January 11, 2024

**Shafer Township**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

The Board of Shafer Township met at the Shafer Town Hall on Thursday, January 11, 2024. Board members present included Chairman Mark Stovern, Supervisor John Schmalz (by phone), Supervisor John Hoffman, Treasurer, Dominique Haller, and Clerk, Faith Lichtscheidl. Also, Maintenance, Brad Johnson.

Residents present included Becky Strand, Tommy Waldermar, Joe Mattson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Supervisor Hoffman, 2nd by Supervisor Schmalz; all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Schmalz made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023 regularly scheduled board meeting with one correction under maintenance, Supervisor Hoffman 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Haller presented the December, 2023 Treasurer’s report. The disbursement register shows a balance of $22,209.44. The receipts register shows a balance of $7,849.25 and the cash control statement shows a balance of $252,785.62. Outstanding checks total $11,208.96.

Supervisor Schmalz made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and Supervisor Hoffman 2nd the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The claims were reviewed and a motion was made by Supervisor Schmalz to approve the claims, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Home Town Internet**

The grant application for Home Town Internet has been submitted to Chisago County. Chisago County does not have enough money to fulfill the grant, it is reported that there is $116,000.00 left and $200,000.00 is needed. County Commissioner Rick Greene let Chairman Stovern know that they will continue to work on the funding.

**Frontier Communication Easement**

Chairman Stovern made contact with Kyle Ludwig and Kyle will call Frontier. The Chisago County Public Works Department is working on the easement with Frontier.

**Public Comment**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**320th Easement**

The survey has been completed but was then discovered to be the wrong area surveyed. They did go back and survey the correct area but wanted to discuss the billing. The survey company is willing to split the cost of both surveys in half. Supervisor Schmalz made a motion to split the fee for both surveys in half, Supervisor Hoffman, 2nd the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

**February Meeting**

Reminder that the meeting for February is Tuesday, February 1, 2024. Clerk Lichtscheidl will post an ad in the Chisago County Press and has already notified Almelund and Shafer Fire departments.

**Cold Storage Update**

Coming along slowly.

**Maintenance Update**

Dennis Peterson has been taking care of plowing and sanding. No foreseen issues coming up.

**Brine**

The biggest expense will be a pump and valves to get it set up. We can look at getting brine from the county. The grader is fixed but Brad hasn’t been able to get in and get it started yet.

**Miscellaneous**

There needs to be billing sent to home owners, Dennis Peterson and Tony Sanchez for aprons ~~aprons~~ on the culverts.

**Public Comment**

Joe Mattson stated that there was a training coming up through the county for smart salt training. Supervisor Schmalz reported that they have already participated in the training back in November.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm by Supervisor Hoffman, 2nd by Supervisor Schmalz; all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted;

Faith Lichtscheidl, Clerk

Mark Stovern, Chairman