December 7, 2023

**Shafer Township**

**Special Meeting regarding**

**Turn Around on 320th**

The Board of Shafer Township met at the Shafer Town Hall on Wednesday, December 7, 2023. Board members present included Chairman Mark Stovern, Supervisor John Schmalz, Supervisor John Hoffman, Clerk, Faith Lichtscheidl and maintenance Brad Johnson.

Residents present included Tommy Waldemar.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Current Concern:

Shafer Township utilizes a personal driveway/yard to turn around when grading or snow plowing. Homeowner at that residence has requested that Shafer Township find an alternate place to turn around.

Chairman Stovern spoke with Township Attorney, Bob Rupee and it is reported that because Shafer Township has been maintaining the road for the past 6 years, the Township can develop a resolution to this issue and create a turnaround where ever deemed appropriate and it cannot be disputed by the residents on the road. It was also recommended that the Township does not purchase any property on this road to create an easement. That could become a bigger concern down the road.

There was discussion about building a cul-de-sac, what size it would need to be and we would need to provide any explanations in case it is undersized or needs to be shifted over from a main location.

Another suggestion was to have a discussion with a resident (Boursa) to ask if a turnaround can be built at the end of her driveway. Also talked about putting in an oversized culvert there.

Discussed building the road up for any future developments.

Received an estimate from Lumberjack.

Motion made by Supervisor Schmalz to continue looking into pursuing the upgrade of the turn around on 320th. Next steps discussed include talking to an attorney, easements, design, surveyor, based off of approval from the land owner first.

With township activity, school buses and garbage trucks, a place to turn around will need to be built. If a cul-de-sac is not built, a field entrance could be updated/built up as a turn around. This motion was 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman, all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made at 5:43 pm by Supervisor Schmalz to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Hoffman 2nd; all in favor, motion carried and meeting adjourned.