



Minutes
Road Committee Meeting
October 24, 2017

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present: R. Keller, T. Nelson, L. Johnson, B. Seekon, M. Fehrman, J. Harrington, D. Chelberg, D. Stiers, D. Milles

Others Present: K. Wood, Township Clerk

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 3, 2017 ROAD COMMITTEE MINUTES

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 3, 2017 Road Committee Meeting. B. Seekon seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

R. Keller said the Walk and Roll is on backorder for up to 5 weeks. M. Fehrman has figured out how he is going to install it.

L. Johnson provided a spreadsheet based on the numbers from 2010 - 2016. The numbers do not include wages.

He used 655 average hours per year on the grader to get a total of \$57,640 for grader/labor cost for 2016.

The estimated grand total for seven years prior is \$1,007,847.42.

T. Nelson feels that number is short. He said the tax payers want to know where the rest of the money is going. Where is the extra \$300k?

J. Harrington said the road and bridge levy amounts from 2012 – 2017 were:

\$200k - 2012	\$325k - 2015
\$306k - 2013	\$400k - 2016
\$350k - 2014	\$400k - 2017

B. Seekon said there are two full time Maintenance staff working 40 hours per week. The gravel portion of the budget is what needs to be figured out.

L. Johnson said somewhere between 2011-2013 the maintenance wages were coming out of the general fund before they started coming out of the road and bridge fund.

The Committee agreed they need to figure out an accurate number of miles of Township roads because there is a discrepancy.

T. Nelson said the budget has increased by \$100k and they need to show what is going to be done with it. He said they need to figure out the roads that are going to be done next year.

Hemingway Avenue is going to be blacktopped and the money is already set aside for the project.

COST PER MILE

\$62k for a mile for blacktop

\$23k for a mile for double chip seal

TO DO LIST BEFORE DOUBLE CHIP SEAL:

- 311th Street and Echo Lane and Court 1.1 mile (+/-) needs a ditch
- Elk Lane, Elk Court, 321st ¾ of a mile – needs a couple loads of gravel. It needs something for water drainage.
- Kale Ave ¾ of a mile – needs a ditch on curve and a new culvert
- 315th, Frontier Ave ¾ of a mile – replace culvert Frontier needs gravel (a lot of gravel) The ditches are level in a lot of places. R. Keller and M. Fehrman are going to look at this.
- 320th West of 61 should be done too
- Fir Trail ½ mile – needs ditch at end of the road #30065 needs ditch south of #30490 on corner and by #30255 and around corner
- Elmcrest, 340th, Elmo 1 mile (Oxford is not interested in cost sharing with Lent)
- Need a ditch in front of #33842
- A large portion of Elmcrest will need to have a ditch developed
- All roads will need shouldering and some spot graveling
- M. Fehrman said they have enough gravel for spot graveling next year

M. Fehrman said his list totals approximately \$6k.

Culverts

- It costs approximately \$500 per culvert
- \$2400 for a week to rent an excavator
- Maintenance could install 2 or 3 culverts in a day
- 10 culverts per week
- Approximately \$1200 per culvert including everything

J. Harrington said if half of the budget goes to blacktopping and double chip sealing (\$250k). The rest would go to the 10% contingency, maintenance costs, etc. (\$250k). He does not want to leave the people sitting here 40 years from now with a mess. He would like to shape the budget for 5 – 10 years. The road and bridge budget

has almost doubled in the past 7 years and said that is not going to happen again. J. Harrington said they need to look at the best investment for the bigger picture instead of doing a year by year basis.

J. Harrington said that double chip seal needs to be redone every eight years.

R. Keller disagrees and said he feels it will last around 15-20 years.

B. Seekon said the crack sealing could be contracted out with Seal Tech and then Maintenance could start on ditching.

J. Harrington said there is a list of strongly recommended items and we are way behind in his opinion. The Township does not have a good handle on asset costs, road inventory, etc. and needs to move ahead.

R. Keller said he is in favor of blacktopping Grand Ave because it is one of the worst roads.

Ivywood Trail, Grand Ave, Echo Lane, Echo Court, 318th, Emily are all big complaint roads.

B. Seekon said the Township should talk to Chisago City about maintaining our roads.

M. Fehrman said Ivywood was in really bad shape when he first started and he has rebuilt the road up.

D. Chelberg said he talked to Chisago City about it and there is only one resident on it so it is low priority.

L. Johnson said Township residents live on Jewel Lane and Jewel Court (about 1 mile).

R. Keller has talked to Chisago City and the Township does not own the road but has a lot of people who use the road.

J. Harrington is going to put the numbers together for the next meeting.

BLACKTOP

There is enough money to do 2 miles of blacktop.

M. Fehrman said that 4000' of 341st Street should be done.

T. Nelson suggested blacktopping Ivywood South based on the complaints he receives.

J. Harrington said he and a lot of neighbors do not want it blacktopped. He said it does not meet State Aid standards and does not make sense in his opinion.

B. Seekon does not think it should be put in the plans until reconstruction costs are received.

R. Keller said he knows an Engineer who can get PILT money. He feels Ivywood Trail would have a good chance of receiving that money.

D. Milles said there is a portion of Ivywood Trail that is owned by the DNR.

J. Harrington said they need to figure out where the dots connect. Are there development pressures? Are there places where there is a lot of truck traffic? That kind of information is needed.

J. Harrington said they should look at the Township in sections.

The majority consensus from the committee is as follows:

BLACKTOP THE FOLLOWING ROADS

341st Street (2") 1.25 miles and 320th east of 30 1.25 miles (2")

DOUBLE CHIP SEAL

Echo Lane	Kale Ave	Elmerest Ave
Echo Court	Frontier Ave	Jewel Lane
311th Street	Fir Trail	Elmo Ave
Elk Lane	315th Street	340th Street
Elk Ct	352nd Street	Jewel Court

7 miles total

D. Chelberg said the EPA has places to go for people to go for people to complain about dust. He said there is a health and safety benefit in getting rid of gravel roads.

THE NEXT ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 5 AT 7:00 PM

ADJOURN

M. Fehrman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 pm. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.



Richard Keller, Chairperson



Kelly Wood, Town Clerk

Minutes submitted by Kelly Wood, Township Clerk

