

BRUCE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING
AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2024

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge
3. Minutes, motion
4. Agenda, motion
5. Financials, motion
6. Canvas Ballots, motion
7. Great River Regional Electric, information
8. Mr. Murtha, information
9. McCoy land split, need survey, information
10. Driveway policy, motion
11. Letter to be sent, motion
12. Reminder of work meeting on Nov. 19, 11:00 am and one Dec. 3, 11:00 am, info
13. Road reports, info
14. Bills, motion
15. *Van Risseghem CUP*
- 16.
17. Public comments
18. Adjourn, motion

Bruce Township Board Action Form

Type of action requested.

X--_Action/Motion ___Report

X Discussion __ Resolution

__ Information ___ Other

Meeting Date __11/12/2024

Background: supporting documentation enclosed __X__

_Approval of November Board Meeting Agenda

Recommendation:

Bruce Township Board of Supervisors make the following motion

Action taken

Motion: _____

Voting in favor

Voting against

Second _____

Becker

Becker

Passed __

Gray

Gray

Failed __

Mollner

Mollner

Tabled ____

Other _____

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X--_Action/Motion __Report

X Discussion __ Resolution

__ Information __ Other

Meeting Date __11/12/2024

Background: supporting documentation enclosed __X__

_Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

Bruce Township Board of Supervisors make the following motion

Action taken

Motion: _____

Voting in favor

Voting against

Second _____

Becker

Becker

Passed __

Gray

Gray

Failed __

Mollner

Mollner

Tabled ____

Other ____

draft minutes

BRUCE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2024

Bruce Township monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gray. Present were Supervisor Becker, Supervisor Mollner, Clerk/Treasurer Eggerth.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes: Minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting were read. Supervisor Becker made a motion to approve minutes as read. Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Agenda: Supervisor Becker asked to have a discussion he had with Kevin Schmitz added to the agenda. Clerk Eggerth asked to have Great River Regional Electric added to the agenda. Supervisor Becker made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additions, Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Financials: Bank Statement, Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, CD balances were reviewed by the Supervisors. Supervisor Becker made a motion to approve all financial reports as printed. Chairman Gray seconded.

McCoy: Clerk presented a map of land owned by Jack McCoy estate, along highway 27 and County Rd. 105. The estate is asking to split off 10 acres of that 40. Information has been sent to them.

Janke property: Clerk had received an inquiry about if the Janke property could have 5 to 10 acres split off for another building site. They could split the land but would have to see a survey to see if that would be buildable and if so, they would need a Conditional Use Permit.

Hummingbird Trail: Information on splitting off part of parcel 04-0009200. This land has been looked at before. There is a DNR protected stream going through parts of this parcel, would some of this land be considered to be in a flood plain. If this to be a buildable lot, can a sewer be installed? A land split would need to be done, possibly a variance would be made. There needs to be more information from landowner or person interested in purchasing before any decisions can be made.

Cannabis Ordinance: Clerk Eggerth is asking to have possibly two work meetings on this. We need to have something in place by the end of the year. Discussion was held on how this would be handled. All landowners would be encouraged to come to the work meetings and voice their opinions. Chairman Gray made a motion to have a work meeting on November 19th at 11:00 a.m. and one on December 3 at 11:00 a.m. Supervisor Becker seconded. Notice of work meetings will be sent out in a letter, posted at town hall and on the township website. No decisions will be made at these meetings, only discussion.

Draft minutes

October 8, 2024

Road Reports: The stop signs on Grosbeak and 295th Ave should have solar powered lights on them to make them visible. Having a lot of complaints about people not stopping. 270th St. needs a stop sign, 295th needs a yield sign, 250th and 285th needs a yield sign, stop sign, and a sign to show road ends, you must turn right or left. Chairman Gray made a motion to have Supervisor Mollner take care of ordering these signs if necessary and having them installed. Supervisor Becker seconded.

Due to the dry weather conditions, there is nothing that can be done about the grading of the roads.

Kevin Schmitz: Mr. Schmitz had asked for clarification on whether he needed a building permit for the temporary buildings he has on his property. Clerk Eggerth had checked in the county ordinances and Bruce Township ordinances and any building over 32 sq. feet requires a building permit. Supervisor Becker had told Mr. Schmitz that. Mr. Schmitz does not see where the word temporary is in the ordinance but agreed to send Clerk Eggerth the application for all three of his existing buildings that are over 32 sq. ft. Supervisor Becker made a motion that no permit will be issued to Mr. Schmitz for the building he wants to construct until he gets permits for the 3 buildings, he has built without permits. Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Bills: Supervisor Mollner made a motion to pay all bills presented. Chairman Gray seconded.

Adjourn: Supervisor Becker made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Mollner seconded.

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Action/Motion Report

Discussion Resolution

Information Other

Meeting Date 11/12/2024

Background: supporting documentation enclosed

Election results will be come from county to canvas election results

Recommendation:

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Voting in favor

Voting against

Second _____

Becker

Becker

Passed

Gray

Gray

Failed

Mollner

Mollner

Tabled _____

Other _____

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Great River Regional Electric Company to present information

Recommendation:

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Action taken

Motion: _____	Voting in favor	Voting against
Second _____	Becker	Becker
Passed <u> </u>	Gray	Gray
Failed <u> </u>	Mollner	Mollner
Tabled _____		
Other _____		

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Mr. Murtha discuss 315th Ave.

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Passed <input type="checkbox"/>	Gray	Gray
Failed <input type="checkbox"/>	Mollner	Mollner
Tabled _____		
Other _____		

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X--_Action/Motion ___Report

_X_Discussion __Resolution

__Information ___Other

Meeting Date __11/12/2024

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___Driveway Plow Plowing Draft letter

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November 15, 2024

Bruce Township Supervisors are asking you to sign this agreement to plow your driveway. This agreement is for the 2024-2025 snow season. If you do not need the township to plow, please let one of the Supervisors know.

The plowing offered by the township is to keep the main part of your driveway open. The grader is not able to plow up to buildings and has to have quite a bit of area to backup and turn around. The area around the driveway must be kept clear of all obstructions. The Township will not be responsible for any items that receive damage because they are too close to the plowing area.

Your driveway will be plowed after the main township roads are plowed. Township is not responsible for keeping your driveway plowed at any certain time.

The Township will not be responsible for emergency plowing. You will need to call 911 if it is necessary to get emergency vehicles into your yard, and to inform them your driveway is unpassable.

The Township reserves the right to discontinue plowing if the grader operator has any problems with turning around or objects in the way. You will be notified by one of the Supervisors if there is a problem. You also have the right to tell the township you no longer want them to plow your driveway.

lease sign, date, and return this to Bruce Township, 26234 285th Ave., Long Prairie, MN 56347. If you have any questions, call Tom Gray at – 320-760-0680, Brian Becker at 320-360-3406, or Brad Mollner at 320-360-4215.

Driveways will not be plowed if a signed agreement is not on file.

By Order of the Bruce Town Board of Supervisors

Beverly Eggerth, Clerk/Treasurer

Name of land owner

Date

Phone Number

DRAFT
Copy

Update from Bruce Town Board Supervisors
November 15, 2024

Bruce Township now has a website. It is a work in progress and the Township Association lawyer has advised the Township to be careful of what information is on it. With all the Scams that are going around, these scammers can get personal information about people from websites and use this to help them with their scams. The website is www.bruce-township-mn.com, we put notices on there of upcoming events in the township, meeting packets (the information that is given to each Supervisor to address during the meeting), then after the minutes are approved, the minutes and the financial information is posted. Email is bruce-township.mn@gmail.com.

This year, the Supervisors decided they wanted to take zoning back as part of their duties. They are the ones who are responsible for all decisions made in the township and felt they should be more involved in the fact finding and permitting. So how it works, you notify the Clerk/Treasurer to get an application or for information you need. She gets this information to the Supervisors, and they decide at their next meeting. Some site permits do not require board action, but all are reviewed by at least one of the Supervisors, if there are any questions, then it has to go before the board.

Todd County has updated their feedlot ordinance this year. This winter Bruce Township will review their ordinance and make sure it is up to date. This will be done at work meetings and the dates will be on the website. If you want to be kept informed on these dates and do not have internet, call the Clerk/Treasurer at 320-533-1814 and information will be sent to you. All of the work meetings are open to the public and the board welcomes all landowners to make their opinions heard. There will be a public hearing (the date to be determined after work sessions are completed) before any changes are made to the ordinance.

Since the legalization of cannabis, it is necessary for Bruce Township to have an ordinance on that. The clerk/treasurer is working with the county on this ordinance and a work meeting will be held November 19, 2024 at 11:00 am to start looking at this draft ordinance. The Township needs to have this in effect on January 1, 2025, unless the state allows more time which we do not know at this point. At the work meeting on the 19th, it will be decided how many more work meetings are necessary. These work meetings are open to the public, if you want more information, contact the Clerk/Treasurer.

In the spring, the Supervisors decided to do a comparison study on the brushing costs. Two years of hiring all the brushing done, then 2024 and 2025 when the township rents a machine and does their own brushing will be compared. Compared with the cost of letters that have to be sent out, time Supervisors have to put in checking the roads and going with the brush cutting machine operator, certified letters that have to be sent, etc.

The Town board meets in the months of Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, and March at 11:00 am on the second Tuesday of the month at the town hall. Watch the website, posting at the town hall, and if there is time the Long Prairie Leader if a meeting is changed. (weather does not always allow for time to post in the Long Prairie Leader.)

Town Board members are Tom Gray 2024-2028 ,320-760-0680; Brian Becker 2024-2028, 320-360-3406; Brad Mollner 2022-2026; 320-360-4215; Bev Eggerth, Clerk/Treasurer 2024-2028, 320-533-1814.

Snow season is coming. The Township is divided into 4 sections and Ross rotates sections, so everyone gets a chance to be first and to be last. Please do not push snow onto the road. This is a hazard for the snowplow operator, for any person driving on the road.

The annual meeting is the second Tuesday in March, weather permitting. At that time, a financial statement will be handed out. We will not be sending a letter out before the Annual meeting as we have done in the past. The reason being we wanted to get the information about the website and the upcoming working meeting sessions .

Any questions, call one of the Town Board members listed above.