

Logan Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024

On July 9th, 2024 the Logan Town Board held its monthly meeting at the Palisade Community Center. Chair Dave Sims called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Present: Supervisor Dave Sims, Supervisor Elissa Bryan, Supervisor Lynn Mizner, Treasurer Michelle Pieterse, Clerk Craig LeBlanc and Kris Milbradt.

- Lisa Bryan moved to approve the June 2024 minutes, second by Lynn Mizner. Motion passed, all in favor.
- David Sims moved to approve the Treasurer's Financial Statement, second by Lynn Mizner. Motion passed, all in favor.
- The Clerk's books balance with the Treasurer's books.

OLD BUSINESS:

- August elections: Lynn Mizner completed election judge training and Chris Gamer completed head judge training and election judge training. Craig LeBlanc, Michelle Pieterse, David Sims and Megan Sims will complete election judge training next week.
- November elections: Bernice Weston will complete head judge training and election judge training next week. Jim and Diane Buranen are still considering becoming election judges.
- One Watershed One Plan Draft Plan in part addresses flood control, culvert improvements, erosion control, tree planting and stream bank restoration.
- PNP Election Reimbursement of \$1307.26 was received.

ROAD REVIEW:

- Roadside mowing completed on June 28th.
- Kris Milbradt is increasing his rate from \$30/hour to \$35/hour and asked if he could have Kern Excavating assist in removal of brush and trees on the bigger jobs. The supervisors agreed to the rate increase and Kern Excavating services. David Sims asked whether it would be better to bill by the job instead of by the hour, and the advantages and disadvantages of hourly vs job billing were discussed. It was determined that the nature of the work made it easier to charge by the hour, but the option to bill by the job should be considered for larger jobs. Kris said he would contact a supervisor if there were any questions on how he should proceed on the larger jobs.

When Kris left, David Sims expressed concern that a large amount of Kris's time was being spent on breaks, as he had witnessed this during his work at the cemetery. Lisa Bryan maintained that the breaks were a concern and should be addressed, but the rates being charged were very reasonable and the availability of a dedicated person for brushing and tree cutting were good reasons to keep the hourly rate as the main method of billing.

- Clerk will review townline road agreements.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Township candidate filing is July 30th to August 13th. Clerk will be out of town from August 2nd to August 10. The town treasurer performs the duties of the clerk relating to receiving candidate filings when the clerk is absent.
- Voting machine testing is July 16, 17 and 18. Two election judges per precinct are required.
- Bremer Bank mistakenly placed Pine Grove Cemetery CD 12814 in the clerk's name. It will be changed to a business account for the Pine Grove Cemetery under Logan Township. The board wants the funds in the CD placed into savings.
- ACAT Meeting is July 18th, 7:00 pm at the Aitkin County Government Center.
- Minnesota Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST) does not apply to elected officials or those appointed to fill vacancies in elected offices.
- Minnesota State Demographer 2023 Logan Township: Population - 189
Households - 84

CEMETERY:

- Dianne Ladd obtained a quote for \$23,850 to replace windows and siding on the Pine Grove Chapel and asked about the Pine Grove Chapel fund balance. An informational letter was sent showing the current balance of \$2,206.68, mentioning that the Logan Town Board makes all decisions for the Pine Grove Cemetery and determines how all cemetery funds are used.
- Cemetery manager Lisa Bryan asked the clerk to send a letter to Dianne Ladd stating that the board has full control over the operation/funding of the cemetery, requires a minimum of 2 bids on a project, requires board approval of all projects and requires all funds to be available before any work is started on an approved project.
- Regaining title to sites that have not been used for over 50 years. Clerk and cemetery manager will get information on procedures for abandoned sites and work on a form for relinquishing sites.
- Trees will be planted to block off the former road at the southern border of the 1st addition.
- Vinyl fencing for the far corners of the cemetery were proposed.
- Treasurer will set up automatic payment to TBGTOM.COM LLC for Crypt Keeper Software.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS:

- David Sims moved to approve claims, second by Lisa Bryan. Motion passed, all in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

- David Sims moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm, second by Lisa Bryan. Motion passed, all in favor.

David Sims - Town Supervisor

8/20/2024

Date