

**Empire Township Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2016**

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Holmes at 8:00 p.m...

**Present were:** Terry Holmes, Jamie Elvestad, Ed Gerten, Kathleen Krippner, Jeff Hince, Dean Johnson, Brian Hilgardner and Jill Parkins

**Agenda:** Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the agenda. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Meeting Minutes:** Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on January 26, 2016, and Park and Rec meeting on February 8, 2016. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Treasurer Report:** Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the unaudited treasurer report as read. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Visitors:** Two Deputy Sheriffs stopped in to check in with us. Discussion was held regarding Highway 3 and the increase in speed that MNDOT would like to make. Brian is going to try and get the meeting with MNDOT set up for March 1, at 7:30 p.m. and the Deputy's plan on being here.

**Bills to be paid:** Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$52,403.60. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Committee Reports**

**Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges**

Jeff reported that he completed the 2015 year end water report for the DNR. We had 14% unaccountable water but we also had 1 water main break and one resident service that was broke.

Jeff gave his recommendations for 2016 street maintenance proposal. He would like to crack and chip seal 200<sup>th</sup>. 2016 street expenses is anticipated at \$69,000. Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the street maintenance proposal. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The trails he would like to slurry seal over the top. The cost to mill and recoat would be around 50 – 60 grand per mile.

Brian will send a letter to the railroad regarding their crossing on 170<sup>th</sup> street. Kathy will check with Commission Mike Slavik to see if he followed up with the railroad and heard back from them.

**Park & Rec**

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the \$4,170 for equipment for ERP Park area. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

August 4<sup>th</sup> is the Empire Celebration.

Discussion was held on Empire's spring clean-up April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Bolton & Menk**

Brian reported that Erickson Farms took off \$3,000. We have a retainage for the backyard drainage of \$5,529. The irrigation will be up to the home owners to pay.

Brian will check into the conservation easement for the pond that Jim Poppen wants to build.

**Old Business:**

With the 170<sup>th</sup> repair work needing to be done and the parking lot, it was decided to place the new CD in for 30 months at 1.25.

**New Business:**

Cheryl Jacobson gave her notice so we are now looking for a new Planning Commission member.

Meeting recessed at 10:30 until February 16, 2016 at 7:00 to interview Park and Rec candidates, pay bills and go over any business that needs to be done.

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Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

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Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer