Ogema Township

Public Hearing on roadside mowing and brush removal July 2nd, 2020

The Ogema Township Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Anne Haas and Clerk, Robert Sunstrom. Also present were Michael Waggoner and Jerome Whitaker.

Clerk, called the hearing to order. (Meeting to be tape recorded.)

Clerk, will oversee the hearing.

Clerk, read the Public Hearing Notice published in Hinckley News. Same notice went on posted notice at town hall and approximately 75 post cards sent to residents on township roads.

Clerk, gave an overview of the roadside mowing and brush removal.

Clerk, opened the Public Comment Portion of the meeting and read the meeting rules for which the public shall follow.

Clerk, read letter of objection to any work in road ditches or brush removal from Trudy Mintun residing on Rose Bud Lane. It was determined that Trudy does not own property on Rose Bud Lane and though greatly appreciated with her response, it will not be considered.

Jerome Whitaker, residing on Alma Razor Road, had questions in regards on how far up his roadside bank of his property was the township intending on brush removal. Clerk mentioned that the bank is so severe there that township would not go higher than skid steer with brush hog can reach on slope and clear the best they can from intersection of Alma Razor Road and Lake Lena Road going north to his north property line. He also mentioned that there are 2 fiber optic cables in East R-O-W ditch put in within a couple of years.

Michael Waggoner, residing on Horse Shoe Road, mentioned that he was happy with how the roads were mowed last year and was hoping for brush removal this year. He also mentioned that with all the traffic on this road it is a safety issue especially around the s-curve with speed and wildlife crossing and shorter day light hours approaching.

Clerk mentioned that he is in favor of keeping roads in check with mowing and brush removal because of the liability issue for township.

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Charles Kramer mentioned he is in favor of keeping roads trimmed back for safety and liability issues.

Anne Haas mentioned she is in favor of keeping roads trimmed back for safety and liability issues.

Clerk mentioned that Double W Tree Service is scheduled to commence work on July 13th, 2020 if approved with this recommendation.

Supervisor's Ronald Meehan or Anne Haas will oversee the brush removal and ditch mowing.

Clerk, closed the Public Comment Portion of Hearing.

On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Anne Haas, meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried. Both voting, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sunstrom

Clerk, Ogema Township

ROBERT SUNSTROM
Ogema Township Clerk Pine County. Minnesota
Notarial Officer (ex-officio notary public)
My commission (Term) expires 03/10/2022

Charles Kramert, Chair Ronald Meehan, Vice Anne Haas, Sup Signature A Res

Marie Milani

Date

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