

TOWN OF ERIN PRAIRIE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

The Town of Erin Prairie monthly Board meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2023 at the Erin Prairie Town Hall by Chairman, John Van Dyk. Present were Board members John Van Dyk, Dennis Mitchell, and Mike Monteith.

A motion was made by Dennis to accept the agenda as presented. Mike seconded the motion which passed by affirmative vote.

Mike moved to approve the August Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dennis and passed unanimously.

It was reported there is \$286,518.90 available in our checking and Money Market Accounts. This does not include ARPA funds in the amount of \$36,895.67. These funds have been directed to help pay for the installation of broadband in our township. A motion was made by Dennis to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Mike and passed by affirmative vote.

The bills were presented. Monarch Paving submitted a bill in the amount of \$54,650.44 for the asphalt mix that was used in the 140th Ave. LRIP project. We will be receiving another bill for this as the second layer has not been completed yet. To receive the LRIP funds this must be paid directly by the township and a receipt submitted to show payment. Alcivia sent a statement for a Minimum Usage Requirement Fee of \$131.00. The township did not use enough fuel over the year so we received this charge. A statement for a personal culvert was included in the Highway Department bills. The bill has been mailed to the landowner for payment. After review and discussion of the bills Dennis moved to pay the bills as presented. Mike seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Greg Olson, from the ATV Club, was present to ask if it would be ok for him to pick up the metal posts that had been left in the township when their signs were moved. The Board said he could take all the posts left behind the building. The township is not using them.

Mike had checked with another propane supplier to see if we should change from Alcivia to another supplier. Mike said he was told that all suppliers will charge a Minimum Usage Requirement Fee now. The decision was made to stay with Alcivia at this time.

It was mentioned that we had received a letter from the State Division of Transportation System Development with notification about an upcoming resurfacing project on a segment of US Hwy. 63 in St. Croix County. The resurfacing project will include Hwy. 63 on the edge of our township. The state is looking for comments or concerns about the project. The actual construction is scheduled to begin the summer of 2027, although it could be as early as 2026.

John mentioned the New Richmond Fire proposed 2024 cost share for our township is \$19,349 which is up \$1,849.00 from 2023. United Fire & Rescue proposed for 2024 is \$7,035.13, which is an increase of \$673.07 from 2023.

Schmitt Timber Company contacted John and Dennis regarding a culvert near the corner of 130th Ave. and 200th St. The culvert and driveway are small and the culvert needs to be replaced. The driveway is a private driveway so the company needs to talk with the landowner regarding the problem they are seeing.

A township resident called and asked if 160th St. could be graded. She noted that the road is quite rough again. Joel Allen will be contacted regarding grading this road. Grading the road will work better if we get rain before grading.

Joe Murtha, with the County Highway Department, was contacted to ask how much it would cost to make four signs to mark Erin Corners. The Board feels they don't want to lose the Erin Corners identity now that the bar is called Bases Loaded Saloon instead of Erin Corners. Joe estimated the cost will be about \$1,000.00 for four signs. Dennis moved to make and put up signs to mark Erin Corners. Mike seconded the motion, which passed by affirmative vote.

Steve Brockphaler commented that the ditches on the County roads are not mowed. Will the County be mowing them? It was mentioned that it seems the county has gone to spraying the ditches instead of mowing. Our township roads will be mowed soon. John will ask Joel Allen what the plan is for the County roads.

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 16 beginning at 7:30p.m.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 7:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mitchell, Clerk/Treasurer