

TOWN OF ERIN PRAIRIE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022

The Town of Erin Prairie July 18 Monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 8:00p.m. by Chairman John Van Dyk at the Erin Prairie Town Hall. Present were Board members John Van Dyk, Dennis Mitchell, and Mike Monteith.

A motion was made by Dennis to accept the agenda as presented and approve the June Board Meeting Minutes as written. Mike seconded both motions which passed by affirmative vote.

It was reported that there is \$11,505.11 in our checking and Money Market Accounts at this time. \$36,8954.67 is ARPA Funds that we plan to put toward Broadband expansion in our township. Township funds available at this time equal \$74,609.44.

The bills were presented and discussed. After review and discussion of the bills Dennis moved to pay the bills as presented. Mike seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Kathy Bygd and Dean and Betty Mergen were present to ask the township about taking over the care and paving of the road that runs into and through Pofolk Ridge. The initial C.S.M. that had been signed by the township indicated that the road would become a township road. The township has not added this road as a township road on our state record of roads, thus we do not receive any state aid to help in the care and maintenance of the road. We looked back at old meeting minutes from the time that Pofolk Ridge was being established. Board Meeting minutes from Wednesday, December 12, 2007 read as follows: "Robin Haffner approached the board to discuss whether the township will take over the road he is building in Pofolk Ridge. The County Planning & Zoning Office stated that because the township signed the C.S.M. for this project they will be required to take over the road. A statement was written on the C.S.M. requiring the township to take control. The road will be built to county specifications and will be paved by Robin. Once the road is paved the township will take it over. Robin's plan is to pave the road in two years."

Because this agreement was made and the road has not been paved the township has not taken over control of the road. A document dated April 1, 2008 from the St. Croix County Planning & Zoning Department has been located that indicates the road did at one time meet County Requirements. Because that was fourteen years ago the township has asked that the road is checked to be sure it does meet County Standards before it is paved. Once it is certain the road meets the required specifications and the road is paved the township will take over control and maintenance of it as had been agreed upon in 2007.

Don Gunness, a resident on 140th Ave. was present to ask if the township could put something on 140th Ave. between County Road T and 190th St. The road is very dusty because of a large amount of semi traffic. Joel Allen from the County Highway Department will be contacted and asked to grade the road and then put Calcium Chloride on it to help keep the dust down.

The township was notified that Ordinance No. 898 (2022) has passed. This ordinance indicates ATV/UTV routes located on St. Croix County Trunk Highways that have now been approved. The ATV/UTV route from CTH K, from 170th Street (west) to 170th St. (east) in the Town of Erin Prairie and the Town of Stanton, a distance of 0.5 miles, has been approved.

John mentioned that a township resident had requested that the ditches be mowed earlier to keep the wild parsnip from going to seed. We mow mainly to keep the weeds down in order to see every direction while driving. Generally this is later so the weeds are down in the fall.

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 15 at 6:00p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mitchell, Clerk/Treasurer

