

Meeting July 5th, 2022

The regular meeting of the Felch Township Board was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Clerk Oman. All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: G. Wille, M. Steinbrecher, D. Dixon and D. Oman were present. Supervisor Mattson was absent and in the hospital.

Also in attendance: Mr. Ryan Wille, Mr. John Benzie, Mr. Tim Pollack, Mr. John Hruska, Mr. Chris Moore, and Ms. Matz.

Approval of agenda on a motion by D. Dixon, Supported by G. Wille. All voted in favor, no one opposed.

Citizens Time:

John Benzie stated that he would like to plan a two-day baseball tournament next summer over the 4th of July holiday. He also stated that Jan and Mel Groeneveld will donate to Felch Township to cover the cost of new netting for the batting cage is about \$1,200.00. He would like to purchase a new drag for the infield at a cost of \$305.00. Mr. Benzie asked the board again to consider paying Jeff Anderson and Doug Phillips for working on the baseball field. Mr. Benzie also suggested the board consider drilling a well for irrigation of the baseball fields.

Mr. Chris Moore of Circle power stated that work is continuing on planning for the Solar Site. They have a web site for people to find information, maps, etc... the web site address is www.grovelandminesolar.com.

Mr. Joe Hruska of Pickerel Lake area wants to information on Zoning for a garage he wants to build. Unfortunately, Supervisor Mattson was not in attendance. We will get Mr. Hruska's information and pass it onto Supervisor Mattson who is our Zoning Administrator.

Fire Department Report: Chief Anderson was not present.

Cemetery Report: Mr. Pollack reported for Becky. They had one full burial, and a couple of cremains. Becky also sold a couple of lots.

Building and Grounds Custodial Report. The Ford pickup truck was repaired by Florence Motors. They installed a new radiator.

Parks and Recreation Report: The committee met with CUPPAD rep. They will have a few recreation questions on the Master Plan Survey that relate to recreation. The committee will meet again with CUPPAD and have scheduled that meeting for October 18th at 6:00 p.m. D. Oman asked if the rec plan includes a well for the ball fields? Also does it include replacement of all dugouts, press box/concession stand, bleachers for the big ball field? D. Oman suggested getting proposals from companies to assist in the grant writing for these items once the planning is completed. It was the consensus of the board to allow D. Oman to obtain proposals and bring them to the board for consideration.

Review and approval of minutes of the June 6th regular meeting. G. Wille, moved to accept as written. D. Dixon Supported. All voted in favor, no one was opposed.

Review and approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting June 17th. D. Dixon moved to accept them as written. Support G. Wille. All voted in favor no one was opposed.

Review and acceptance of the Treasures Report: D. Oman moved to accept and place on file. G. Wille supported. All voted in favor, no one was opposed. Motion carried.

Review and approval of bills. The visa and Home Depot account charges were reviewed along with all other bills. Noted that Waste Management continues to be problematic getting invoices on time. The clerk has contacted them about setting up on line billing and payment options. M. Steinbrecher moved to pay the bills. Supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor, no one was opposed. The motion was approved.

Discussion about the road construction on Metropolitan and Six Mile Lake Road. Budgets were discussed. Clerk Oman was directed to write a letter to the DCRC letting them know the board had changed its priority to Six Mile Lake Road. The Metropolitan Road will be left unfinished at this time. The Felch Board will also let the DCRC know that it is willing to commit Felch Township funding in 2023 in the amount of \$200,000.00 plus the \$100,000.00 Dickinson County Grant -Covid funds. The Covid funds are not funds to be used for matching funds. They are in addition to township and DCRC funds. We want at least 1.5 miles of Six Mile Lake Road completed next summer and then continue in 2024.

Clerk Oman updated that we have not received the blueprints for the TTAA building addition, we have not approved the proposed floor drain, we have not received proof of workman's comp insurance coverage from the builders or builders risk insurance providing coverage for the township. We have not yet signed an agreement with the TTAA to agree on the construction because we have not received the required documents.

Master Plan Survey is completed. It is available from a link on the township's web site. There are posters out with information and a QR Code that can be scanned to take a person to the survey. Printed copies are available by contacting the clerk. We need to promote the survey and try get as much participation as possible.

The new township computers have been delivered and setup. The Wi-Fi is split into a Guest/Public Access and Township Access which is behind a firewall. Anti-Virus Software is also installed, and both will require annual renewals. This Thursday software will be installed on the election computers so that they can transmit election ending results to the county.

The Acknowledgement paperwork for the ADA doors and restroom stall partitions have been signed and returned. Brooks Electric has been contacted to install the AC Power necessary for the ADA door openers. The partitions will not be installed by LaForce They are only supplying them so we will need to find a contractor to do the installation.

Informational sign in the community center to replace the old calendar monitor. No update yet.

Sidewalk replacements- D. Oman reports he does not yet have a design for the front of the building that should be done at the same time as the sidewalks. Hopefully it will be completed for the August meeting as the sidewalks are scheduled to be replaced after Labor Day.

Tri-Twp Preservation Club has moved into the old township office and they have been given two keys to the building. They are aware to schedule events with Mr. John Fuchs to not conflict with other events at the center.

Reminder the township Bi-Annual Audit will be conducted on July 18th starting at 11 a.m.

The bleachers for the big ball field are not safe. There is no back railing and no side railings. This is a safety issue and needs to be addressed before other items. D. Oman was given the authority to find and hire a contractor to correct the problem on a motion from M. Steinbrecher supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor, opposed no one.

Request to pay Anderson and Phillips. M. Steinbrecher made a motion to hire them temporarily for one year at a pay of \$1,000.00 for this year to work on both baseball fields. Supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor, opposed no one. D. Oman will get them the required W4 Federal and State payroll paperwork to fill out. Upon receipt of the completed paperwork a check will be issued, less required tax withholdings.

D. Oman discussed the real estate purchase along the west property line. D. Oman has spoken to most of the owners of the property, and they are willing to sell one has suggested donating. Oman suggests retaining an attorney to draw up even a Quit Claim deed and get the property ownership transferred. The batting cage they are improving, and the block outhouses are not on township property, and it needs to be addressed. D. Dixon moved to approve D. Oman to contact the owners negotiate an agreement to come to the board with an agreement for approval then retain an attorney if necessary to get the property transferred.

It has been suggested that the old block toilets should be converted into a storage shed. That will require removal of the toilets and partitions inside the building. The gable ends sheeted and a roll up door installed so mower and lawn equipment can be stored in there. We will wait until ownership of the land is resolved.

Citizens Time: Ms. Matz reminded us that the new web site is [www. Grovelandminesolar.com](http://www.Grovelandminesolar.com).

Board Member Privilege.

M. Steinbrecher Important that we get the bleachers fixed there is nothing up there and someone might fall off.

D. Dixon. Did we call and have the green boxes picked up from Ralph yet.

D. Oman- Public Accuracy Testing for the elections will be July 18th at 8 a.m.

G. Wile- We should think about putting in parking spaces to the east of the new building addition. Maybe moving the fences or swing sets if needed.

No further business being before the board, G. Wille made a motion to adjourn. The motion was supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Darrell J. Oman
Felch Township Clerk.