

Monthly Board Meeting
PARTRIDGE TOWNSHIP

March 1, 2023

Chairman, Matt Klocke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m, Those present were Planning Commission Members, Scott Peterson and Gary Stitt, Supervisors David Durham, Ovid Jensen, and Matt Klocke and Clerk Anne Stitt. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes of the last Board Meeting were read. Matt asked if any objections or corrections to the minutes, none being stated they were approved as read. Treasurer's report was read by the Clerk. Beginning balance \$343,187.78 the receipts totaled \$13.04 and disbursements of \$9,580.82, to bring our ending balance to \$333,620.00. 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 are 7849-7853.

Special Visitor:

- Brad Rootkie from Central Right of Way Services submitted information about roadside mowing which he charges \$54 per mile. This service would be completed around the end of June or beginning of July. He also spoke about the different equipment they have and different services they could offer. They are able to cut 3-4" brush out of the right of ways, have an arm that extends out and up so that the job can easily be handled. After the snow storm and damage caused from the wet heavy snow there is going to be debris in the right of way once the snow melts. Matt told him that we did submit the application for the Emergency relief funds. It was decided that he should give us a quote for that job also once he has had time to drive our roads and look. He thanked us for our time and left the meeting.

Old Business:

- Discussion was held on the Fire Contract. The Board did attend the 2/8 Askov City Council Meeting and then a follow up meeting was held Tuesday 2/21 with the City Council. The Fire Contract amount presented was increasing from \$29,724.69 in 2022 to \$40,687.82 for 2023, the proposal to the City Council was that the State formula they are using is not a true reflection as it is going off Market Value and Population, and the Township does have a bigger area which of course equates into higher Market Value. The Township is purchasing a service, which is Fire Service for the Township residents, and paying 50.97% of the Fire Department budget when we have 33 to 37% of the calls was not feasible. Discussions continued and the agreement reached was that the Fire Contract would be \$31,211.00 for 2023, with an agreement that the Contract would not increase more than 5% next year for inflation and that we would have a meeting in August with everyone to continue negotiations and be kept informed so the Township knows what to budget for. The consensus of the Township Board is we still should be able to negotiate going further. Ovid made a motion to accept the Fire Contract in the amount of \$31,211.00 for 2023, David made a second, motion carried 3-0. Clerk will attend the City Council meeting on 3/8 to present the signed contract to them and the check, and will get our signed copy of the contract.
- Road Right of Way Inspection was completed on 2-16-2023, the written notes and colored map were given to Robert's Excavating to get a quote on the estimate of what they will charge us. This is the same information that will be given to Central Right of Way Services, Brad Rootkie for them to provide us with an estimate as well. The Board will review them at the next meeting. David has spoken to Ziercke on Jackson Road who said we can cut what we need and leave the wood, Tim Loew on Partridge Dr said we could cut what we needed, Birke on Clark Road said cut what we need to, Dick Anderman said he was ok with trimming but not removing, David will meet with him and they will discuss it in person so everyone knows what he is agreeing to and go from there, Larry Johnsen and Greg Klocke on Maple Hill Lane gave the ok to cut what was needed. David will follow up with them to get signatures on a document stating it is ok for the Township to proceed.

New Business:

- Discussion was held on the roadside mowing, we received a quote form Telker Roadside Mowing of \$1,725.00 which works out to \$61.41 per mile. Central Right of Way Services provided us with a quote of \$54 per mile. David made a motion to go with the Central Right of Way Services for our roadside mowing this year. Ovid made a second. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion was held on a Land Use Permit that David received from Ed Melzark. The first page was the same permit that he submitted in 2022 and was denied, as you can not have two dwellings on one parcel. The second page is a drawing that was different, instead of a Shop/House it now shows a House and a garage. A check for the fee did not accompany the permit. Discussion was held, the Planning Commission members, Zoning Administrator and Board of Supervisors all agreed that the denial would be the same, the Zoning Ordinance prevents having two dwellings on one property. David is going to resend the letter again with the same denial language.
- Pine County Township Officer's Meeting Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Hinckley Community Center. Meeting starts at 9:00 AM. Matt and Ovid will not be attending, David and Anne are possibly attending.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman, Matt at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,


Anne Stitt, Clerk


Matt Klocke, Chairman