

Monthly Board Meeting
PARTRIDGE TOWNSHIP
August 5, 2020

Ovid Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:51p.m, following Planning Commission Meeting adjournment. Those present were Ovid Jensen, Laurie Jorgensen, Lee Johnsen, Matt Klocke, Gary Stitt, Kathy Morris and Anne Stitt. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes of the last Board Meeting were read. Ovid asked if 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 \$243,475.56 the receipts totaled \$17,478.88, and disbursements of \$18,127.35, to bring our ending balance to \$242,827.09. Claims 7638-7639 to be paid tonight. Receipts were \$15,650 for Covid relief, \$1649 in Town Aid, \$29.88 interest and \$150 in building permits. Ovid asked if there are any objections or corrections to the treasurer's report, none being stated, treasurer's report was approved as read. Claims 7635-7637 to be paid tonight.

Special Visitors:

- Zoning Administrator Kathy Morris was here, the planning commission met on a variance for Angie Jensen to build her garage moving the setbacks from 100' to 70'. The Planning Commission found that the original house doesn't meet current setbacks as it was prior to Zoning Ordinance adoption, but it still conforms in other ways. It would present a practical difficulty to the land owner if they had to meet the 100' setback now. The new garage will be built and be in unison with the existing structures, Planning Commission made a recommendation to approve this variance. Lee made a motion to approve, Matt 2nd, motion carried 3-0 to approve the variance as presented for Angie Jensen.

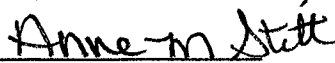
Old Business:

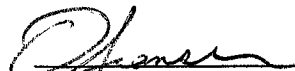
- Roberts hasn't done ditching on Boundary & Bear Creek. Pickeral Creek could use brushing. Ovid will talk to Gus to gravel put on Bear Creek where frost boil was.
- Clerk talked to County Commissioner Matt Ludwig about the State's proposal for the railroad crossings, he says the County has worked with them in the past and it's a great deal. He said the County had to pay 20% so if we offered to join it at 10% contribution that's an even better deal. Clerk gave the State contact info for Norman Township for Starch Road. Ovid will contact Bruce Jensen, Norman Township to see what they did.

New Business:

- Sandstone Township sent a road contract for Partridge to sign. Discussion was held, it appears it cost us \$1200/year for them to maintain this ¼ mile. That is the most expensive stretch of road for maintaining for the Township. Partridge wants to try to maintain it for a year and will revisit next fall to see how things went. Lee made a motion to decline the road contract with Sandstone Township and maintain that ¼ mile stretch of road ourselves, Matt made a 2nd, motion carried 3-0. Lee will contact Gus to let him know and Clerk will send a letter with the Board's decision to Sandstone Township.
- Discussion about permit, variance and cup fees. The Board is going to raise them in March at the Reorg meeting. The Planning Commission is in favor of raising these, and would like to see them looked at each year for possible increases to keep up with costs. Gary, Planning Commission member said that the application fee for a variance/CUP should be at least \$500, it appears our cost for the one meeting and posting is \$565 so with our current \$50 fee we aren't covering costs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by,


Anne Stitt, Clerk


Ovid Jensen, Chairman