

**ROOSEVELT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
June 12th, 2023**

1. The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, Ann Stafford.
All officers are present.

Ann led the Flag Pledge.

2. Motion by Ann to approve the agenda as written, except for moving MATIT- Heather, Director of MATIT up to point 3 from point 8; 2nd by Rick, all in favor, motion carried.
3. MATIT- Heather, Director of MATIT: Heather believes that everything looks to be in order, she can send up the EXL people up to value the buildings if we want, we should be set on a schedule to have this done every 5 years. We are at replacement cost, so we are totally covered if anything were to happen, MATITs job is to evaluate and to make sure that they keep up with the evaluations. Liability is statute base, so everyone gets the same. Our renewal is every July, so payment is due in August.
4. Motion by Rick, to approve the May 8th, 2023, Board Minutes motion was 2nd by Sonya, all approved, motion carried.
5. Ann moved to accept the May Treasurer's report as read; 2nd by Sonya, all approved, motion carried.
6. Rick makes a motion that the Deerwood Bank Checking Account be as follows - Christopher Hewitt to be removed from all accounts at Deerwood Bank. Sonya Crocker to be added to all accounts at Deerwood Bank.
Current signers list: Christopher Hewitt, Ann Stafford, Breanna Cielinski, Bonnie Orton.
New Signers list: Ann Stafford, Sonya Crocker, Breanna Cielinski, Bonnie Orton; 2nd by Sonya, all approved, motion carried.
7. Ann makes a motion to approve claims as listed; 2nd by Rick, all in favor, motion carried.
8. Road & Equipment Report:
 - Equipment: Case tractor need work. Getting it resurfaced and put it back together and see what happens.
 - Roads: Rough but we need moisture.
 - Tree Trimming: Forest Ridge 1.33 miles long. Doug Johnson 1 guy brush hog not really what we are looking for. Rick says we need to accept one of these bids. Ann does not want them to keep the logs on the side of the road. 8' back is what Rick was telling the bidders to go back to. Send out the letters to the residents. Ann likes the JM Operations Bid as they are right on with their

description. Put in letter leave any firewood it is meant for them. There will be trees that should come down. Rick thinks we should let people redo their bid. Breanna said JM Operations did their homework and gave the best description. Rick makes a motion that we have JM Operations do the Forest Ridge work; 2nd by Ann, Sonya says no, motion carried.

- Tractors: Ed is not so sure about having a used tractor with no air. It is in WI, and it would cost money to go look at it and then to go get it. The new tractors with a warranty will pay for itself. We are thinking of the MF from Zeigler, we usually deal with those guys because of the grader and backhoe. Ed says we should do the 70hp if we go with Zeigler which is \$44,929. What do we have for money, should we get a loan, or do we have cash? At the end of June, we are expecting to get in approx. \$70,000. We still have monthly overheads. Jim says long term and short-term investment, best is to have a solid number and what is the comfort level of spending. The tractor is very important, and the trimming is just something that must get done. Bonnie thinks we will be fine. Breanna states that it was predicted to have an ending balance in 2023 of \$206,611 Rick makes a motion to move \$20,000 out of General Fund and put it into the New Equipment and Gravel Fund, 2nd by Ann, all in favor, motion carries.
 - Sonya makes a motion that we buy the MF4707 from Ziegler and pay with cash from the New Equipment and Gravel fund; 2nd by Rick, all in favor, motion carries.
 - Ann makes a motion that we accept the Resolution Declaring the Town's intent to remove trees from the right of way, 2nd by Sonya, all in favor, motion carries.
 - Help Wanted: None so far.
9. Town Hall Usage Agreement – If they use the town hall they should be taking their items back with them. This is not a storage place. Sportsman's club has some items, quilts, and workout group as well. Sonya makes a motion to approve the new policy and procedures for the use of the Town Hall Facilities, 2nd by Ann, all in favor, motion carries.
10. Door Lock – New – Breanna thinks that we should get a new door lock for the Town Hall since the old one is unable to give out separate codes. Sonya makes a motion that we let Breanna purchase the Smart Door Lock that was shown for the Town Hall, 2nd by Rick, all in favor, motion carries.
11. Minnesota State Demographic Center – As of April 1, 2022, population estimate is 653 and household estimate is 314. Seems to be right, the number has gone up.
12. Open Forum:
- Dick – Where is the Hiring ad being posted? Bear Trax, Town Hall, Tire Shop, Mille Lacs Messenger, Morrison County Record, Facebook, and website. He

also had some help with ad writing: he says, do not mention part time or backup. Let them know which equipment, Grader, Backhoe, tractor, and snowplow. May lead to a permanent position. Reach out to the Department of Employment will list it for free and they can try and place someone with you.

- Bonnie notices that there is a bill for Ziegler but no check, Breanna said they have a credit of \$328.13.
- Thank you to Pine Center Sportsman club. Write them a letter stating we are using the money for the tractor.
- Breanna said she did 1 history book in 1 hour and put it into a PDF. We should bring this up at the annual meeting.

Other Information:

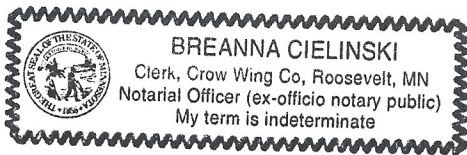
- Thank you from Mille Lacs Health System & CWC Historical Society for the donations.

At 8:25 pm, Ann moved to adjourn, 2nd by Rick, all in favor, motion passed.

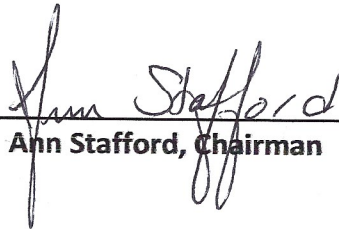
Meeting adjourned.



Breanna Cielinski
Roosevelt Township Clerk



Approved _____



Ann Stafford, Chairman