

FELCH TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING November 4, 2013

Supervisor Mattson called to order the meeting of the Felch Township Board at 6:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll call: Present – Mr. Wille, Mrs. Steinbrecher, Mr. Sundholm, Mr. Mattson and Mr. Oman. Also present - Mr. Henry DeGroot Twp. Assessor and Mr. Brian Johnson of Felch.

Citizen's time: No one addressed the board.

The agenda was presented K. Sundholm supported by M. Steinbrecher to approve. All voted in favor, opposed none. Motion approved.

Approval of the October 7, 2013 Minutes of the Townships Regular Board Meeting. Motion by M. Steinbrecher, Supported by G. Wille. All voted in favor, opposed none. Motion approved.

Approval of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held October 23, 2013. Motion by G.Wille, supported by K. Sundholm. All voted in favor, opposed none. Motion approved.

Treasures Report reviewed. Motion by D. Oman to place report on file, Support K. Sundholm. All in favor, opposed none, motion carried.

Review and Payment of bills on a motion by M. Steinbrecher, Supported by G. Wille. All in favor, opposed none, motion approved.

Fire Department Report. No fires to report. Chief Wille reported that Enbridge Energy will be donating a Pickup Truck to the township. It is expected to be received next week. Wille is recommending that the pickup be setup and used as a plow pickup truck, and the current brush/plow pickup be used only by the fire department.

Custodian's report: Brian reports that the roof is leaking again over the main entry. D. Oman and Brian will go up on the roof tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. and look what can be done. The new addition roof line is still leaking. This will be looked at as well before the builder is contacted. Brian also reported that the scrubber is not working correctly again. D. Oman reported that he will have maintenance staff at the school come down and look at it again.

R. Mattson asked if anyone has heard any complaints about sewage smell. Brian reported that he noticed a slight smell in the men's restroom but has been dumping a de-odorant down the floor drains and has not noticed any since then.

Kitchen equipment/sink area: R. Mattson received some information and shared it with the board. D. Oman reports that he has not taken the time yet to draft proposed sinks so he has not looked into any costs. This will be discussed at the next meeting if drawings/proposals have been completed.

Felch Township Poverty Exemption Resolution was reviewed. D. Oman made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was supported by M. Steinbrecher. Being no further discussion on

the issue, Supervisor Mattson conducted a roll call vote. Ayes = 5, No = 0 the resolution stands approved. The Clerk was directed to certify the Resolution.

The Felch Township Poverty Application and Guidelines were reviewed. K. Sundholm made a motion to approve the Property Tax Poverty Exemption Application and Guidelines. G. Wille Supported the motion. No one offered further discussion, Supervisor Mattson called for a roll call vote. Ayes = 5, Opposed = 0 The Application and Guidelines were approved. A copy was provided to the Assessor, Treasure and Supervisor.

Tree cutting at the cemetery was discussed. There is a need to remove several trees because they are diseased as evidenced by the large tree that broke off and luckily missed headstones. There is a need to remove most of the trees along the "lower" road along with several large trees in the cemetery itself. D. Oman is again requested permission to contact Danielson's Green House of Norway and ask them for recommendations. The suggestion is that we start by putting up a nice sign with landscaping next to the new building followed by the planting of trees along the upper road, such as flowering crab and lilac and get a game plan in-place now for the replacement trees that will need to be removed- rather than after the trees are removed. Approval to proceed by asking Danielson's for a proposal or drawing was the consensus of the board. D. Oman will contact them and proceed.

A question was asked of the supervisor if the Cemetery has a fire number the township building should have a fire number but not the cemetery itself. Informational only, no action required.

Communications: The Dickinson County Road Commission has responded to our request for them to start working on the Groveland Mine Road, by graveling the shoulders. Supervisor Mattson reports that the Road Commission responded saying there is no way they can get the shoulder work completed this fall.

Citizens Time: No one addressed the board.

Board Member Privilege:

D. Oman requested permission to hire Anderson Tackman CPA firm of Iron Mountain to assist him in correcting an accounting procedural error that he has made in the Township General Fund Accounting, plus provide some consultation related to annual financial statement preparation and payroll tax withholding. D. Oman reports he estimates the cost will be \$600.00 dollars or less. After some discussion, K. Sundholm made a motion for D. Oman to proceed, Motion supported by M. Steinbrecher; all voted in favor, opposed none. Motion is approved.

K. Sundholm commented that the dump was getting better but again does not seem to be getting cleaned up. There is still a lot of trash lying around and a lot of metal not getting into the recycling container. R. Mattson will monitor the situation and coordinate with Mr. Fuchs to get the area cleaned up and kept clean. The idea that folks look through the trash is fine. One's man's trash is another man's treasure. However at the end of each shift all garbage and recyclables must be removed from the area completely or placed in the appropriate dumpster. No leaving items on the grounds or outside of

containers. Also discussed was the possibility of accepting appliances with refrigerant in exchange for a fee. The township would charge a resident \$10.00 to dispose of the item. The township would then hire a company to reclaim the refrigerant so that the appliances can be disposed of into the recycling container. Schneider's Iron and Metal has informed us that they cannot accept these appliances without proper certifications that they have had the refrigerant reclaimed. Violations will cause them to stop purchasing the recyclable metal from our township. A newsletter to the citizens should be developed first and we need to make sure the building is clean and able to accept appliances so they can be stored until serviced for disposal. D. Oman was directed to hire a company to reclaim the refrigerant from the appliances that are there now so we can dispose of them.

With no further business being properly before the board, D. Oman made a motion supported by K. Sundholm to adjourn. All voted in favor, opposed none. Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Darrell J. Oman,  
Felch Township Clerk