

Monthly Board Meeting  
PARTRIDGE TOWNSHIP

January 5, 2022

Chairman, Matt Klocke called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Those present were Laurie Jorgensen, Lee Johnsen, Matt Klocke and Anne Stitt. Minutes of the last Board Meeting were read. Matt asked if any objections or corrections to the minutes, none being stated, minutes are approved as read. Treasurer's report was read. Beginning balance \$287,088.84 the receipts totaled \$4,063.88 and disbursements of \$5,633.35, to bring our ending balance to \$285,519.37. Matt asked if there are any objections or corrections to the treasurer's report, none being stated, treasurer's report was approved as read. Claims to be paid tonight 7765 to 7769.

Special Visitors:

- None

Old Business:

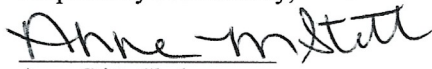
- We still need to look into the gravel purchasing, no conversations have taken place so far.
- The County continues to host meetings regarding the Broadband project and grant through Blandin Foundation, they are now going to be submitting two proposals for the grant monies, this is due 2/8, then they will be asking for committee members to attend the smaller group meetings to bring ideas to them and updates back to their Boards to keep everyone involved. 1<sup>st</sup> project is
  1. Broadband project planning AFTER the presentation from Hometown Fiber at the County Board meeting on January 18 at 10am. The reason is that many of the projects that received high points in our survey, are items that could be addressed by the assessment that HTF is conducting for the county, and we'd like to maximize our efforts. Some of these projects include:
    - a. (1) Working with existing fiber owners to encourage active use of that fiber;
    - b. (2) Creating a list of contractors who can trench drops from existing fiber to homes;
    - c. (3) Identifying tall structures to rebroadcast fixed wireless internet;
    - d. (4) Identifying funding for incumbent providers to improve service;
    - e. (5) Gathering information on provider barriers to service;
    - f. (6) Mapping towers in Pine County;
  2. Innovation/Knowledge Workforce/Community Engagement project planning where we potentially combine efforts and skillsets to work on some overlapping projects in a phased approach:
    - a. (1) Working with Chambers and business groups to get the community on google maps, updated websites and active on social media;
    - b. (2) Collaborate with PTCC students for technology support;
    - c. (3) Create a marketing campaign to improve technology knowledge "Live here work anywhere"
    - d. (4) Help history associations put catalog online to share information and research;
- Laurie asked what we were planning to do with our ARPA Funds, if we were going to work on Broadband, it is undecided right now and we have time to wait to expend so we are going to see what possibilities our Township has to help residents get better internet connection.

New Business:

- Board of Audit will be held 2/2/2022 at 6:30 PM before the regular monthly meeting.
- Candidate filing ends 1/11/2022 for Supervisor and Clerk. Lee Johnsen filed for Supervisor and Anne Stitt filed for Clerk, no other filings or inquiries received so far.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Anne Stitt, Clerk

  
Matt Klocke, Chairman