



MINNEHA TOWNSHIP
Sedgwick County, Kansas
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2023
256 N Greenwich
Wichita, Kansas

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.
Present were Marc Miller, Trustee; Paula Crook, Clerk; Chris Carlson, Treasurer; John Brooks and Paul Dannels, Township employees; Township Residents.
2. After a review of the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting, Miller asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Carlson with a second by Crook to approve the minutes. Miller, Crook and Carlson voted to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.
3. **Township Auditing Board**
The beginning balance in the accounts is \$177,385.29. The Township received its January check in the amount of \$891,011.61 bringing the balance in the account to \$1,068,396.90 to start the year. There were disbursements of \$248,559.64 leaving an ending balance of \$819,837.26. A large portion of the disbursements was due to the end of year 2022 road project in Meadows 1 & II that came due in January. New signage and gates in Seltzer Cemetery as well as some equipment for the bobcat were also big expenses that contributed to the disbursements. Miller made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. There was a second by Crook. Miller, Crook and Carlson voted to approve the report. Motion carried 3-0,
4. **Board of Highway Commissioner / Road Overseer Report**
Carlson stated the Township executed proposals with APAC last month to pave 24th Street N and to mill and overlay Pinnacle and Turnberry. APAC indicated to Carlson today that it will be mid-June before these projects are started dependent on the amount of rain received this spring. No other major projects that are being considered have been executed at this time.
5. **New Business** – There is no new business
6. **Old Business**
Miller stated that there has been no progress with Villas II roads going public but it is still on the agenda.
Carlson stated that last month the board discussed the potential sidewalk on 143rd. CCCID requested that Minneha Township partner with them in this project and provided a feasibility study from MKEC for what they wanted to do. Carlson shared that study with a couple of other engineering firms. What he got back was a different layout than presented by MKEC as to where the sidewalk should/would go. Carlson contacted Lynn Packard the interim director of Sedgwick County Public Works to determine the long-



term plans for 143rd. Carlson is concerned that a sidewalk be installed and in a couple of years Sedgwick County demolishes that sidewalk to carry out their plans for 143rd. It had been discussed to have the sidewalk against the tree line. MKEC has the sidewalk up against the road as on Central. Carlson submitted a proposal to BHC in Kansas City and they propose to run the sidewalk along Springdale and through the trees in a winding pattern all the way down. The Township needs to know from CCCID how they want the sidewalk to run. According to Lynn Packard the first bridge on 143rd is scheduled to be replaced in 2027. The sidewalk work would have to be completed prior to the 2027 project by Sedgwick County. There are no planned road improvements for 143rd by the county at this time. The county will run traffic studies once The Fundamental Learning Center is operational to determine what will need to be done. At the minimum, a turn lane will be added. With this information, Carlson has determined that the feasibility study provided by MKEC will not work for the Township. He doesn't want to put the sidewalk in and all of the drainage work that has to be done to make the sidewalk work to have it ripped out in 2027 or 2028 so that 143rd can be widened. The county may or may not put the sidewalk back. It is Carlson's belief that the option to put the sidewalk closer to the tree line or in the tree line would make the most sense. For the option through the trees, approval from The Meadows would be required and coordination in regards to the sprinkler system through the area and which trees would have to be removed. That would be the most costly option. The sidewalk outside of the tree line requires a lot of fill be brought in to make the sidewalk viable. In closing Carlson stated that CCCID would have to make the decision as to what option they would like for the sidewalk and that he didn't see the study by MKEC as being one that the Township could support because Sedgwick County could widen the road in the future which would destroy all of the previous work and waste funds.

Miller stated that John and Paul have been working in SSHID cleaning drainage on Bellaire as well as projects around the shop.

7. **Adjournment** – A motion was made by Carlson with a second by Crook to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Miller, Crook and Carlson approved the motion, 3-0.
8. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., 256 N Greenwich, Wichita, KS

Submitted by
Paula Crook, Clerk



Public Comment:

There are many factors to be decided before the sidewalk project is begun: which option to use for placement; coordination between Meadows I & II, Pinehurst and CCCID by engineers; the phasing of the project. All of these requirements must be met before the Township will assist in funding the project.

Chris Gordon – CCCID

There was further discussion of the sidewalk. The county would connect the sidewalk to the bridge. Lynn Packard will have to amend a plat. Carlson stated that counties are financially driven and that would determine if the county would put back a sidewalk that had to be taken out by them. The farther from the road the more expensive the project will be. There was discussion of a meeting 30 days out with involved parties.

Jess Frigze – Meadows – would like to keep as many trees as possible