

The Guthrie Town board met at the town hall on December 10, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. with all members present and David Johnson. The minutes from the last meeting were read and were amended as follows: Rea Drive was viewed on the fall road tour and ONE OF the concern was that more gravel should be applied to create a greater crown. The Treasurer's Report gave a balance of \$61,453.03 in the General Fund and \$3,243.55 in the cemetery fund. Deposits were received in the amount of \$151.10, 2.64 and .16, 24,844.14 and 5,032.43.

A notice was published to have a hearing for Rea Drive. Gary Lundberg has not submitted a road easement for the town board to review. David Johnson suggested a surveyor could be called for a centerline description of the road and could create an easement from that description quite easily. A letter will be sent to Gary Lundberg needing follow up for an easement meeting with his attorney and surveyor before the road can be transferred to the township. Roger had already contacted Gladen Construction to be ready to grade/blade Rea Drive this winter and will now call them back to hold off. David Johnson feels that Rea Drive does not meet road policy guidelines and asked how this is addressed. Russell noted the wording as follows in the road policy: "The Board may grant exceptions to this policy and specifications as special circumstances should dictate" and added that we have not yet accepted the road.

Two residents contacted Roger regarding Roxbury Drive and a special assessment to their property taxes to bring the road up to township standards. Roger talked to the MAT attorney and said there could be a special assessment to improve the road but 100% of the residents that live on the road need to be in acceptance of the special assessment.

The FEMA funds have been received in the amount of \$24,844.14 for the road damages caused this past spring. Russell stated that we should receive additional funds of \$674.00. There are still some more road repairs needed and they will need to be addressed next spring with these FEMA funds.

Russ talked to the MAT attorney regarding the picnic shelter and was advised to bring the proposal up at the annual meeting this March even though the board does have leeway to treat it as an "improvement to the property". We need to start the design and details of the shelter. Michael Schmidt will contact Steve Rogers and Joe Beavor to start this process.

Russ will have a rough draft of the cemetery rules by the next meeting to be looked at by the board.

Russ was contacted by Michael Ask requesting information for a cart way access for the old Bruce Lindseth property. Pat Boe has also contacted the board for cart way access information to their landlocked property. The clerk will contact Pat with directions to go to the township website for a link to the cart way information Russ has researched.

Russ proposes a flat \$300 fee per township sign that is damaged and needs replacement. Russ makes a motion to accept, Mike seconded the motion.

A sign reflectivity management plan needs to be prepared by 2012. A two year plan has been identified by Russ. He submitted a map of all signs to be replaced in our township to M&R Signs in Fergus Falls. M&R quoted a total replacement cost of \$5,121.42.

Contacts on the website have been updated and our main telephone number has a voicemail to email feature at minimal cost to the township. This should better serve our residents and board members of township concerns.

The next board meeting will take place on January 12, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. Michael motioned to pay the bills, Roger seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.