

Monthly Board Meeting  
PARTRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
April 5, 2023

Chairman, Matt Klocke called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m, following the Reorg meeting. Present were Matt Klocke, Scott Peterson, David Durheim, Ovid Jensen, Larry Bengtson, Kevin Krzenski, Laurie Jorgensen and Anne Stitt. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the prior meeting. Minutes of the last Board Meeting were read. Scott made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David, motion carried 3-0. Treasurer's report was read. Beginning balance \$333,620.00, receipts totaled \$17,767.03 and disbursements of \$39,845.76, for ending balance to \$311,541.27. Motion by Scott to accept the Treasurer's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David, motion carried 3-0. Claims to be paid tonight are 7854-7861.

Public Comment:

- Larry Bengtson wanted to know if the Board was doing something different about splitting land. He was told no, the Zoning Ordinance since adopted prior to 2000 has always allowed a 40 acre parcel to be split only once. Larry asked if anything new was going on. Board told him at the Annual Meeting the electors voted to give the power to the Board to create a Nuisance Ordinance but that was just the beginning of the process of developing one. He asked about the roads status, there is going to be a road inspection in May but we feel the roads have been well maintained, we would like to have them graded more often and are working with our contractor on that issue.

Old Business:

- Road Right of Way – Storm damage clean up. We received two estimates one from Roberts Excavating and the other from Central Right of Way Services. Discussion held about both. Scott made a motion to have Central Right of Way complete the storm clean up as presented through the estimate, and then if there is stump removal or dirt work needed to restore ditches that we have Robert's Excavating do that piece. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Motion carried 3-0.
- Short Course in McGregor was cancelled in anticipation of the storm.
- Pine County Township Officer's Meeting was held Saturday, March 25, 2023, both David and Clerk attended. There was discussion on the vehicle tabs increasing, OD's including 6 fatal in Pine County this year, broadband update and the Director from MAT was there and said they needed people to show up when they have the Day of the hill or other events, that they would like to see Township Officers filling the rotunda, it is important to remember the Townships have to have their voices heard. He also requested that Officers send emails to their legislators when requests to support another Township or issue as we would want that same support from others.
- Discussion held on Septic inspections, the Township has the County handle inspection and conformity. We should have them comply when adding a bedroom, building a dwelling type structure or shop/garage with facilities, or selling it. Our Land Use permit should be changed to state All Septic systems to follow Pine County Septic Policy.

New Business:

- Board of Appeal is Tuesday April 11 at 3:00. Matt is our certified Board Member and is attending. David will attend in person, and Scott will attend via Zoom, quorum will be present.
- Road inspection will be held Wednesday 5/3 at 5:00 p.m. leaving from the Community Center and upon return the May Regular Meeting will be held.
- Ovid wants the Town Board to look at going through the process of having the Clerk and Treasurer being appointed positions instead of elected. Discussion was held and the Board thought that was good idea. Clerk will do some research.
- Brief discussion held on Township Website, it is not easy to update or user friendly. We just renewed for a year but should look at options for next year. Clerk will contact MAT to see if they have any suggestions for providers.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman, Matt at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Anne Stitt, Clerk



Matt Klocke, Chairman