

WOODROW TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2024

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Colter Peterson at 7:00 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present are Supervisor Scott Wold, Treasurer Tim Mueller and Clerk Cathy Dietrich. Supervisor Gordy Reher is absent. To see sign in sheet for citizens present, request from Clerk.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson approve Agenda for Regular Monthly Meeting as amended.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson approve October 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson approve September 2024 Treasurer Report, subject to audit as presented by Treasurer Tim Mueller.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson approve claims as submitted by Clerk Cathy Dietrich.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson approve payroll as submitted by Clerk Cathy Dietrich.

Clerk's Report –

- Board of Canvass meeting date determined and will meeting on November 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Location is Woodrow Township Hall located at 1133 County Rd 11 NW, Hackensack.

OPEN FORUM (FKA PUBLIC INPUT) –

- No Input.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Speed limit on County Rd 5 update. A special meeting will be held on October 17, 2024, at 12:15 p.m. for citizens to discuss safety concerns with MN DOT, Legislators and Cass County Engineer. The meeting will be held at Woodrow Township Hall, located at 1133 County Rd 11 NW, Hackensack.
2. Drafting a policy for assessments was discussed with no added information that was originally provided in prior meetings. Chris Sonmor from Sonmor Engineering provided the Supervisors with a draft assessment policy that was used for a different city. This will help with drafting a policy for Woodrow. This policy is needed to support any petitions or potential road improvement projects in the future. Supervisor Wold has requested Chris Sonmor to go through the draft policy and remove any language that would not pertain to the township. Supervisor Wold tabled this subject to the December Township Monthly Meeting and at that meeting decide on a Special Meeting date.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Buxton Road has an issue with the road washing out at the bottom of the hill, on both sides of the road around the area of Wildwood Beach Resort. Citizen Turnacliff sent an email to the Supervisors regarding this issue and made some suggestions like adding rock in the ditch to alleviate the washout. She is also concerned about people getting sucked into the ditch or hitting a pedestrian since they have to walk around the large crack on the side of the road. Although there was a lot of rain all at once, this washout has been an issue for years and the work done to maintain the road has just been adding gravel and grading the road which has not corrected the underlying issue. Supervisor Peterson has explained the embankment is acting like a current and washing away. Chris Sonmor commented, the water has a course and is unsure if stone would make sense there. For the short term that would get a temporary fix at least until spring, you go in there with some Bio-Roll and just do some ditch checks with that which will help slow down the flow. Touching up the slope there will also help. Supervisor Peterson had reached out to Lott Excavating and they completed grading in that area. This issue will be discussed further upon receiving the information on a more permanent fix along with the cost of the permanent fix. We'll need to determine if there is enough money in the budget to complete in 2025 or if it needs to be moved out to 2026.
2. A notice to all contractors was put in the Pine Cone Press Citizen in September to request a Road Maintenance Quote to maintain Woodrow Township roads. It was requested that all quotes be received by October 9, 2024, 3 p.m. Clerk Dietrich has informed the supervisors that only one quote had been received and it was from Lott Excavating. The quote is approximately 20% higher than 2 years ago and is primarily due to the rising costs of maintaining equipment and gas prices. The supervisors commented that Lott Excavating has served the township for many years. They quickly resolve road issues when called, are willing to take on projects, are located in the township, and courteous when called upon. Even though they were the only contractor who responded to the quote request, both supervisors agreed they are happy with Lott Excavating continuing to serve Woodrow.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson To accept Lott Excavating quote to continue servicing Woodrow Township as the road maintenance contractor.

3. Regulation of cannabis businesses within the township is discussed. Recent legalization of cannabis has some impact on township regulation. By statute, the township can't prohibit cannabis businesses, but if we have ordinances or don't, either way these businesses will now be allowed in one form or another in our township. While the new statutes do not allow townships to prohibit cannabis businesses, they do allow townships to exercise certain regulatory authority to limit the number of retailers and to object and stop a license if the business doesn't comply with local zoning. If the township chooses not to regulate, the statutes allow townships to delegate all cannabis-related regulation to the county, and many townships are doing that. Supervisor Wold

will create a resolution to delegate all cannabis-related regulation to the county. The resolution will be read and agreed to at the next monthly meeting.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson Table until November monthly meeting.

4. Supervisor Reher received an email from a citizen regarding the speed limit on Interlachen. This email was forwarded to Supervisor Peterson to respond. The email stated, people driving down the road are going very fast and that there are safety concerns. It was requested signs be put up. Other citizens attending the meeting have commented about trucks driving fast and just most vehicles are going too fast. Supervisors responded that there is no good answer, because even if signs were in place there is no one to monitor or enforce the limit. Supervisor Peterson will respond to the email.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Reher –

- Absent, No Report

Supervisor Peterson –

- The Longville Fire Department had their annual budget meeting, and it went well. Everything's the same as it was last year. They will be sending the invoice for 2025 soon.
- Attended legal seminar with much of it not pertaining to our township. One thing that was interesting is they talked about Robert's Rules of Order, all of the like kind of approvals, such as the meeting minutes, the Treasurer's report, the claims, can all be lumped together and just motion on a consent agenda item.

Supervisor Wold –

- No Report

OTHER BUSINESS – Citizen Larson mentions that FEMA is extremely busy and having trouble keeping up with all the weather-related damages from hurricanes, tornados, etc. in the south.

MEETING ADJOURNED M/S/P Wold/Peterson @ 8:10 p.m.



Vice Chair, Colter Peterson



Clerk, Cathy Dietrich





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Woodrow Township Board,

We are pleased to quote your Road Maintenance needs for the 2024 – 2025 season at the following rates:

Caterpillar Grader 140m	\$162.00/hr
Caterpillar Grader & Wing (Plowing)	\$174.00/hr
Caterpillar 938K Loader	\$171.00 hr
Caterpillar 938k loader and wing	\$174.00 hr
Caterpillar Excavator	\$246.00/hr
Caterpillar D-6 Dozer	\$246.00/hr
12 Yd Tandem Dump	\$145.00 hr
Tri axel Dump	\$150.00 hr
Cat 259D Skid Loader	\$162.00/hr
Dump Plow & Wing w/Sander	\$160.00/hr
Caterpillar Rotary Mower w/14' Boom	\$139.00/hr
Semi truck trailer	\$168.00 hr
Labor	\$97.00/hr
Pickup Plow	\$152.00/hr
Skid loader vibratory roller	\$31.75/hr

** These rates are based on fuel prices at \$4.00/gal or less. Every 0.07 above \$4.00/gal increases the hourly rate by 0.50/hr.

Lott Excavating, LLC has over 47 years experience maintaining Township Roads and a crew of 11 operators to handle your Township needs in a timely and efficient manner. Proof of Workers Compensation and Liability insurance are currently on file with Township Clerk.

Lott Excavating, LLC has a steamer to thaw frozen culverts. We have 6 plow units and also (2) V plow units in case of a blizzard or large snowfall.

Thank you for the opportunity,
William H Herheim
Chief Manager

Lott Excavating, LLC

