

Mission Township, MN – Roads Committee

April 25, 2024, Minutes



A meeting of the Mission Township Roads Committee was held on Thursday April 25, 2024, at 5:30 PM, at the Town Hall.

Attendance: Committee members present were Chair Dave Hauser, Dave Meyer and Merle Roberts. Town Board Supervisor Jon Auge also attended. It was noted that Eric Carder has resigned from the committee.

Agenda: The proposed agenda was reviewed and adopted.

Minutes: The Committee reviewed the Minutes of the December 13, 2023, meeting and approved as presented.

Report on Town Board Actions or Requests: Jon Auge & Chair Hauser shared the January 8 and April 8 board meeting Roads/Roads Committee reports with discussion occurring on some items. The report is available on the Township's website.

Discussion Topics: The Committee discussed the following topics:

- **2024 Summer Maintenance Work Quotes.** The Committee reviewed five quotes received from Anderson Brothers for pothole filling, patching, poly patching and shouldering totaling \$30,055.39. The quotes are well below the 2024 bituminous maintenance budget of \$75,000. Following discussion, the committee recommended the quotes be submitted to the town board for their consideration and approval.
- **EHLR and EBLR Speed Study Results & Signage Proposal.** The Committee reviewed the East Horseshoe Lake Road (EHLR) and East Bass Lake Road (EBLR) speed studies prepared by MnDOT. The studies determined a 50 MPH speed limit for EHLR and a 45 MPH speed limit for EBLR. Crow Wing County (Rob Hall, Assistant County Engineer) recommends placement of 4 signs on EBLR (one at each terminus and one on north/south sides of Ridgeway Lane) and 6 signs on EHLR (one at each terminus, one on north/south sides of MPD, and one on north/south sides at midpoint) based on length of roadway and their experience. We are also required to place a curve warning sign with recommended reduced speed at the north/south ends of the EHLR 'S' curve. Two property owners on/abutting EHLR disagree with the 50 MPH speed limit and request no posting or minimal posting of the new 50 MPH speed limit. Discussion centered on the requirement to post the new speeds, potential safety and liability concerns associated with not posting, and the desire for enforcement should the town wish to do so. The Committee recommended the town board follow CWC's recommendations but would be comfortable with two fewer speed signs on EHLR.

- **Maintenance Building Landscaping.** The Committee discussed the need to install a driveway on the north side of the building to facilitate access for a septic truck to service our holding tank. Various options and surfaces were discussed. There was also discussion on minimal landscaping on the north and south sides to stabilize the soil and make the area more presentable. Dave Hauser agreed to discuss options and solicit quotes from area contractors for review by the committee at our June meeting.
 - **Proposed Driveway Ordinance.** The Committee continued our discussion on the pros/cons of developing a driveway ordinance. It would require a permit and the involvement of our town engineer. Discussion also occurred on allowing multiple driveways. Jon agreed to review with Troy Gilchrist (town attorney) and obtain a simple ordinance for further discussion at the June meeting.
- **New Business & Open Discussion:** There were no items raised for discussion.

The Committee adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2024, beginning at 5:30 PM, at the Town Hall.

Topics for Next Meeting:

- Further consideration of developing a Driveway Ordinance.
- Maintenance Building Landscaping Quotes.
- CIP projects and summer maintenance work progress.