

TOWN OF ERIN PRAIRIE  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

The Town of Erin Prairie April 15,2024 Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.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. Mike seconded the motion. Mike moved to approve the March Board Meeting Minutes as written. Dennis seconded the motion. Both motions passed by affirmative vote.

The treasurer's report was presented. There is \$38,961.33 in checking and \$272,505.97 in our Money Market Account to total \$311,467.30 available at this time. This does include two general transportation aid payments. A motion was made by Mike to approve the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dennis and passed by affirmative vote.

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

Elizabeth Fall was present to discuss and answer questions regarding her rezoning request. She is asking to rezone 40 acres from Ag-1 Agricultural District to the Ag-2 Agricultural District located at 1612 County Road T, parcel #012-1025-80-000. Elizabeth would like to build a second house on this property so she and a family member can both reside there. Rezoning to Ag-2 allows a second house to be built. The second house would be built so the driveway can be shared and the well could be shared also. After discussion a motion was made by Dennis to approve rezoning Elizabeth Fall's 40 acre parcel from Ag-1 to Ag-2. Mike seconded the motion which passed by affirmative vote.

John briefly mentioned information from the United Fire and Rescue meeting, New Richmond Ambulance, and New Richmond Fire Department meetings.

A suggestion was made to possibly raise the amount the township pays for gophers. It seems there are more gophers and they do cause problems on the roads. This will be discussed at our May meeting.

Road work was discussed. The decision was made to talk with Joel Allen from the County Highway Department about doing the following work this summer:

- Add shouldering to 165<sup>th</sup> Ave. from County Road GG to 170<sup>th</sup> St.
- Chip seal and shoulder 190<sup>th</sup> St. from 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 140<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Shoulder and chip seal 170<sup>th</sup> Ave. from County Road T to 190<sup>th</sup> St.
- Restructure and black top 160<sup>th</sup> St. between 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 140<sup>th</sup> Ave.

A question was asked about 140<sup>th</sup> Ave., whether it has always been gravel. It was milled to gravel a couple years ago and now we are planning to pave it next year. It will remain gravel from County Road T to 190<sup>th</sup> St.

Next Gen has put broadband in our township, however, a section along County Road GG is under Northwest Communication's jurisdiction. Chris Milliron expressed his dissatisfaction with the amount of money Northwest wants to charge to run the broadband to his house. The estimate he received was \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00. Our township has no control over these charges or the work that Northwest is doing in the township.

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 20 beginning at 7:00p.m.  
A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mitchell, Clerk/Treasurer