

NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 4th, 2014

Board members present: Chairman/Road Boss- Ron Pederson, Supervisors- Dean Beenken and Bob Schmidt, Treasurer- Bonnie Mettling, and Clerk Shawn Williams.

Chairman Pederson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TREASURERS REPORT

Investors Savings:	\$123,841.07
Checking:	\$1,860.66
285 th Ave Construction Fund:	\$17,725.94
Total	\$143,427.67

Schmidt made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Beenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Schmidt made a motion to approve the August 7th minutes, 2014 minutes, seconded by Beenken. Motion carried unanimously. Copies of the August minutes were available for the public.

Beenken made a motion to approve and pay all claims as given, seconded by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

JOEY NESON (ejudge)	\$294.00
BONNIE METTLING (ejudge)	\$284.20
KAREN ANDERSON (ejudge)	\$289.52
BOB SCHMIDT (ejudge)	\$147.00
JAMES OSLUND (ejudge)	\$128.80
DALE NORDAUNE (ejudge)	\$168.28
ROYAL TIRE (packer tubes)	\$59.96
BONNIE METTINLING (mileage)	\$30.24
JIMMY JOHNNY	\$250.00
DEAN BEENKEN	\$166.23
BONNIE METTLING	\$360.16
EAST CENTRAL ENERGY	\$180.00
DEAN BEENKEN (mileage)	\$23.52
RON PEDERSEN (mileage)	\$21.84
BOB SCHMIDT (mileage)	\$23.52
PEOPLES BANK OF COMMERCE (checks)	\$391.92
SHAWN WILLIAMS	\$415.57
RONALD PEDERSEN	\$235.49
BOB SCHMIDT	\$166.23
CENTURY LINK	\$31.48
CENTRAL APPLICATORS (brush spraying)	\$2,860.00
RYDBERG AND SON INC. (grading)	\$3,037.50
BUCKLY TWO SHIELA ROGNE (gravel test)	\$70.00
SHARBER AND SON (ditch tractor rental)	\$800.00
JOHN BOESER (maintenance employee)	\$184.70

TOTAL	\$10,620.16
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ROAD REPORTS AND CONSTRUCTION

Boeser will be grading the roads after the rain to fix some of the wash outs. Boeser said he will need some more gravel on some curves by Magnusson's which has a curb on the north side. Boeser said two loads of gravel here, and the hill on 313th Ave east of Virgo St. that needs some by Thomson's for some driveways that are washing out. 309th Ave. will be finished with gravel next week as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Pedersen asked about the culvert on 310th? Boeser said we will be adding another west of the culverts already there for a total of three culverts by Scheels. Some gravel will be placed here as well.

Schmidt met with the power company and there tree removal contractor that will cut the trees by Sullivan's home. He will contact Schmidt one day ahead before he is there. Dean will take the chips for the park. Schmidt said the home owner will get the wood away from the road right of way.

Boeser said we could wait on the stumps until spring if needed. Some ditch work will be needed to get the water away where the stumps are at. Schmidt said if time allows he would like to get the stumps out this year.

Schmidt would like to install the original advanced warning flashing curve sign the board discussed for the curve by 310th Ave.

Mettling informed the board about getting Dean Beenken on the bank signing card. He is the new supervisor this year from the March Annual Election, replacing Supervisor Gary Lindstrom. Schmidt made a motion to approve the change adding Beenken to the township signature list for signing checks, seconded by Beenken, all in favor unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Boeser will start mowing the second round of ditches in the next week. There is some work on themower that needs to be done first.

Filmore Hammergren is here to address the board about the culvert that was smashed and cut by Mitch Turnval on Virgo St. when he was cutting the hay field on Filmore's property. Pedersen estimated the cost to repair it by digging it out and putting a band on it at about \$1,000.00 or more. Schmidt said we should repair it and send the bill to Mitch Turnval. The culvert is about 20 years old, both Boeser and Filmore agree on the age. Schmidt made a motion to notify Turnval about the expense of this repair. Seconded by Beenken, all in favor unanimous.

Pedersen instructed Boeser to get it fixed, Schmidt made the motion to send the letter to Turnval and to have him contact John Boeser to discuss the amount to be paid. Seconded by Beenken, all in favor unanimous.

Chad Struss was here attended the meeting to announce his candidacy for County Auditor and said if anyone had questions to contact him.

Pedersen said George Snyder is platting some land off on Co. Rd. 48. from the original Floodquist Farm.

Schmidt made motions to have Bonnie Mettling clean the hall as needed for \$15.00/hr and also to have Dean do the hall maintenance as needed for the same rate of pay, seconded by Pedersen, all in favor unanimous. Schmidt made motion to get a fridge for the hall, seconded by Beenken, all in favor unanimous.

Mettling is still checking for the small desk for the hall.

Beenken made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Schmidt all in favor unanimous.

PARKS

COMMUNICATION

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Williams
Clerk

Ron Pedersen
Chairman