

Minutes of Regular Township Meeting
April 14, 2016 at Val Hall

Members present: Stacy Lee, John Kotaska, Bob Wald, Dale Koop, Nancy Tofte
Guests:

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Old Business:

Website Update – no new updates.

Town hall building – no new updates.

Riverbend project – Dale made a motion to set the assessment hearing for May 11 at 7:00 pm. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 10, 2016 monthly meeting were emailed prior to the monthly meeting. Dale made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried. The minutes from the March 10, 2016 Board of Canvas meeting were emailed prior to the monthly meeting. Bob made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Dale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was read. There being the following cash balances:

Checking	\$60,117.07
Savings	\$54,066.44
<u>Investments</u>	<u>\$242,035.67</u>
Total:	\$356,219.18

New Business:

Spring Short Course update – Bob, Dale, & John attended the short course. They said that there were some interesting topics discussed.

Zoning issues – Stacy informed the Board that Mike Skjervin continues to explore options of building a cottage style house in the Basswood area. He has been in contact with Nathan Haase with Ihle & Sparby.

Red Lake Watershed District permit – Stacy presented the Board with a permit from the Red Lake Watershed District. It was issued to Kyle Mehrkens to install a culvert and field entrance to give access to a field. It is the north road ditch of Pennington County Road #57 in the SE quarter section of section 30. The permit was issued March 30, 2016.

Documents to be destroyed – Stacy added the following documents to the documents to be destroyed list.

Newsletter from Minnesota Local Technical Assistance Program – Spring 2016
A brochure about a Public Road seminar dated Spring 2016.

Reorganization –

Chairman of the Board – Bob made a motion to nominate Nancy Tofte for chairman of the Board. Dale seconded it and it passed.

Vice Chair – Dale made a motion to nominate Bob Wald as the Vice Chairman. Nancy seconded the motion and it passed.

Town Hall Maintenance - Dale made a motion to pass a resolution authorizing a contract with Bob Wald to complete the Town Hall maintenance. Nancy seconded it and it passed. Bob abstained from voting. The resolution document was completed, signed, and filed.

Mileage Rate – Bob made the motion to use the current mileage reimbursement rates set by the IRS. The 2016 rate is .54 per mile. Dale seconded the motion and it carried.

Salaries - Bob made a motion to keep the salaries for the township positions the same as last year. The amounts are as follows: Town hall Maintenance - \$750, Treasurer - \$1200, and Clerk \$2000. extra projects completed by the clerk will be paid at \$15 per hour. Dale seconded the motion and it carried. Meeting payments - Bob made a motion to leave the per meeting payments the same amount as the past year. Dale seconded the motion and it carried. The per meeting payment will remain at \$100. For all day long meetings or trainings the amount will be \$200.

Bank – Dale made a motion to maintain Northern State Bank as the fiduciary bank for the township. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

Bank – Dale made a motion to designate Northern State Bank as the designated depository of the public funds for the Township of Rocksbury with pledge securities as follows: FDIC Insurance guaranty \$250,000, Federal home loan bank \$100,000 and 300,000. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

Monthly Meetings – Bob made a motion to set the monthly meetings at Val Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Nancy seconded the motion and it passed.

The May monthly meeting will be Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 PM at Val Hall.

Bills:

The following bills were presented and paid. Dale made a motion to accept and pay the following bills. Bob seconded the motion and it passed:

PERA	April Meeting	\$106.66
Rude Construction	March Blading	\$885.39
Olson Construction	Sanding Roads	\$300.00
Rude Construction	Feb. Blading	\$958.08
John Kotaska	Short Course Training	\$50.00
Bob Wald	Short Course Training	\$50.00
Dale Koop	Short Course Training	\$50.00
Pennington County Hwy	February Snow removal	\$167.50
Pennington County Hwy	Riverbend Project	\$81,051.84
Pennington County Auditor	Property Tax	\$925.41
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City of Thief River Falls	1 st Half of 2016/17 rural fire	\$13,761.50
Wage Claims		\$1,891.53

Adjourn:

Dale made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

Stacy Lee, Clerk

Board Member