

BIRCH LAKE TOWNSHIP – MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2025

“Pledge of Allegiance”

Supervisor Seat #1 – Curt Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Curt Meyer, Chairman; Andy Bray, Road Supervisor; Tony Peterson, Weed Control Supervisor, Patty Muscovitz, Deputy Clerk; Corinna Wynn, Treasurer.

Public present: T&A Becker Services-Tricia & Andy Becker, Brenda Bray, Doug Kuenn, Barb Wirtz

Supervisors reviewed the March 31st minutes. Minutes to be changed to correct the web site address to: birchlaketownshipmn.gov. **Motion** to approve as amended: Peterson/Bray **Approved**.

Treasurer Wynn reported current transactions. **Motion** to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Peterson\Bray **Approved**.

Materials were received to be included on the pending Birch Lake Township website.

The approved purchase of two laptops and printers, with Sourcewell grant, are ready for pickup. Information is to be transferred and wiped from current laptops. **Motion** to pay Wyatt Computer for two laptops and printers from Sourcewell grant of \$2,000, total bill of \$2,100. Bray/Meyer **Approved**.

The Hackensack shared road was discussed. Further research will be done.

The Bemidji short course is rescheduled to May 1, 2025. Weed training is scheduled for May 2, 2025.

Update on township roads: Township Road inspection date is scheduled for May 17 with an alternate date of May 24th. Have this published in our designated newspaper.

Finalize road improvement choice with Powers Township to use either calcium chloride or share the cost to gravel .6 miles of the shared road. Also suggested was grading the road. **Motion** to spend no more than \$1,200 to place calcium chloride on this shared road. Ayes: Bray, Meyer. Nay: Peterson **Approved**.

\$98,000 has been budgeted for road improvements. The cost of Class 1 modified gravel has been reduced from \$16 to \$15. **Motion** to stay with the approved budget amount of \$98,000 with \$78,000 for gravel to be bladed by Swenson Aggregate. Bray/Meyer **Approved**.

Birch Lake Township resident, Barb Wirtz, indicated there is a downed tree blocking access to her home. Supervisors requested Andy Becker remove this tree from the road.

Motion to purchase 12 safety cones. Bray/Meyer **Approved**.

Motion to approve Class 5 gravel for the Birch Lake Township meeting hall parking lot. Bray /Meyer **Approved**.

Motion to approve Town Hall mowing and cleanup not to exceed \$500. Bray/Meyer **Approved**.

Ditch cleanup of debris and dead trees was discussed. Also, the current road and snow policy are vague and need to be updated. **Motion** to spend up to \$3,000 for Birch Lake Township ditch/wood clean up. Bray/Meyer **Approved**.

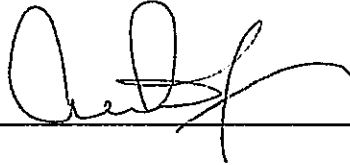
Road improvements necessary for Washington road were discussed with funds to come from previously approved road improvement funds. The Treasurer anticipates approximately \$160,000 will be received in June.

Andy Becker stated that ten yards of our salt/sand will be stored at Cass County until needed.

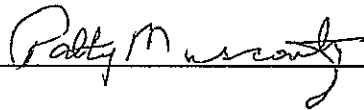
Motion to pay the bills, including \$75 to the Deputy Clerk for this meeting. Peterson/Bray **Approved**.

Motion to adjourn. Bray/Peterson **Approved**

Chairman, Curt Meyer

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Deputy Clerk Patty Muscovitz

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