

Monthly Board Meeting
PARTRIDGE TOWNSHIP
August 7, 2019

Ovid Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m. Those present were Ovid Jensen, Laurie Jorgensen, James and Karen VanReese, Matt Klocke, and Anne Stitt. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes of the last Board Meeting were read. Ovid asked is any objections or corrections to the minutes, none being stated, minutes are approved as read. Treasurer's report was read. We had a beginning balance of \$94,146.78 the receipts totaled \$68,322.30, and disbursements of \$2,306.76, to bring our ending balance to \$160,162.32. Claims 7565 to 7568 to be paid tonight. Ovid asked if there are any objections or corrections to the treasurer's report, none being stated, treasurers report was approved as read.

Special Visitors: James and Karen VanReese own property on Dewitt Lane, parcel ID 250046001 and ID 250046000, they said it was a township road when they bought it years ago and would like some holes filled in to make it more passable. They said they have had problems getting in contact with the Board and decided to come to the meeting. It was explained to them that the Township has not maintained that part in many years, they maintain Dewitt Lane up to the turnaround that is at the edge of the property before. It is the township beliefs that this would be considered a cartway and maintained by the property owners. They asked when that changed, it was explained again that the Township has not maintained that part of Dewitt in too many years and that they will not be doing any maintenance to it. The landowners could get fill and put that in at their own expense. They said they wanted a fire number, they were told to contact Pine County about that. They said they might build a permanent home on that property. They were told if they start construction of a home to come back to a meeting and the Township could discuss this subject again with them. The Township practice has been to not do any maintenance on stretches of road where they weren't currently maintaining. Ovid said that the Supervisors would go take a look at the area in question and see if they can come up with any ideas. The Clerk will contact Karen.

Old Business:

- Discussion was held about approaches/driveways, the Supervisors still need to review this. Clerk gave them copies of the Township Manual where it says it is possible to create a resolution to address this issue. Resolution does not have to be published like an Ordinance does so it would be more cost effective if we could do it that way. They talked about a temporary approach for logging, etc where there would be a time limit to get the job done, then the approach would be removed and the area would be made to match the existing contour/terrain of the right of way, so it is basically put back to the way it was before the temporary approach was put in. Or if it was a permanent driveway then it would have to meets specifications noted by the Town Board as to width, culvert placement, etc.
- Ovid talked to Gus who was getting locates for Sunrise and Starch Roads complete. Ovid said he would like to be there the day that they get started moving the dirt, etc.

New Business:

- Lee spoke with Matt a few days ago, Lee was approached from the homeowner's across from Bill Rote's about needing a culvert for his driveway as they say the water goes over. Matt looked at it and doesn't appear it was washed out this year, it is a private driveway so it would be the homeowner's responsibility. The landowner could come to a Township meeting and speak to the board if they wanted to.
- Next meeting will be 9/11/19, Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Askov Community Center.

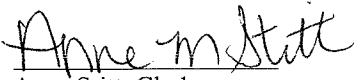
Meeting recessed at 7:41 p.m., Matt, Ovid and Anne are going out to Dewitt Lane to look at the concerns VanReese's brought to the meeting tonight.

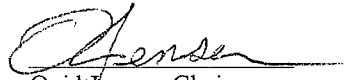
After looking at the area where the holes are that the VanReese's requested fill for, it is the Township stance that the Township has not been maintaining anything past the turnaround at the edge of Dutcher's

property for the snowplow. Since Township has not maintained in many years, we are not obligated to fill or doing any maintenance to this. The Township's policy has been to only maintain stretches off road that they have been maintaining on a regular basis. It appears this would be a cartway at this point and the landowner's would be responsible to maintain. They could call Ronny Robert's Excavating, Brandon Melcazark, North Pine Aggregate or anyone of their choosing to bring in pit run at their expense. Clerk will contact Karen tomorrow to explain Township's position.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Anne Stitt, Clerk


Ovid Jensen, Chairman