

**SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 5, 2009
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

The township board met at the town hall for its regular monthly meeting with the following board members present: Roger McNear, Bill Friedland, Burt Coleman, Marge Jendro, and Michelle Kleven. McNear called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

BID OPENING: McNear opened and read bids for the handicap access/deck project. There was some discussion. Friedland made a motion to have McNear work on getting a variance from County Zoning to build the new ramp 50 feet from the county road and table the project until more information is provided on the variance. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Friedland made a motion to approve the July monthly meeting minutes. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT: Jendro read the treasurer's report. Friedland made a motion to approve the July treasurer's report. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: McNear read the current claims and payroll for the month. Friedland made a motion to approve the claims #1436 through #1450 in the amount of \$17,290.65 and payroll for \$1,640.91. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GOPHER BOUNTY: McNear made a motion to approve paying a total of \$815.00 in gopher bounty claims #1451-#1455. Friedland seconded the motion. Motion carried. McNear made a motion to transfer \$1000.00 claim #1456 from the interest fund to the gopher bounty fund. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The board reviewed the letter from Minnesota Revenue for unallotment of aids. McNear made a motion to withhold \$4604.00 from the road and bridge fund when Minnesota Revenue sends the check for market value credits for 2009. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The board discussed the story about Peoples Bank of Commerce in the Star Tribune. McNear is working with other townships exploring the options of local fire protection.

OLD BUSINESS: Tom Martinson was present and will using the town hall for firearms safety / youth hunter's education courses. August 24-31, 2009 from 3-9 p.m. McNear made a motion to approve the use of the town hall August 24-31, 2009 for firearms safety classes. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The town hall chimney was finished by BJ Baas Builders and looks great.

ROADS: Friedland updated the board on filling cracks in paved roads, nothing is scheduled yet this summer, will update more at the September meeting. The board discussed updates on the Walbo Bridge detour. Ditch mowing was done the first week in July. Dorcus Bunnell called to complain that 345th Avenue has not been graded for over a month. Hass said it was graded yesterday, August 4, 2009. The Vale Street culvert still has beavers and the dam still needs to be removed. McNear made a motion to notify Barry the beaver trapper, seconded by Friedland. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION: McNear read Isanti County Zoning minutes pertaining to Springvale Township. Township mail reviewed. The town board discussed meetings attended in July. September 24th is the District meeting at the Cambridge College, September 26th from 9am-1pm is the Grand opening/National lands day at Becklin County Park, October 30th is the next township officers meeting at the Government center.

PUBLIC FORUM: Norris Shugren was present and had some discussion about township minutes. He was wondering why the town website hasn't been updated since April 1st, 2009 and why unapproved minutes cannot be posted faster. McNear explained that township minutes cannot be posted until they are approved. The township website has not been updated due to McNear not having the time. McNear stated that he would update the website in the next few days.

NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2009 STARTING AT 6:30 P.M.
McNear made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kleven
Town Clerk

Roger McNear
Chairman