

**Edna Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**July 16, 2024**  
**Dent Community Center, 201 Birch St, Dent MN 56528**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chairman Bucholz and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ben Bucholz, Keith Brokke, Kenny Moenedick, Karen Marthlaer and Echo Dockter were present.

The agenda was reviewed. Bucholz motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of the GIS sign on S Little McDonald and a review of the gravel budget. Moenedick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The clerk's report of the June meeting had been sent via email. Bucholz moved to accept it as written, Brokke 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$1,668.49, disbursements of \$104,769.32, and working capital of \$380,259.70. Bucholz motioned to accept the report as presented. Brokke 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no bounties.

The claims for payment were reviewed. Bucholz motioned to pay all claims as presented and to transfer \$110,209.68 from the money market account to the checking account. Brokke 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

For future reference, this has been a particularly wet couple months. There have been frequent heavy rains in the township. This has had some impact on timing of road work and road conditions.

There were landowners from the Devils Lake Rd present to discuss the water problems on the road. There are run off issues, washboard issues and driveways washing out. A few suggestions were discussed including, making the whole road slope to the swamp side of the road, putting in drain tile and a culvert, lowering the road and having the township return the road to the landowners. Brokke offered to contact the DNR regarding any rules about what can be drained into the swamp. There are 4 houses in a row that are dealing with too much water. They include #45924. There is also an area, near #45794, that has issues with washouts. Bucholz made a motion to have Sonnenberg fill in the ruts by #45794, using crushed concrete. Brokke 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

The trees on Mallard Loop that are overhanging the road have not been trimmed yet. Cody, from Sonnenberg's agreed to have this done by 7/26/2024. The branches are interfering with the garbage truck according to the land owner. Noted that the brush at the intersection of E Little McDonald Dr and N Little McDonald Dr has been trimmed to provide better sight lines at that stop sign.

This is the final year of the 3 year plan to bring the township gravel roads up to spec. Dust guard has been applied to all the gravel roads, except the minimum maintenance roads. There are still some trouble spots; the corner of 398<sup>th</sup> and 405<sup>th</sup> has deep washboards, and Minnesota St has a pot hole. Cody, from Sonnenberg's was directed to grade the corner and Minnesota St within a day after it rains.

The seal coat project is still scheduled for mid to late August. The crack fill and pot hole work has been completed.

The Stony Hills vacation issues are still with the law office.

Noted that a landowner on E Big McDonald Dr has removed a chevron sign from the road right of way. Sonnenberg will reinstall the sign and send a separate bill. The township will be billing the landowner for this cost.

The current status of the approach permits was reviewed. The 17<sup>th</sup> application for 2024 was received today.

This is a super year for thistles! Sonnenberg was directed to do the "double mow" of the ditches as soon as possible.

Written clarification was sent by the SWCD as to when ditch mowing may be done.

The budget was discussed. At this point the major graveling and all the dust guard application has been done.

There was a general discussion of the continuing EMS issues. The next meeting is in August, before the next township meeting. Bucholz is planning to attend. The Board is still in favor of continuing to be a part of the joint commission. They still have concerns about the formula being used to determine the contribution required of each entity.

The Board was not ready to discuss the proposed new policy statement but agreed to add it to the August agenda as item #7.

The slate of elections judges for the Primary Election on August 13<sup>th</sup> was approved as listed with the clerk to set up the schedule. The slate includes: Echo Dockter, Pam Bruhn, Elizabeth Dunlap, Patti Paul, Jane Kyle-Kipley, Bridgette Holl, Susan Hunter, Maggie Swanson, Betty Luther, Helen Manger, Sue Flatau.

A proposal from XS Consulting was reviewed. There are issues with the registration of the township domain and emails. Bucholz requested another quote for these services from Lakes Communications.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

*Echo Dockter*

July 16, 2024

David Wenzel

Wade & Stacy Docketer

Kim Wyatt

Karen Gibson

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Date Range : 7/1/2024 To 7/16/2024

Date	Vendor	Description	Claim #	Total	Account #	Account Name	Detail
07/12/2024	Minnesota Department of Revenue	Payroll withholding - deposited on-line	3626	\$206.97	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$206.97
07/12/2024	United States Treasury	Form 944 Deposit - medicare taxes for employer and employees and withholding, via EFT	3627	\$628.50	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$628.50
07/12/2024	MN Assoc. of Townships Agency	Commercial Package Insurance, 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025	3628	\$1,700.00	100-41110-361-	Council/Town Board	\$1,700.00
07/12/2024	Sonnenberg Excavating, LLC	Grading 6/4,6,12,14,20,28	3629	\$4,305.00	201-43141-403-	Gravel/normal maintenance	\$4,305.00
07/12/2024	Sonnenberg Excavating, LLC	Mowing - 1st one	3630	\$2,080.00	201-43143-224-	Mowing/ditch spraying	\$2,080.00
07/12/2024	Sonnenberg Excavating, LLC	Spreading gravel on Sybil Lake Rd	3631	\$41,768.64	201-43142-224-403	Gravel, Class 5, major road repair	\$41,768.64
07/12/2024	Sonnenberg Excavating, LLC	Spreading gravel on Heart Lake Rd	3632	\$32,065.56	201-43142-224-403	Gravel, Class 5, major road repair	\$32,065.56
07/12/2024	Sonnenberg Excavating, LLC	Spreading gravel on 363rd=\$357.60 and 380th=\$344.88	3633	\$702.48	201-43141-224-403 201-43141-224-403	Gravel/normal maintenance Gravel/normal maintenance	\$357.60 \$344.88
07/14/2024	Newling Asphalt Services, LLC	Crack Fill and pot holes	3634	\$3,958.00	201-43132-224-	Crackfill	\$3,958.00

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Date	Vendor	Description	Claim #	Total	Account #	Account Name	Detail
07/14/2024	North Central Inc	Dust control for 6 roads	3635	\$21,218.75	201-43146-220-412	Dust control	\$21,218.75

Total For Selected Claims

\$108,633.90

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Benjamin D. Bucholz

Chair, Town Supervisor

Date

7-16-24



Keith Brokke

Town Supervisor

Date

7-16-2024



Kenneth A Moenkedick

Town Supervisor

Date

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