

SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING

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August 7, 2019

Members Present: **Rick Lutzi**
 Gail Fritts
 Sharon Petersen
 Drew Moessner
 Brian Connelly

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Rick Lutzi with the pledge of allegiance.

Rick Lutzi asked if anyone had any additions or corrections to the printed agenda for tonight's meeting. No changes were made. A motion was made by Drew Moessner and seconded by Brian Connelly to approve the agenda as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed and signed claims for payment as presented. The claims and payroll are as follows:

The claims presented for payment tonight are as follows:

Claim No. 10229 to 10241
 Payroll Checks 10242 to 10246

A motion was made by Drew Moessner and seconded by Brian Connelly to approve the total for claims and payroll checks submitted tonight for payment of \$100,77655. The motion passed unanimously.

The mail was reviewed by board members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Rick asked board member if they had any changes to the written minutes that were submitted. No changes were made. A motion was made by Drew Moessner and seconded by Brian Connelly to approve the written report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gail Fritts was asked to give the treasurer's report. She reported the following:

Beginning Balance	\$ 33,885.84
Total Receipts	\$274,889.93
Total Disbursed	\$112,711.25
Ending Balance	\$196,064.25

All certificates of deposit were put in our checking account in order to pay bills for the flood damaged roads. The totals above represent a total before bills were paid tonight. The report from the clerk gave a balance for each fund after bills are paid for tonight. The board discussed options for being able to re-establish some funds for certificates of deposits after all the work has been completed and we get money back from the state disaster relief fund.

A motion was made by Drew Moessner and seconded by Brian Connelly to approve the treasurer's report as given. The motion passed unanimously.

TCPA

The shoreland ordinance changes have been sent to the DNR for approval before the changes will come back to the board for approval. It will be September or October before those changes will come back to the board for approval.

OLMSTED COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY

No report as no one was present.

OLD BUSINESS TCPA MEETING

Drew Moessner gave a report on the July meeting last month. Brian Connelly will attend the meeting this month.

ROADS

The clerk's report was reviewed by board members.

Road damage paperwork was discussed by the board members. Salem Township has had extensive damage from the June 28 and July 7 storms. The bill paid tonight total over \$98,000.00 paid for flood damage. Work has been completed since these bills were presented, so we must get information on those charges also.

Todd Bucknell presented estimates for work that is yet to be completed about flood damage. The work that has been completed since his labor was billed for tonight's meeting will be detailed and sent to the clerk. There was discussion about when we might expect some reimbursement from the state.

Boyd Brue had a culvert that was plugged and caused a great deal of water backup. Todd Bucknell has been working on this project. They will be working on this project tomorrow.

STATE DISASTER MEETING

The board reviewed the work that has been done to date for this mandatory meeting tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. Drew Moessner has brought in pictures he took with his phone which will be added to our records. Additional charges and estimates for work that is yet

to be completed were submitted to the board for review. The funds for this work will have to be discussed after we receive the information from the meeting tomorrow.

Rick Lutzi, Drew Moessner and Sharon Petersen will attend the August 8 meeting.

The estimates for work that has be to be completed from the flood damage was reviewed by board members.

The board discussed some repairs that were done by Michels at no cost to the township. They have done a good job to repair this area on 35th Street, that we have been trying to get repaired after the damage from all the storms. Michels may let us use some fill from some of their sites.

There was discussion with Todd Bucknell about the possibility of delaying some billings for work that is being done now if the possibility of getting money on a timely basis from the state disaster fund. If funds are not forthcoming soon, the board will have to call a special meeting to decide on how to finance the additional work that is completed.

The repair on 95th Avenue was discussed. The culvert had to be replaced. It was purchased from Olmsted County.

Signs—No action at this time

FEMA MEETING REPORT

Rick Lutzi reported on the FEMA meeting we attended in July. They will be calling on the claims for this March event. Drew has been working on coordinates for this claim.

TOWN HALL ROOF REPAIR

All Star has submitted a contract for the roof repairs that was reviewed by board members. Rick Lutzi signed the contract. The work is scheduled for the end of August. They have approved payment upon completion of the work. We will file the paperwork with our insurance company once the work has been completed, which will get some additional funds from our insurance claim.

The board reviewed the shingle colors and specified the color of the Owens Corning Duration color will be Brownwood. Brian Connelly will contact the contractor with this information.

NORTHERN NATURAL GAS MINNESOTA ENERGY PIPELINE NEXTERA ENERGY-DODGE COUNTY WIND ENERGY CENTER

The Minnesota Energy crew will be finished next week. There is another crew working on the substation.

Michels is a little behind schedule due to the wet weather. They are hoping to be finished by October. The board felt the contractor has been very good to work with.

Nextera Energy—no information

WORK SESSION—ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

This will be put on hold due to other issues being dealt with in the township.

WEB SITE FOR TOWNSHIP

The board reviewed the report for the month.

NICOLE STRAIN

Brian Connelly reported that he had contacted the Sheriff's Department to contact her again. Brian Connelly noted that there has been some progress on cleaning up the site. The phone number she left for Brian to call was not working.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN HALL USE SCHEDULE

The scheduled uses for town hall were reviewed by board members.

OLMSTED COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSN. MEETING

Brian Connelly reported on the meeting. There is an opening on the Executive Board again. The county has purchased the Seneca Building and will be demolishing the building this winter. That site is proposed to be a transportation hub for downtown Rochester.

ORI MEETING

No updates

ITEMS BROUGHT UP BY BOARD MEMBERS

Sharon Petersen noted that Brian Connelly, Gail Fritts and herself attended the District meeting. We discussed with Steve Fenske the process for procuring additional funding for the flood repairs in our township. He stated that this is covered under MN Statute 366.05.

There was a survey on a date for the Annual Conference to possibly change it from November to July or September. We felt September was a better date.

Gail Fritts asked about the ditch work that was done incorrectly by Russell Bach and if any progress has been made. No information has been received.

The vendor in the old Ross building has been referred to T CPA for zoning issues.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Dave Russel was asking questions about the waterways that are being removed from fields. These questions should be answered by Soil Conservation or FSA agency.

A motion was made by Drew Moessner and seconded by Brian Connelly to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rick Lutzi
Chairman**

**Sharon Petersen
Clerk**

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