

**Empire Township Meeting Minutes
May 24, 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 and Brian Hilgardner

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 May 10, 2016, Planning Commission meeting on May 17, 2016 and Park and Rec May 23, 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: Bob Lester was in to see what could be done about the safety of Highway 3.

Duane Alley came to discuss the drainage issue in Providence.

Bills to be paid: Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$39,569.14. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Reports

Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges

Roads need rain to grade. Fluoride will be June 8.

Tyler started working and so far doing good.

The guys are working on the trees down along the Vermillion River at the Empire soccer fields. 90% cleared.

Park & Rec

Discussion was held on the storage building at the ballfields.

Round Bank is interested in putting up scoreboards. We will get pricing for the boards and the electricity to the scoreboards.

Jeff will check out on cutting back the shrubs at Hwy 3 and 197th and 200th Street. Empire will have their ¼ acre at 197th and Hwy 3 surveyed.

Bolton & Menk

The permit for the box culvert Ag Ind. wants to put in is in. We are waiting for a response from MNDOT.

KJWalk is progressing. They took 3' of material out of settlement and will fill with 2' sand, fabric and class 5. Empire will get price to do the full road. Jamie will review and give approval. They have the bone yard to clean up, shrubs to put in, and black dirt by the trail.

First meeting in June will be the MS4 Annual Meeting.

Resource Strategies: Dean reported that the Public Hearing for Ames Construction is scheduled June 7. They need to amend the zoning ordinance and get their IUP. They will have an EAW done for the Carroll property. They will use Akron Ave. for their haul route.

New Business:

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve Les Ferris Ag Preserve renewal. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Geronimo Energy needs to amend their IUP to bring it down to 5 megawatt proposal. They agreed to the 190th Street Road Agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer