

TOWN OF ERIN PRAIRIE  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

The Town of Erin Prairie Monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by Chairman John Van Dyk at the Erin Prairie Town Hall. Present were John Van Dyk, Mike Monteith. Dennis Mitchell arrived at 7:45.

Motions were made by Mike to approve the agenda and September Meeting Minutes as written. John seconded and passed the motions.

It was reported there is \$334,343.41 available in our checking and Money Market Accounts at this time. However, if we pay the October County Highway and Monarch Paving bills we received our funds will be at \$117,744.00. The bills were presented. John mentioned that the copies of the bills we received from Monarch Paving for completion of the Local Road Improvement Project on 160<sup>th</sup> St. will need to be submitted to receive the State LRIP funds awarded to our township for this project. After reviewing and discussing the bills Mike made a motion to pay the bills as presented. John seconded and passed the motion.

A couple township residents were present to ask questions about the variance that was granted to the Johnsons and the approval of the Walker Minor land Division at the September meeting. They expressed concern that a house built on the Johnson lot may affect their privacy, hunting, and possibly their property value. The Board stated that there had been a house at the Johnson location until a few years ago so they felt putting a house back on an already existing lot was fair to the landowners. The Johnsons only needed a variance for the distance from the road to the house and from the house to the back property line. Our township operates under County Zoning Regulations. According to the County Zoning Administration the Zoning the Walker property is under allows the owner to split the 35 acre parcel into the three parcels as proposed. The Board agreed to approve what the County allows in this situation.

Mike mentioned that he was at the inspection of the Borgstrom Dam located on 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. The County found a contract that indicates the township is partly responsible for dam maintenance. In the inspection it was noted that cutting back and clearing brush is needed around the dam. This is work that the township will ask the County Highway Department to complete this winter.

The 2025 budget was discussed briefly. Some numbers are still not available yet. The suggestion was made to possibly work on the 190<sup>th</sup> St. Agricultural Road Improvement Project in 2026 and pave 140<sup>th</sup> Ave. in 2025. The budget will be reviewed and approved in November.

A request had been made to put up a sign on 170<sup>th</sup> Ave. between County Road G and 170<sup>th</sup> St. to make drivers aware of a driveway just around the curve. Joel Allen with the County Highway Department was contacted and asked about a sign being placed there. Joel drove the road and looked at the situation. He said there is already a 35 MPH sign before the curve and the sight line distance is acceptable according to their highway regulations. Joel suggested the trees and brush be cleaned out back further in the ditch to make the sight line better. The Board agreed clearing back the brush is something the township will have done.

The November meeting will be held Monday, November 18 following the 2025 Budget Hearing scheduled to begin at 6:00p.m.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mitchell, Clerk/Treasurer