

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
May 16, 2017
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Bev Juhl, Chair
John Pluth, Vice-Chair
Jeff Quastad
Roger Hash
Tim Schumacher

Absent:

Juhl, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting with a couple of changes and also approve them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

No one was present during the public forum.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Engineer, presented two utility permits for Board approval. The first permit is for Ringtel Communication, Sections 6 & 7, Denmark Township for boring underneath the road and also in ditch along south side of 220th St. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher, at the Engineer's recommendation, to approve the permit. All ayes, motion carried. The second utility permit is for Telcom/Century Link, in Center Township, Sections 2 and 11, burying a copper cable on the North side of 160th Street underneath the road. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to approve the permit for Telcom/Century Link. All ayes, motion carried.

Engineer also discussed the weed spraying contract again with the Board, asking questions concerning the contract. He asked if we wanted to stay within the budgeted amount, with the extra spraying required this year. It was the consensus of the Board to stay within the budgeted amount of \$65,000, with possible decreases in the brush control this year.

Vickie Jurrens, Emmet County Treasurer, discussed with the Board the possible abatement on the partial tax remaining on a mobile home at the Inn Towner Trailer Park in Armstrong. The mobile home has been dismantled and is no longer there. Taxes were paid through April. Jurrens is asking for an abatement of \$30 for the May and June taxes. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve the abatement in the amount of \$30.00. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board was presented with a new Construction Permit application for Howard West (Howard Hogs, LLC) in the NE1/4 of the SE ¼ of Section 32, Township 99, Range 33 of Center Township. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash to set the public hearing date for May 30, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for the Howard West Site. All ayes, motion carried.

Gunner Johnson, Emmet County Naturalist, revisited with the Board to see if leftover LOSST money in the amount of \$6,615 could be reallocated towards the safety surfacing project around the new playground equipment at Tuttle Lake & Wolden Park campgrounds. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to approve the Conservation's request to reallocate the LOSST funds which remained from the Pier Project, which will not happen at this time and the savings on the playground equipment, totaling \$6,615 towards the safety surfacing project around the new playground equipment. All ayes, motion carried.

Brian Obbink came before the Board to discuss a windshield breakage that recently happened to his wife's vehicle. The County's insurance company (ICAP) stated that they would not pay the claim, it was an act of God, and the gravel truck was unloaded at the time. It was stated by Obbink, that it was raining at the time of the incident. Obbink stated that the insurance company stated that he may have to go through Small Claims Court. The Board stated that they cannot overrule the insurance company's decision. Juhl stated unfortunately, I feel that Small Claims Court may be your only option at this time.

The Board reviewed the letter from the DNR, enclosing the construction permit for Farm 267-Origer East Site, Facility ID #69230. The Board received a Manure Management Plans (MMP) for Askeland Finisher Farm, owner Tyrone Askeland, in Section 32 of Eagle Township in Kossuth County.

Motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair