

**EDNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING****APRIL 17, 2012**[www.ednatownship.org](http://www.ednatownship.org)

Report of Board Meeting held March 20, 2012

Next Scheduled Meeting is May 15, 2012

Board Members Present

William Norris, Chair

Dennis Sazama, Supervisor

John A. Krueger, Supervisor

Carol Nelson, Clerk

Karen Marthaler, Treasurer

Others Present

Dave Heyer

Terry Marthaler

Doug Ackling

**1.** Supervisor Norris called this meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance**2.** Agenda - additions needed;

Under roads - add information/bid for crack sealing – &amp; East Little McDonald Drive repair

Under New business - add a \$50.00 claim for Don Garber, Moderator for Annual Meeting.

Sazama made the motion to approve the agenda with the above additions, Krueger 2nd. Approved 3/0

**3.** Gopher bounty

Discussion; Otter Tail County agrees that a beaver bounty can be offered and paid for by the Townships.

Beaver can be destroyed when they are in season, unless they are causing immediate road problem.

Then, they may be removed immediately. Beaver bounty is \$25/tail as determined by Edna Twp

supervisors. Muskrats are a concern also. If we are going to trap them, would we need to declare a bounty?

Sazama will check with DNR on requirements. This will be continued at April meeting

**4.** Road report**a)** Sonnenberg's - Engstrom beach road is a concern for Edna. Snow removal has done some damage to anything that is in the Township road right of way.**b)** Roads - need to set up a time for road inspection, All supervisors believe they can be available Monday 3/26. This inspection will include all paved roads, and also the minimum maintenance roads. This is about a 2 hour drive. Supervisors will meet at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in Dent.

Discussion; is there a schedule for removing a dike on East Little McDonald Drive? Answer; FEMA has not yet sent the money expected. FEMA is still considering what to do after Edna Twp. has removed that sand.

Question; Do we want to leave it &amp; pave over the top? Remove it? What is the risk for more high water.

Answer; to meet road requirements Twp. would need to raise road 1 foot above the normal height of the road, would need a 32 foot sub grade,

would need to have a shoulder available instead of a straight drop off.

Using the current material to widen the road would be useful. Would need to work with Land &amp; Resources as to how far into the wetlands the road can go. Environmental reports are necessary. FEMA will need to determine how to proceed at this site.

Sazama would like to make the motion to take down the knob on the north side &amp; add culverts to equalize the water pressure.

Answer; Placing culverts would need permission from O T County &amp; Kyle Westegard. This will be looked at during road inspection.

**5.** Clerk's report - # 9 last 2 words should be signing standards, not signing location.

Sazama moved to approve. Norris 2nd. Approved 3/0

**6.** Treasurer's report - income for the month was \$22967.37/gas tax. Expenditures were \$7139.25. Remaining capitol is \$59, 810.33. Sazama made the motion to approve, Norris 2nd. Approved 3/0.

Current interest on the Twp loan is at 5.25%.

**7.** Claims - add Don Garber, Moderator for the Annual Meeting. Norris approved motion with addition. Sazama 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 3/0.**8.** Correspondence – Otter Tail County is holding a hearing of variance for rebuilding a shed, just off Engstrom Beach Road. Supervisor Norris has checked this site. This shed will not further encroach on Edna Twp's. road right of way. Sazama made the motion to approve this variance if it first receives approval from Otter Tail County. Norris 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved 3/0.

## 9. Unfinished Business

**a)** Sign inventory & Town line agreements. Heyer has written to all neighboring twps regarding shared lines. Most of Engstrom Beach Road property owners are residents of Edna twp. Heyer suggest that Edna Twp. should take care of Engstrom Beach Road while Dora Twp takes care of Beaver Dam Road & 435th. Supervisors will include checking all of these roads during their Spring inspection. 363rd, 380th Ave, & Minnesota Street need minimum maintenance signs posted. Supervisors will need to write this as a resolution. Minimum maintenance roads are supposed to be barricaded during the winter. Edna Township does not plow these roads in the winter. Do check MAT laws as to what makes a minimum maintenance road. Engstrom Beach Road has a stated 55 mph sign & a 35 mph sign. This is incorrect. Could designate some of these roads as part of an urban district to regulate the speed limit. The rest of speed zones on the roads need either a resolution or a speed sign. If the Supervisors create resolutions for speed limits, they must name the roads, and describe how they meet criteria for the signage. Then post the signs. That relieves the liability risk to Edna Township.

Sazama made the motion for Heyer to create the correctly worded resolution, Norris 2nd. Approved 3/0.

**b)** Education Opportunities MAT short courses on Thursday 3/29, in Alexandria. Sazama may need to attend separately. Norris will drive. Sazama made to motion to approve all 5 of the officers to attend short courses. Norris 2nd. Approved 3/0.

**c)** Web site - Norris has been posting Clerk's & Treasurer's reports as they are sent to him. Let Norris know what else is needed on web site. Putting an agenda page on would be useful. Officers do need to receive the agenda before the meeting. Sazama moved to add an agenda page to the website. Norris 2nd. Approved 3/0.

**d)** FEMA will not release information to anyone except township supervisors, i.e. chairperson. 3/14 got a letter, in next 30 days will receive \$68,026.63, as repayment for work already done. Approved also other projects, up to \$150,000.

**e)** lawsuit - Svingen says the 2nd week in April, attorneys will be calling for discovery & depositions of all past board members & most of the current board members.

## 10. New Business

**a)** Swearing in elected board members. Norris did the honors for Krueger & Nelson.

**b)** Sazama nominated Norris as board chairman, Krueger 2nd. Motion approved 2/1(abstained).

**c)** Crack sealing bid came in from Arntson Construction. They would use elasticized materials. Arntson bids the job of crack sealing at \$215/hour with a 4 -5 man crew also using safety signs & lights. Norris will also get additional information from Arntson. Sazama will look for suppliers for additional bids. Cannot do anything until road inspection is done.

**d)** Norris made motion that East Otter Tail Focus is the official newspaper for legal ads. Krueger 2nd. Approved 3/0.

12. Topics listed under official business will be discussed at next meeting.

13. Adjourn at 9:45 Sazama made the motion to adjourn. Krueger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved 3/0

Respectfully Submitted for approval  
Carol Nelson, Clerk April 17, 2012

CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID MARCH 20, 2012

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M & R Signs	warning signs/bump	\$ 98.68
Sonnenberg Road Maintenance	snow removal, sand/salt addition	5836.25
Farmer's State Bank	interest on loan	90.69
Hough Inc	purchase sand/salt mixture	381.12
SS Administration	payments due for 2010, Nigg & Norris	280.98
Echo Dockter	Election, Head Judge	90.00
Jenny Caughey	Election, Judge	50.00
Sharon Guck	Election, Judge	50.00
Darlene Wodrich	Election, Judge	50.00
Don Garber	Moderator, Annual Meeting	50.00
Otter Tail County	Election, supplies & AutoMark	202.92
EOT Focus	Election, legal ads	144.60
Perham Public Library	Donation, Annual Meeting	750.00
History Museum	Donation, annual Meeting 2012 & 2011	500.00
Karen Marthaler	Wages & Meetings (2)	277.05
Carol Nelson	Wages & Meetings (3)	369.52
James Nigg	Meetings (3)	235.76
Perham Office Supplies	Print cartridges, storage folders, paper, etc.	236.10
P E R A	Retirement contributions	189.50
	½ paid by Twp, ½ paid by officers	
MATIT	Short courses 4 officers)	200.00
MATIT	Short Courses for 1 officer	<u>50.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL CLAIMS PAID</b>	<b>\$10,183.17</b>