

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the community center, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Supervisor Terry Nelson, Supervisor Will Deyo, Treasurer Debbie Leppala, and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Residents and guests present were Thomas and Karen Zeigler, Mark Magney, Jack and Elizabeth Treher, Ken and Blanche Meinke, Dick Wallin, Ann Kieffaber, Jean Magney, David and Brenda Stark, and Jason Meyer, St. Louis County Land Dept.

The purpose for this special board meeting is to discuss plans for South Strand Lake Road where the right of way has been cleared with a road permit from St. Louis County Land Department.

Board members Terry Nelson, Will Deyo and Sandi Nelson met with residents Ken Meinke and Paulette Warren and contractors Dick and Bryan Tracy on July 7, 2008 to examine said section of the road. The Board agrees that the road is a concern. The quote of \$20,000 to \$25,000 from Tracy Excavating was reviewed. The Board feels with the work from Tracy Excavating the overall safety of the road will be improved. Jason Meyer, St. Louis Cty. Land Dept. oversees the right of way issues and the Public Works oversees the road issues. Discussed the couple of wetland areas along the said section of road. Reviewed that the high banks would be cut back and the material brought to the low areas, straw matting and/or fencing will be installed to help reduce erosion. Clerk read the letter from Victor Lund, St. Louis County Public Works Dept. with the suggestion of one guardrail location for approximately \$6,000 and the town could request to be included in the 2009 St. Louis County guardrail project. Clerk received an estimate of approximately \$980 from Kent Lunda, Sign Supervisor, St. Louis County Publics Works Dept. for signage on the road. Ken Meinke asked Jason Meyer if the county could help. Meyer stated that the county is short of funds also. The county has a policy that if they use the road they will put some work into it. The Land Dept is not a road authority he could not promise anything. Meyer will discuss the concerns of Cotton township. Dick Wallin asked about the town budget regarding this project. Blanche Meinke discussed how this project started as brushing a few curves growing into this major project. Jean Magney discussed the clearing that was done.

The Board reviewed the budget for the road and bridge fund. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to use the funds from the road and bridge fund to take care of the estimate form Tracy Excavating, the guardrail and the signs for that section of South Strand Lake Road where the right of way has been cleared with a road permit from St. Louis County Land Department. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

As there was no further business, Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 a.m. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk