

**ROOSEVELT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
December 11th, 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; 2nd by Rick, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Motion by Sonya, to approve the November 13th, 2023 Board Minutes, motion was 2nd by Ann, all approved, motion carried.
4. Bonnie said we have about \$62,000 that has come in already in December from the County. Ann moved to accept the November Treasurer's report as read; 2nd by Rick, all approved, motion carried.
5. Rick makes a motion to approve claims as listed; 2nd by Sonya, all in favor, motion carried.
6. Road & Equipment Report:
 - Equipment: Plow truck is back and working great. Ed got stuck with the Plow Truck, Sunday morning and had to call Collins Brothers. Other, equipment is all good.
 - Roads: Ed has been sanding, decent considering the conditions.
7. Frontier Communications: As long as they are going to follow their sketch. Sonya makes a motion to approve the Frontier request to do work on this road, 2nd by Rick, all in favor, motion carried.
8. By December 31st each year, townships must designate by ordinance or resolution the polling place for each precinct. Ann makes a motion to approve the Resolution for 2024-12-11, 2nd by Rick, all in favor, motion carried.
9. Open Forum:
 - Jim says thanks Ed for sanding the hills, it makes it much easier.
 - Breanna mentions that she talked with Wayne about the Storm Disaster Money, the board said lets get it done and sent in.
 - Bonnie, Sonya and Breanna went to the Annual MAT Conference, Breanna only went on Friday. On Saturday MAT had their Business Meeting. In November the township got an email from Gene Dufault. Gene had found a few things that the MAT board was doing that he didn't really like. MAT is paying lawyer fees for a personal case that the cost is nearly \$70,000 as of now. A bunch of directors are gone. There was a phishing scam in MATIT of \$800,000, but they won't talk about it. Gene is willing to talk to anyone if they want more information. Rick said that there are YouTube videos on this director. At the beginning of the Business meeting, they did the flag pledge and then opened with the attorney. Because 10% of the township people must be in attendance to pass any by-laws and there were only 5% in attendance the statute states that the people would not be able to vote on the by-laws.

Sonya said that these meetings should be free to go to and be able to keep the proxy votes and MAT is trying to get rid of them. Looks to everyone that the board was trying to run it all. Sonya said that there were 4 MAT board members that disagree with this, but they get outvoted, so they are not able to do anything about it. Bonnie just wanted to let the township know about what is happening within MAT. In our district Frank Hard could be swayed either way. Sonya thinks going forward that we should be going to these district meetings, Crow Wing County Meetings, and such so we can continue to see what is going on.

- Sonya said she was talking to a man named Greg Smith he is a speaker that represents and knows about townships. Greg said he would like to come and speak at the next town meeting , he said it would take about 20 minutes for his speech. Sonya will be adding Greg Smith to come speak on January 8th.
- What is MAT vs Crow Wing Association of Townships. We are a part of both, it is the county level and then MAT is the whole state.
- Sherri said, Greg Smith told Lyle that Minnesota changed a law with Sherifs, apparently now they follow the legislation law instead of the constitutional law.

Other Information:

- Breanna is publishing a notice of the Annual Town Meeting (March 12, 2024) and the 3 spots that are up for election (Clerk & 2 Supervisor – One to finish Sonyas term and the other one for the 3 year term). The first day of filing for a township office is January 2, 2024, and ends January 16, 2024.

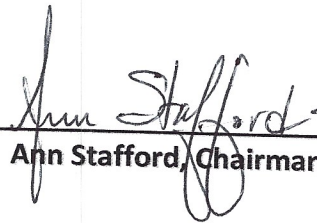
At 7:47 pm, Ann moved to adjourn, 2nd by Sonya, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



Breanna Cielinski
Roosevelt Township Clerk

Approved



Ann Stafford, Chairman

