

Pine Lake Township Board Meeting

April 1st, 2015

- Meeting called to order, members present: Ed, Bob, Ken, Tim and Sue

- **Committee Reports:**
 - March Board Minutes were read, Bob made a motion to approve and Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Treasurer's report read; Tim made a motion to approve and Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Old Business:**
 - Nitche Lake Road Paving Project; Some property owners were present to find out the results of the Paving Project polling letter. Susan presented the results; there was a variety of ways that people responded to the questions. Some indicating only one choice, others responding as requested ranking the four questions from 1 to 4, others picked two responses. This made it more difficult to give a value to each response. Two methods were used to calculate the results with the first method the tally was Q1 35%, Q2 18%, Q3 20% and Q4 27%. Using the second method the results were Q1 34%, Q2 17%, Q3 20% and Q4 29%. Q1, 2 and 3 were all a form of a positive response for paving. Q4 was a not in favor of paving. Using either method it was clear the majority choice was in favor of the paving project. A second question on the poll was whether any savings from possible reduced asphalt prices should be used to lower assessments or try to use to complete the paving to Highway 8. The choice was 75% in favor to reduce assessments. After discussion on the poll and the results property owners seemed satisfied that the majority interest was being represented by paving the road.
 - Progress on the Paving Project; Bob Schielman reported that the design is substantially completed. Since grant dollars are being used all MNDOT standards must be used in the design. The estimated costs have decreased since the quote given at the Public Hearing from \$833,130 to \$826,000. Tim made a motion to authorize the Advertisement for Bids. Bob seconded the motion, motion carried. Apex will submit the bid advertisement in the Perham Focus on April 8th and in the Finance & Commerce publication the week of April 6th. Bids will need to delivered to Apex by 5:00 on May 4th or bring to the town hall on May 5th by or before 9:59 am. Bids will be opened at 10:00 am on May 5th. The Construction award will be announced on May 6th. Construction will commence in June.
 - Nitche Lake Paving Resolution; a resolution was signed by the Board approving the plans and specifications and ordering the Advertisement for Bids.
 - Nitche Lake Paving Remaining Timeline; Construction will commence in June, Construction completed in August or September and hold final Assessment Hearing in October or November.
 - Spring Short Courses will held in Mahnomen on March 30th; Ken, Ed, Tim and Susan attended.

- **New Business:**
 - Board members requested that Wayne fix the sign by Theodorsons and repair the washout on 445th. Stabilizing fabric will need to be placed to stop the erosion.
 - Larry Bucholz asked that Board spray all ditches this summer.

- A request was made by Bruce Becker on Mosquito Heights Road to install a culvert for a new approach. Ed will meet with property owner to establish area for culvert.
- Tim made a motion to pay all bills presented and Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- Ken will contact the MATIT Township Attorney to get a recommendation on a Bond Attorney in our area.
- The annual Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting will be held at the Townhall. The Board and County Assors will meet on April 19th at 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Meeting information will be posted at the Townhall and in the Perham Focus.

- **Adjournment:**

Tim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.