

**Town of Hickory Grove
Regular Board Meeting
March 12th, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Northouse at 6:00 p.m. He noted that meeting notices were posted at the town shop and on the town website.

Present at the meeting were, Gary Northouse, Gary Klein, Al Wester, Tim Biba, Larry Schultz and Rhonda Gildersleeve, Phil Henneman, Bob & Drew Frey (Frey Construction), BJ Halverson (Fahrner), James Wakup (Scott Construction) and Chad Rogers (Prairie Sand and Gravel).

Motion was made by Gildersleeve to move line item 10 on the agenda to 3rd item to accommodate the opening of the seal coat and gravel bids, and approve the agenda with the change. Klein second the motion. Motion carried. Bids were as follow.

Gravel Bids

Frey Construction.	¾” gravel delivered.	\$9.50/ton.	Pick up \$7.15/ton
Prairie Sand & Gravel.	¾” gravel delivered	\$11.05/ton.	Pick up. \$7.45/ton
Bard Materials.	¾” gravel delivered	\$13.00/ton.	Pick up \$7.25/ton.

After the gravel bids were discussed, Northouse made a motion to accept Frey Construction bid. Gildersleeve second the motion. Motion carried.

Seal-Coat bids

Scott Construction.	Zink Road. Single seal	\$31,130.	Double seal \$38,910
	Larson Road Super Single.	\$15,590.	Double seal \$19,320
	Sleepy Hollow Rd Single	\$91,330.	Double seal <u>\$114,435</u>
			\$172,665
Fahrner Asphalt			Double Seal \$36,513
			Double Seal \$8,683
			Double Seal <u>\$149,942</u>
			\$195,138

After the seal-coat bids were discussed Gildersleeve motioned to accept the seal-coat bid from Scott Construction. Motion second by Klein. Motion carried.

Minutes were passed out and after reading them, Klein made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Northouse. Motion carried.

Accounts payable were looked at by the board and approved for payment with a motion by Klein and seconded by Gildersleeve. Motion carried.

Expenditures 17949-17984 were reviewed. Northouse made a motion to accept the expenditures, seconded by Klein. Motion carried.

Biba mentioned the Hickory Grove Cemetery needs some attention. It will be cleaned up a little later in the Spring.

Schultz brought forth a solution to filling small holes on the roads so the fill will stay longer. Board will discuss with the patrolman.

Klein explained how bad the road was by the bridge on Sleepy Hollow Road. It will get fixed when the grader is ready to grade roads. Northouse mentioned the patrolman wanted to take the plow off the grader. Board thought it should be left on until April first.

Northouse told the board that the count of culverts in the township was completed, with a count of 34. The town should get compensated \$3,400 for the count.

The annual meeting is set for Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm.

The patrolman's wage was discussed and as promised when hired, he will get a one dollar per hour raise after his first year of employment on April 1, 2024. Motion made by Gildersleeve to give the One dollar per hour raise. Seconded by Northouse. Motion carried.

The idea of starting a state pension plan for the patrolman was introduced to the board with some details discussed. This was tabled until another meeting so more information can be attained.

Northouse set up a road inspection tour by the board and patrolman for April 5th at 9:00 am.

Next meeting set for Thursday April 11th,2024 at 6:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Klein, seconded by Northouse. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted
Allen Wester, clerk

