stated that this dirt work without a permit is a violation of the water management ordinance and this pit does not have an operating permit. Kevin Bakken stated that it looked like they were taking the black dirt and putting it over the gravel. Ness stated that we should send them a letter inquiring about what is being done out there. They need to get a permit for moving so many feet of dirt. They do not have a permit from soil and water and they would also need to come into the township to address this. Clerk will contact Gleason's and ask them to attend the Planning Commission Meeting. Volkert makes motion to approve the Interim Permit for Mathiowetz Construction. Penny seconds. All in favor.

2. Milestone Materials

Wayne Gieske stated that they moved some material out of the Cepleca pit, they extended the berm in the Ness pit and it has been seeded. They did not get any of the Dakota County work last year. Ness stated that the lease agreement is

due to expire in June. Ness stated that the permit on the Ness Pit should go through to June, 2012. Otte makes motion to approve the Interim use permit for Milestone Materials Ceplecha Pit until Jan 2013 and the Ness Pit until June 1 of 2012. Volkert seconds. All in favor.

3. Castle Rock Materials

Business was about 50% slower this year than previous years. Volkert stated that there was only one complaint from Don Marthaler and that pertained to weeds. Paul Zumbusch stated that Tom Otte typically takes care of the spraying of the weeds. Zumbusch stated that dust is typically one of the other problems. They also had the water tested by Braun; clerk will forward this onto Jill Trescott to have results read. Zumbusch stated that it seemed spendy to have the blasting monitored by CK& L. Otte stated that we have to rent the equipment for at least a month. Zumbusch will have the performance bond renewed and sent to the clerk. Otte stated that she noticed the berm on the S curve had been re-shaped per Dakota County. Zumbusch stated that they have permanent signs up on the end of the road with phone numbers and addresses. He also commented that all re-fueling is done out of the pit floor. Otte noticed they can see some of the machinery down by the creek, and wondered if there was a berm down there. Zumbusch stated that they moved and re-seeded so that it was in compliance; it's not as big as it used to be. Volkert makes Motion to approve the interim use permit with the same conditions as set on the previous permit. Penny seconds. All in favor.

4. Bakken Excavating

Volkert inquired about stock-piling gravel for the use by the township, Kevin will have Ron contact the township. They screened some sand; they have it ready, not a lot of construction projects going on. Otte makes a motion to approve the Bakken Interim Use Permit continued under the same conditions as previously set. Volkert seconds. All in favor

5. Endres Farms

Tom Endres explained that they are just getting stuff from Malt-O-Meal when they flush their lines, so it is mostly water. Clerk will contact the county to inquire about getting quarterly reports on the amount being stored. Volkert moves to approve Endres Farms Interim Use Permit, Penny seconds. All in favor.

- Filing of Candidacy for March 13, 2012 Elections begin on January 3 and End on January 17. Positions open are Supervisor (Mitch Penny) and Clerk.

Old Business:

1. Bell Kennels
Clerk will respond to email from Nancy Minion with CARE who requested updates on Bell Kennel and names and numbers of board members.
2. Comprehensive Plan Updates were sent to Patrick Boylan for review. No feedback to date.
3. MAT Liability Insurance Policy Changes. We currently have a \$250.00 deductible and we pay \$711.00 per year. If we change to \$1,000.00 deductible the cost is \$640.00 or \$2500.00 deductible would be \$604.00/yr. Would need to draft resolution to change this. Per MAT the coverage for the contractors' equipment is built into all township policies and there is no charge. Clerk had MAT remove the old town hall building removed from the policy. It was decided by the board to keep the deductible at \$250.00.

Communications Received:

1. Milestone Materials – Quote for Gravel
This price reflects in the pile and we will need to get a price for loading, if Anderson or someone else loads then we pay for the trucking to have them load the materials.
2. USDA – Copy of the Dairy land Power Coop Proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345kV Transmission System Improvement Project. The Draft can also be viewed online at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-CapX2020-Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse.html>

3. Butch McConnell w/Dakota County (information on fees on County Roads & Roadway Guidance Signing). Jason Otte was putting up township signs at all township entrances and the County notified Otte's to let them know that there would be a fee to have the township signs placed on right-aways. The fee was initially going to be \$125.00 per sign; Butch McConnell then stated that he would charge \$125.00 for all 6 signs. Otte makes motion to pay the county \$125.00 for all 6 signs, Penny seconds. All in favor. Volkert will contact Butch McConnell to let him know we will go ahead with this.

Public Comment

Jill Trescott was present. She informed the board that the property owned by Augustine's, located on Cannon River Blvd is possibly going to be purchased by Dakota County. This was the location that Empire Waste Water Treatment Facility wanted to spread bio-solids.

Duane Ness was present and informed the board that the Mill Towns State Trail acquired a grant from the state to put in a bike trail.

Adjourn @ 9:05pm