

**Empire Township Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017**

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, Denise Williamson, and Dean Johnson

Agenda: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the agenda with adding to New Business Summer Employment for the ballfields. 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 24, 2017, Planning Commission meeting on February 7, 2017 and Park and Rec February 13, 2017. 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.

Kathy will get a breakdown for the PILT taxes.

Visitors: John Brand and Al Full came to discuss the drainage issue along the minimum maintenance road that is affecting their properties. Al explained what he thought the problem was, his conversations with DNR and Met Council, and what he thinks will fix the problem.

The Board decided that we need to have a meeting with the DNR, Met Council, Dakota County and Brian, Empire's engineer to see what can be done with this drainage issue.

Bills to be paid: Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$59,699.40. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Reports

Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges

Jeff showed his plans for seal coating for 2017. He ran over budget by about \$12,000. Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the expenditure. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Jeff reported that the roads are having some frost heaves and they will be adding lime rock to it. They are working on stop signs and trimming brush and buckthorn.

Old Business:

For spring clean-up we will not be having paper shredding. We will check I.D.'s for tire drop off and charge for more than 2 tires per vehicle.

Kathy will send off the letter to GlenHaven Event Center for copy of liability insurance and caterer's license for alcohol.

New Business:

Ed Gerten made a motion to approve Duane Snesrud, Mark Page, Marilyn Briesacher, Cecile Brand, Denise Williamson, and Kathleen Krippner to be election judges at the March 14th election. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion was held on summer maintenance employment for the ballfields. We need someone to work in getting the fields ready for games, the nine weekends of tournaments, drag fields and check on them later in the day, and someone to help with mowing when needed. Empire does not want to have to pay overtime for the ballfield maintenance work.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer