

October 1, 2018

At the meeting in September, another vote was taken on whether to pave or not to pave Lake Beltrami Rd. The result was a 4-1 vote in favor of paving. Several votes have been taken on this subject and while after each vote, no reasons for how people voted were specifically laid out, several of the board members (including myself) gave reasons why we voted to not pave the road at many meetings over the course of several years.

At least twice when I was on the board, I asked for clarification on what the portion stated in the Road Policy that referred to a "long term road plan" meant and for one to actually be created. However, at the February 2016 board meeting, it was decided to remove this term from a few sections in the Road Policy. Personally, I felt that was a mistake but did not push for it after that.

Due to the recent turn of events where Lake Beltrami Rd will now be paved, I would like to ask each board member to please state why they voted for or against paving at the last meeting and to have those reasons be noted in the minutes of this meeting. It is my feeling that without reasons documented, a door has been opened for many residents who in the past have wanted or in the future will want their road paved. How will you be able to deny one over the other if you don't have some sort of plan and foundation or reasons outlined for why you voted the way you did now?

To me, a grant is really no different than the residents who want a road paved who pay the up front costs. The end result is the entire township could be responsible for maintenance costs, so really what is the difference in the long run?

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\*When I read this at the October 1, 2018 meeting, I did paraphrase some of the items in this letter.