

Coe Township Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Board members attending: Rick Mitton, Annie Tague, Betsey Morthland, Paul Riewerts, Mike O'Hara, Steve Simpson and Bev Hansen

Absent member was: Mark Kruckenberg

Guests attending: George Rowland, Jim Hecker, Kenny Reveal and Rich Morthland

Public Comments:

- George Rowland (23428 97th Ave.) was present with a complaint about gravel that is pushed onto his property when snow is removed from the street. He brought with him pictures of the gravel left on his property and copies of emails he has exchanged with Rick Mitton. Mr. Rowland was told that the Township is required to remove the snow from the turn-around, regardless of how much he thinks could be left at the end of it; also that the Township has an easement that extends 10' onto his property. Mr. Rowland suggested building a fence on his property to prevent the plow from depositing the gravel and Rick told him that it could get knocked down, also that the Township has the right to have a fence on the town right-of-way removed. Mr. Rowland left the meeting stating he would be checking with his lawyer. Rick or Steve will be contacting the County Engineer to determine what the Township right-of-way is regarding streets.

Minutes from the July 21, 2014 meeting were read. Paul moved to approve the minutes, Betsey 2nd, motion passed.

Supervisor report:

- 0 uses of the building for the past month
- Rick called saying buses were having issues going through roads with overhanging trees (discussed further by Rick with the Highway Commissioner report)
- Steve and Rick attended a TOIRMA seminar July 24th ... talked about liability issues ... they reviewed the Township's current insurance with them

Highway Commissioner:

- Rick has been driving the Township roads – they are in pretty good shape, waiting for warmer weather to seal coat
- doing trimming on Snake Hollow Road, also mowing – cost \$1200/day for hoe and operator ... road will be a little wider – school buses have to go all the way through the road this year ... still have some other trees that have to be cut back
- road patching still needs to be done on the Bethel church road
- the truck is now lettered, the boxes on and the lights done
- Rick attended the annual meeting in Springfield, went to "Seal Coat 101" class, was informative, also got information on grants
- there are 2 issues with culverts: 1 individual put in a culvert without getting a permit, also a property owner on Ravine St. got the wrong size and didn't get the permits filled out ... culverts have become a big issue
- have contacted the county requesting 2 bus stop signs and 2 yield signs, have to get them from the county

Assessor's report:

- none

Clerk's report:

- received a request from River Valley Library district to send them the minutes from the Township meetings – directed them to the website to get them

Cemetery report:

- additional trees have been cut at Fairfield cemetery
- Jim Sallows approved 2 of the footings for monuments
- had Orland Johnson, an arborist look at the evergreens at Pleasant Point – the dead plants at the north end is not coming back, will have to be cut out ... also dying brush at Fairfield
- want to get signs before end-of-year
- doing a nice job with mowing

NEW BUSINESS:

1. May do another recycling project – Steve will meet with Cowboy's Recycling to determine a good date
2. have had issues with garbage being dumped at the Township dumpsters, also missing rock and people have helped themselves to salt in the winter ... may need to install a fence or video surveillance ... Steve will research camera

BILLS

- Mike moved to pay the bills, Paul 2nd, motion passed
- Betsey moved to adjourn, Paul 2nd, motion passed