

BRUCE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Bruce Township monthly meeting was called to order at 1:00 a.m. by Chairman Gray. Present were Supervisor Becker, Supervisor Mollner, Clerk/Treasurer Eggerth, Rick Jones, Greg Murtha, Representatives from Great River Energy.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were read. Chairman Gray made a motion to correct minutes to say no stop or yield sign on intersection of 250th St. and 285th Ave, this is a sign with an arrow pointing east and west. Chairman Gray made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Agenda: Supervisor Becker made a motion to accept the agenda as written, Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Financials: Checking account statement, CD statements, savings account report, checks written, payroll register were reviewed and signed. Supervisor Becker made a motion to accept financials as written, Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Canvas Ballots: Tapes for ballot count were reviewed. All board members were reelected. Chairman Gray made a motion to accept the ballot count and return signed papers to Todd County accepting them. Supervisor Becker seconded.

Great River Energy representatives gave an update to their proposed project to run a 115V line out of the existing Pillsbury substation. They will work with the township on doing an environmental assessment. They presented a list of effected landowners in Bruce Township that will have to be notified of a Public Hearing after the results of the environmental assessment are completed. After the assessment, the information goes to the Environmental Review Board. The substation will need to be changed, that will be done at a separate conditional use hearing.

Mr. Murtha spoke on 315th Ave. Today he said the road was good, but when he drove on it in October, the washboards were terrible (he brought pictures), and he felt that having a road like this is unacceptable. Supervisor Becker explained to him why the township does not grade in dry conditions. Mr. Murtha asked if water could be hauled onto the roads so they could be graded. Supervisor Becker explained that the township would need to haul water on 39 miles of roads and that is not cost effective. Supervisor Becker explained that roads will be graded as often as the Supervisors feel it is in the best interest of the township.

Rick Jones would like to see road counters on the roads. Supervisors did not understand where this would be an advantage when no one could control the weather, speed, or number of cars driving on the roads.

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Snowplowing of driveways. Discussion was held on this. The Supervisors felt that it was an individual parcel decision. LeRoy and Carol Schrader are both in poor health and would appreciate having their driveway widened after a storm as it crosses two fields. Mrs. Harold Neuman would like her driveway kept open, she is on a cartway . Both parties will have to sign an agreement that they will keep all obstructions out of the way of the grader and only will have their driveways widened as the plow finds time. The township may quit this service if the grader can not get around in their driveways, and they need to call 911 in an emergency situation.

Letters to residents about upcoming work sessions on cannabis and feedlot ordinances, and website information. Supervisor Mollner made a motion to send this letter to all residents, Supervisor Becker seconded.

November 21, 2024 a work meeting will be held on the cannabis ordinance. December 3, on the cannabis ordinances and review of feedlot ordinance.

VanRissenghems: Conditional Use Permit to allow them to use an existing building as an event center with them following all State, Federal, and County regulations. Supervisor Mollner made a motion to allow this conditional use, Supervisor Becker seconded.

Roads: Roads are in good condition; grader has been out since the small amount of rain we received and that has really helped with the washboards.

Bills: Supervisor Becker made a motion to approve all bills presented. Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Public Comment: Rick Jones asked to have Iris Trail looked at.

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

Beverly Eggen
12-19-24

LeRoy