

Dead Lake Township
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Dead Lake Township Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2024

At 6:00 p.m., the meeting of Dead Lake Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Chairperson Kirchenwitz.

Present: Justin Kirchenwitz, Dave Ellingson, Duane Ard, Tammy Trosdahl and Dawn Lueders.

There were two visitors in the audience. (See attached sheet)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Supervisors reviewed the May 2024 minutes. A motion was made by Ard and seconded by Ellingson to approve the May 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Trosdahl reported the figures for May 2024 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 27,864.22
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 138,663.45
Township Equipment Fund	\$ 61,830.17
Fire Fund	\$ 4,319.31
Verizon Lease Payment	<u>\$ 3,626.83</u>
Total	\$236,303.98

Kirchenwitz made a motion to approve the May 2024 Financial Report. The second was made by Ellingson. Motion passed unanimously. Trosdahl reported that the numbers for May for CTAS agreed with the Bank Statements. Trosdahl reported that a total of \$143,846.40 was received during May 2024.

Bills for June: Lueders presented the bills for June 2024 to the Supervisors. After reviewing the bills, a motion was made by Kirchenwitz and seconded by Ard to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Kirchenwitz asked if the board thought we should pay the first part of the Perham EMS bill. The Supervisors decided to wait and see what the chloride bill is first.

OLD BUSINESS

Plugged Culverts: Mr. D's Excavating installed the beaver leveler on Beaver Dam Road. That helped for a while, but the culvert ended up plugged again. The Supervisors decided to ask Pat Little to trap the beaver. If Little isn't available, then someone else will be found to trap the beaver.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Tour: Supervisors discussed the road tour (see attached sheet).

Noxious Weed Report: Ard reported that the noxious weeds are mostly in the road right-of-way and the ditch mowing should help. Ard said the township looks pretty good otherwise.

Tree on Lillis Drive: There is a tree on Lillis Drive by the old Palubicki place that needs to be removed. The Supervisors will add it to the list for Wells Construction MN to take care of when they do the other tree work in the township.

Spraying & Mowing the Right-of-Way: Kirchenwitz stated the weed spraying will be done at the end of this week. The mowing will be done about 10 days later to give the spray a chance to work first. Rachel Lustila stated that there are lady slippers in the ditch by her house and would like Carr's to be aware that they are there so the lady slippers do not get sprayed. Lustilas have put up a little fence around the flowers. Kirchenwitz said he will let Carr's know.

Township Access: Kirchenwitz was called by the County Sheriff's office about a neighbor by the Access calling the Sheriff's office almost daily about people parking at the Access. The Sheriff's office has issued warnings and one fine. There was a vehicle with Iowa plates that the Sheriff's office has not been able to get in touch with. Kirchenwitz found the vehicle and left a note on the vehicle's windshield. Ard asked about a boat lift that is close to the public Access, wondering if there is a rule on how many feet away from the Access border a boat lift can be. Kirchenwitz will find out.

385th Street/390th Avenue: There was a hit and run incident at the intersection of 385th Street and 390th Avenue on June 5th. There was a curve sign and the road sign taken out. Both will need to be replaced.

South Marion Lane: Don Pesek contacted Ard about Dead Lake Township maintaining South Marion Lane. Since South Marion Lane is a private road, Dead Lake has nothing to do with the maintenance. Ard will inform Pesek.

Fire Extinguisher Inspections: Lueders will contact Summit Fire about inspecting the fire extinguishers.

State Demographic Report: Lueders reported the numbers from the State Demographic Report. In 2023, Dead Lake Township had 243 households with 548 for population. For 2024, the households are 246, and a population of 555.

Perham EMS: Kirchenwitz brought up discussion about the Perham EMS. Kirchenwitz said he asked Becca Huebsch, Perham EMS director if the roughly \$11,000 that would be Dead Lake's portion of the monies the state legislature has agreed to pay towards EMS services could be taken off our second half payment that is due in 2024. Huebsch told Kirchenwitz that Dead Lake could submit a written request for that to be brought up at the August meeting of the Joint Powers Board. Kirchenwitz stated that he is not in favor of staying in the Joint Powers. There will be residents at the annual meeting that will want to get out of the Joint Powers. Ellingson stated he is concerned about service to Dead Lake if we are no longer part of the Joint Powers board. Kirchenwitz stated that Perham EMS is chartered by the state and are required to service people in their assigned area whether Dead Lake chooses to stay in the Joint Powers or not. Huebsch told Kirchenwitz that if Perham EMS refused service to anyone in their assigned area, Perham EMS would lose their charter with the state. Kirchenwitz further stated that he asked other ambulance services about response to calls. The other ambulance services stated that all the fire numbers are built in and from the time the call is received at the County, the calls are timed. If a township chooses to get out of the Joint Powers, they then must wait six months for it to become official. It was explained to Ard, that the township would have opt out of the Joint Powers by July 1st of 2024 to not have to pay the 2025 amount due. Ard stated that if enough townships and cities opt out of the Joint Powers, the Joint Powers would dissolve and any sales from equipment would then go to the remaining members of the Joint Powers. Ard stated that usually when a public entity dissolves, another entity comes in and purchases that entity fairly cheap and there will probably be any income to divide up. Kirchenwitz stated that Dead Lake had about 11 calls in 2023. Perham City has about 80% of all the calls that Perham EMS responds to. If Dead Lake had just paid for the few calls Perham EMS had that were in the township, the bill would have been considerably less than what Dead Lake has now been billed. Ard stated the Joint Powers got started because the hospital was not handling the ambulance well. Ard feels Perham EMS is a public business because the Joint Powers board was formed and owns the Perham EMS. Ard also said that if the business were to fold, any grants and such that have been awarded would need to be paid back before

Perham EMS (cont): anything else. Kirchenwitz said at this time he does not feel the money the township is being billed by Perham EMS is enough of a benefit to Dead Lake Township for the cost to the taxpayers of Dead Lake. Ellingson feels that the township was led to believe at the annual meeting that Perham EMS would not service Dead Lake Township if the residents did not approve the levy for Perham EMS. Ellingson said if Perham EMS is a private business he would be in favor of getting out of the Joint Powers board. Ard feels it is a public business because the Joint Powers bought the equipment and such over 20 years ago. Kirchenwitz has a hard time levying every year for Perham EMS. Ellingson feels the money levied for Perham EMS will never go away and keep increasing instead. Ard stated that if the Perham EMS goes back to the hospital, it could be possible that the cost will be higher because the hospital will just raise what is collected in taxes to pay for the ambulance service. Kirchenwitz said we have levied for Perham EMS for two years at a higher amount than the township was led to believe a year ago would be needed to support Perham EMS. Ellingson asked if a township opts out of the Joint Powers is there an option to go back into the Joint Powers within the six-month time frame. The Supervisors feel there are questions that the Supervisors do not have answers for regarding the Joint Powers and the Perham EMS. Ellingson wants to know what changes has Perham EMS made to pay the bills other than asking the townships and cities to fund the Perham EMS. The Supervisors are going to do some more research on their own and also see what Ard finds out at the meeting next week.

Calendar Items: There were two variance hearing notices for June 13th.

Housekeeping Items: There were no housekeeping items.

The mail received was laid out for the Supervisors to look at if they wanted.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 8th, 2024, at the Dead Lake Township Hall.

Having no further Township business to conduct, Kirchenwitz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:34p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Dawn Lueders, Clerk

Approved:



Justin Kirchenwitz, Chairperson

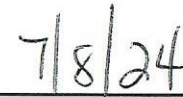
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06/17/2024	Postmaster	certified letters to Misty Thaler for tree removal	9730	\$10.16			
					201-43101-322-905	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$10.16
Total For Selected Claims				\$10.16			\$10.16



Dave Ellingson

Town Supervisor



Date

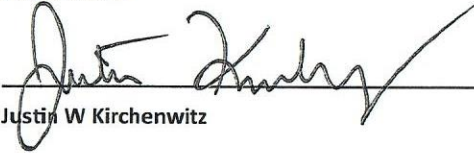


Duane E Ard

Town Supervisor



Date



Justin W Kirchenwitz

Town Supervisor



Date

Date Range : 6/11/2024 To 7/8/2024

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07/08/2024	Wells Construction MN LLC	1st township ditch mowing - 2024	9730	\$2,430.00	201-43101-408-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$2,430.00
07/03/2024	Arvig	Internet monthly fee	9731	\$86.95	100-49141-325-36	General Gov't Building and Plant Parking Lots	\$86.95
07/05/2024	United Community Bank	July loan payment	9732	\$1,000.00	285-41501-602- 285-41501-612-	Financial Administration Financial Administration	\$870.31 \$129.69
07/08/2024	Lake Region Electric Coop	Electric Bill - June 2024	9733	\$63.48	100-41940-381-49	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$63.48
07/08/2024	Lakes Community Cooperative	853.20 gallons of diesel @ \$2.99 for grader	9734	\$2,551.07	201-43101-212-31	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$2,551.07
07/08/2024	Fergus Power Pump, Inc	Chloride payment in full for 2024	9735	\$53,478.04	201-43122-224-40	Unpaved Streets	\$53,478.04
07/08/2024	Duane Ard	Mileage Reimbursement 64 miles @ .67	9736*	\$42.88	201-41110-331-34	Council/Town Board	\$42.88
07/08/2024	Dawn Lueders	mileage reimbursement for 180 miles @ .67	9737*	\$120.60	100-41425-331-34	Clerk	\$120.60
07/08/2024	Tammy Trosdahl	mileage reimbursement; 24 miles @ .67	9738*	\$16.08	100-41510-331-34	Treasurer	\$16.08
07/08/2024	PERA	Withholding for PERA July 2024	9739	\$232.06	100-41950-121- 100-41950-173-	Tax Payments Tax Payments	\$124.32 \$107.74

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07/08/2024	Internal Revenue Service	Federal Withholding July 2024	9740	\$460.72	100-41950-127-	Tax Payments	\$460.72
07/08/2024	Minnesota Revenue	State Withholding tax 2nd Quarter 2024	9741	\$437.98	100-41950-127-	Tax Payments	\$437.98
07/08/2024	MATIT	Commercial Package Ins Coverage 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025 - premium	9742	\$4,590.00	100-49242-162-	Insurance: Commerical Package/Officer Bond	\$4,590.00
07/08/2024	Perham Area EMS	first half of 2024 financial contribution	9743	\$17,451.00	230-42153-317-	Ambulance Services	\$17,451.00
Total For Selected Claims				\$82,960.86			\$82,960.86



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