

## **APPROVED**

### **REGULAR APRIL MEETING OF THE WEARE TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Larry Doran, Supervisor.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larry Doran, Supervisor; Linda Dykema, Treasurer;  
Debra Gustafson, Clerk; Andy Patterson & Gary Hilbert, Trustees.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom McGuire, Judy Lauber, Lori Green, Bob Green, Jill VanDerZanden, Mark Seeback, Ivan Ewing, Todd Greiner, Kevin Stevenson, Craig Mast, Robert Powers, Sharon Powers, Ron Christians, David Kruppe, Morgan Kruppe, Terry Dykema & Andrew Clark.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll call showed everyone was present.

*Moved by Mr. Hilbert and supported by Ms. Dykema to approve the March 8, 2021 minutes. Voice vote. Motion carried.*

*Mr Doran would like to move the agenda around. Under new business he would like to switch Jackson Road to the bottom of the list, he stated it was going to be a longer discussion and didn't wanna hold anyone up.*

*Moved by Mr. Hilbert and supported by Ms. Dykema to approve the changed agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried.*

Treasurer reported \$213,132.69 in the general fund checking.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Several comments and questions were made thru out the meeting(those will be listed here).**

Craig Mast brought in a comparison report of the last 3 years of activities in Weare Township. He was kind enough to go over that with everyone who attended.

Craig Mast relayed that it is a Safety concern and a public safety hazard to not fix Jackson Rd. Mr Mast says that not fixing and knowing that there is a problem is accepting responsibility is a liability.

Tom McGuire inquired on how many cases activities were caused because of marijuana. Craig Mast stated they are grouped with all controlled substances alcohol is the only listed separately.

Commissioner Ron Christians said extra funding is going to be available down the line the roads will be a priority with the funds, but it is moving slowly.

Tom McGuire is very pleased that marijuana had a 67% approval for the number one business to be brought into the township on the townships master plan survey. Mr McGuire wanted to explain that the taxes from marijuana are distributed equally with all thru the municipalities. The township missed out on \$56,000 plus \$12,000 for fees and 3% that could be levied on taxes this is expected to be closer to \$60,000 for 2021. Mr McGuire would like the board to take another look or form a committee to look into the possibility of bringing this into the township. Mr McGuire provided a copy to anyone who wanted it of the state revenues.

Ivan Ewing brought up concerns with a permit for his storage units on Oceana Dr. He also stated that he is not happy with people discussing his property following a planning commission meeting Zoning Admin stated he needed a site plan and Mr Ewing said it should be in the records from 2003 with his original request. Ms. Gustafson said she would look to see what she could find after the meeting.

Lori Green offered help in finding the old records and meeting minutes.

Mr Doran Stated that the maintenance man he had lined up for the township is unable to do the job, so we need to run an ad for the position.

Lori Green asked if Mr Timmer said why the section of Jackson Road needs to be sealing at this time, she had the understanding that the normal time frame was resealing every 5 years. Ms Green offered tips on what to look for when roads are needing resealing

Jill VanDerZanden suggested the board look into other options for repaving, and not just the county.

Kevin Stevenson brought up that trucks can be over the weight restrictions. He suggested that the township build up Jackson Road more than the state specifications so that it can handle more weight. He raised the question of how dust would effect the farmers.

Todd Greiner stated that dust will be effect food safety and the hydro coolers used in his plant.

Todd Greiner stated that he had 971 Trucks come out of his Jackson Rd facility which is giving back \$9,250,000 to the vegetable growers..The truck drivers coming out of his facility do not want to travel on Jackson Road because of its condition. Mr Greiner stated that he thinks that speed is more of a factor than weight for the road conditions.

Ms Dykema likes the idea of getting other quotes for a total fix of Jackson Road, Ms Gustafson and Mr Patterson agreed.

Kevin Stevenson wanted to know why the township opted not to apply for FEMA flood insurance, he thinks some could benefit. He is concerned for his property and has issues getting insurance.

Ms Dykema had concerns with the new area being crushed and the extra brining.

## **OLD BUSINESS -**

### **1. MAY DUMP DAY REMINDER**

Dump day plans are all set for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Ken Adams has agreed to push down the trash collected with the loader, to accommodate for more trash.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER**

Mr Kruppe who runs the township website, explained services that the township officials could utilize for an extra monthly fee, he went thru two options. His contract expired with us April 1<sup>st</sup>, but he is willing to continue with the township for another month, until the board does more research into the new services offered.

*Tabled till next Meeting.*

### **2. INSURANCE AUDIT**

A standard insurance audit was performed and information was given as to the findings. Ms Gustafson provided some documentation to the board on how to remedy the small issues. Mr. Doran thinks that background checks would be a good idea to start doing, and the board should look into it.

*Board will review.*

### **3. JACKSON ROAD**

All of the options were discussed. Pulverizing & Grinding, Complete repair, and Chip Sealing. The board thinks at

this point the funds are not available for a complete repair, but they are looking into a bond for funding. Mr. Doran discussed the bond terms and down payment that he is looking into for all the road repairs, at this point we are not prepared for this.

A motion was made for Chip Sealing the previously fixed section of Jackson Road for \$49,845.00.

*Moved by Mr Hilbert and Supported by Ms Gustafson*

*Roll Call Vote.*

*Yay: Dykema, Hilbert, Patterson, Gustafson, Doran*

*Nay:*

*Motion Carried*

A motion was made for Pulverizing & Grinding up Jackson Rd for \$12,585.49.

*Moved by Mr. Hilbert supported by Ms. Gustafson.*

*Roll Call Vote.*

*Yay: Dykema, Hilbert, Patterson, Gustafson, Doran*

*Nay:*

*Motion Carried*

#### **4. PAY BILLS**

Checks totaling \$21,665.49 Ck#12032-12041 & 12043-12060 & 1011

*Moved by Mr. Doran supported by Mr..Hilbert .*

*Yay: Hilbert, Dykema, Patterson, Gustafson, Doran*

*Nay:*

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Doran appreciates all of the questions.

There was some mail regarding FEMA, but we have not participated in flood insurance previously.

#### **ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Mr. Clark has worked on some permits for accessory buildings and pole barns and a couple of land splits.

#### **REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Dykema brought to the boards attention that a road millage is Expiring in December of 2021 and discussion was held as to when that should go on the ballot.

#### **REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM SUPERVISOR**

Mr. Doran and Mr. Hilbert drove all the roads in the township, and reported that 96<sup>th</sup> Ave and 88<sup>th</sup> Ave are taking abuse from people who are trying to avoid Jackson Rd.

Mr. Doran brought to the boards attention that we need to look for a new maintenance and lawn care and Mr Hilbert would need to help him with the duties of the position. The paint on the building needs to be touched up and a tree may need to be removed. We need to look into some preventative maintenance to make sure our building stays in good condition.

Mr. Doran thinks the zoning administrator should include the area that the permits are being issued for and what type of permits so the public can be aware of what is going on in they're township.

Mr Doran would like to get a sign for the township.

*Moved by Mr. Hilbert supported by Mr Patterson to adjourn.  
Motion Carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Debra Gustafson, Clerk