

**Princeton Township  
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

**Township Board Special Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

**Minutes**

The January 5 special meeting of the Princeton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Gene Stoeckel at 7:00 p.m. Due to COVID restrictions the meeting was held by teleconference.

Supervisors attending: Thomas Duden, Gene Stoeckel, Bill Whitcomb, John Wilhelm

Supervisor absent: Dan Hiller

Also attending: Township Engineer Todd McLouth, Clerk-Treasurer Doug Dahl

All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review 2020 road and bridge fund proposed budget and actual expenditures.**

Bill Whitcomb presented a spreadsheet showing what had been proposed for 2020 and compared it to what took place. He highlighted the savings that the township was able to achieve by performing the work in-house (\$837) vs. hiring a contractor (\$6,251) to remove signs according the sign policy, a savings of \$5,414.

**Town road priorities for 2021: gravel, dust control, crack filling, chip sealing, and overlay**

Bill Whitcomb presented a plan for servicing gravel roads that included schedule, treatment, and budget. [Complete plan document is on file and available upon request. Also available on the Township website: [www.princetontownshipmn.us](http://www.princetontownshipmn.us).]

Mr. Whitcomb moved to approve the graveling plans as presented in the road report, with the potential for slight modifications, for 2021. Seconded by Thomas Duden.

Chairman Stoeckel called the roll: Mr. Duden—Aye; Mr. Stoeckel—Aye; Mr. Whitcomb—Aye; Mr. Wilhelm—Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Whitcomb presented a map showing road sections of the township that had received dust-control treatment in 2020 and sections proposed for dust control in 2021. [Complete plan document is on file and available upon request. Also available on the Township website: [www.princetontownshipmn.us](http://www.princetontownshipmn.us).] The corresponding budget shows cost projections for each section of the plan, with a total of approximately \$13,000. He noted that dust-controlled gravel roads require less maintenance than non-dust-controlled roads. The township can expect maintenance savings approximately equal to the cost of just graveling those roads, with the additional benefits of low dust and less wear and tear to vehicles that travel the roads.

Mr. Stoeckel moved to approve applying dust control to all sections in the plan, including the designated sections of 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. [Designated sections are shown in yellow and/or circled in orange on the dust-control map.] Seconded by Mr. Whitcomb.

Chairman Stoeckel called the roll: Mr. Duden—Aye; Mr. Stoeckel—Aye; Mr. Whitcomb—Aye; Mr. Wilhelm—Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Whitcomb's report included the plan and budget for chip-sealing and crack-filling on paved roads.

Mr. Duden moved to approve the plan for chip-sealing and crack-filling as presented in the report. Seconded by Mr. Whitcomb..

Chairman Stoeckel called the roll: Mr. Duden—Aye; Mr. Stoeckel—Aye; Mr. Whitcomb—Aye; Mr. Wilhelm—Aye. Motion carried.

The road report included a plan and budget for applying a two-inch overlay to the paved section of Brickton Road from Rum River Drive to the north end of the pavement, approximately 150 feet past A-Z Restaurant Equipment's driveway. Budget: \$60,000.

Mr. Duden moved to approve the plan for the two-inch overlay to the paved section of Brickton Road as presented in the plan. Seconded by Mr. Stoeckel.

Chairman Stoeckel called the roll: Mr. Duden—Aye; Mr. Stoeckel—Aye; Mr. Whitcomb—Aye; Mr. Wilhelm—Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Whitcomb recommended posting a notice to the web and the outside board stating that the township would be performing brush and tree trimming over the winter while the ground was frozen, according to the township policy. No motion was needed.

Mr. Whitcomb moved to table the final agenda item, review and approval of brush and tree trimming quotes and, if necessary, a resolution authorizing a contract with an interested officer, until the regular monthly meeting on January 19. Seconded by Mr. Stoeckel.

Chairman Stoeckel called the roll: Mr. Duden—Aye; Mr. Stoeckel—Aye; Mr. Whitcomb—Aye; Mr. Wilhelm—Aye. Motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

Bill Whitcomb moved to adjourn. Seconded by Thomas Duden.

Chairman Stoeckel called the roll: Mr. Duden—Aye; Mr. Stoeckel—Aye; Mr. Whitcomb—Aye; Mr. Wilhelm—Aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

### **Attendees**

Steve Long, plus unidentified callers

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Dahl, Clerk-Treasurer