

Holmes City Township
Board Meeting Minutes 1/29/2024

Opening: The regular meeting of the Holmes City Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on January 29th, 2024 in the Holmes City Township Hall by Chairman Gary Schuneman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Gary Schuneman, Joe Callahan, Darin Weisel, Christopher Wanner, and Julie Rice. Also present were multiple community members for which a sign-up sheet was provided.

Financials: Chris presented financial reports indicating the following:

- Cash Balance on 1/29/24 – \$307,499.49
- Balanced Bank Statement on 12/31/23 – \$311,652.40
- Outstanding checks as of 1/29/24 – \$7777.85
- Deposits in transit as of 1/29/24 – \$2571.69
- Claims List for Approval (2024Jan#4 – 2024Jan#25) – \$7165.54
- Payroll – \$2121.31

New business:

ROAR/Kensington Loop – The meeting was moved to the large conference area due to the number of interested citizens. Chairman Schunemen discussed the background and timeline of the proposed trail and the subsequent approval last February by the board of supervisors to accept funds, if available, for the Kensington Loop trail. This is subject to a yearly review and approval. Discussion opened to all by Gary, Rod Borden then presented the arguments against the re-approval of the contract with the county. Multiple individuals voiced their opposition to the presence of this trail and frustration with the increased traffic, signs in the ditches, increased dust, concerns about damage to property, liability concerns should there be an accident, and anger about the perceived lack of communication or input prior to this trail being approved. One individual voiced their support for the trail, but the majority of individuals were in opposition.

Request was made for the board to voice opposition to the county plan and even consider adopting an ordinance to curtail the use of atvs/utvs on the township roads. The board then agreed to set up a special meeting for February 8th, 2024 at 6:30pm here at the township hall for further discussion and allow time to consider action through either adoption of an ordinance/permit, or a motion to not renew the contract/agreement between the township and the county. Chris agreed to contact the Minnesota association of townships lawyer for further information and direction and to report back to the board and interested citizens.

Old Business:

Country Lane – Sign has arrived and needs placement

Election judges have been arranged for the Presidential Primary and for the township election. Chris reported that training has been done. Darin W moved to accept the list of judges, Joe C seconded and MCU.

The board reviewed the fire contract presented by the city of Lowry. Joe C moved to accept the contract as written, Darin W seconded and the MCU.

Gary S reported that the septic tank was pumped recently, no concerns reported.

Darin requested that Chris and Julie review with the board what amount of money is left for the ARPA program and this was provide. Reporting deadline is May 24th, but funds can be obligated out to 2026.

The new MN law regarding paid leave (Sick and Safe) was reviewed by the board.

Open/Other – emails and phone messages were then reviewed by the board. No new concerns.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Schuneman at 8:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 20th, 2024 at the Holmes City Township Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Clerk/Treasurer _____

Approved by: Chairman _____