

**Turtle Lake Township Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2024, 19143 Lake Julia Dr. NW Bemidji, MN**

The regular meeting of the governing body of Turtle Lake Township, Beltrami County MN was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Michelle Anderson. Also in attendance are Vice Chair Kenneth McBride, Supervisors Leigh Sovde, Corey Wright, Mark Haugen, Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Kelly Booge, Treasurer Christine Malterud, and Clerk Lynn Johnson.

**Public Attendees**

Doug Rieffel, Kristy Roberts and Dave Close.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Supervisor Sovde, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2024**

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 12, 2024 by Supervisor Haugen, second by Vice Chair McBride. Road Supervisor Booge asked that under the Turgi Hill Road portion that the need to acquire right of way from the State of Minnesota be stricken as that has already been obtained. Change was accepted. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Road Hearing Minutes of August 12, 2024**

Motion to approve road hearing minutes of August 12, 2024 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Sovde. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approve September 9, 2024 Treasurer's Report**

Motion to approve treasurer's report of September 9, 2024 by Chair Anderson, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approve and Sign Claims and Payroll**

Motion to approve claims and payroll by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Sovde. Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**General Road/Zoning Update**

Zoning Administrator Booge reported that the roads were graded after the last rain and are in pretty good shape. The mowing of ditches has also been completed. One building permit was issued in August.

He also advised that the right of way acquisition on Old Long Lake Road may require a detailed survey if release of damages are not signed by property owners.

A new estimate of cost for the Turgi Hill Road reconstruction project was also presented as Vice Chair McBride had asked about this at the August meeting.

Road Supervisor Booge also informed the Board of a document he discovered at the County Recorder's Office that lists six town roads, all with original road orders, that was filed on May 30, 1991. It was decided that Clerk will contact the town's attorney to review this to see if the town has right of way on these roads.

### **Variance Request**

Chair Anderson went to the hearing and was told that the request had been pulled because more work needed to be done on the application. The township will be notified when it is rescheduled.

### **RFA Meeting**

Proposed changes to the Rural Fire Association by-laws were discussed at their July meeting. These changes will be revisited at the October meeting after the member units have had time for review. The township board reviewed these changes and suggested that the required 365-day notice to leave the organization was extremely long and should be revisited. This will be on the agenda for October for further discussion.

### **Cemetery**

Sexton Anderson reported that two sites were sold in August. Deeds were signed and will be recorded at the county.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **District 12 Meeting**

No one was able to attend the meeting.

#### **Parking Lot Use Request**

A request to use the parking lot for a rummage sale was received. Motion by Chair Anderson to approve request, second by Supervisor Sovde. Motion carried 5-0.

A review of the town's rental policy will be placed on the October agenda.

#### **Public and Other**

A resident noted that a pile of dirt was placed on Vista Forest Rd. Road Supervisor Booge explained that this was left over from work that was done on Buena Vista Lane and that it has been smoothed out to fill in some areas on Vista Forest Rd.

#### **Correspondence**

An email was received from Deb Hudak about available grants for noxious weed control from the MN Department of Agriculture.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. by Vice Chair McBride, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of these Minutes from the September 9, 2024 Regular Township Meeting**

Approved Michelle Anderson Date 10/7/24  
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