

## **MINNEHA TOWNSHIP**

Sedgwick County, Kansas
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2019
Sedgwick County Fire Station No. 38
1010 North 143<sup>rd</sup> St. East
Wichita, Kansas

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
  Present were Don Gragg, Trustee; Paula Crook, Clerk; Chris Carlson, Treasurer;
  Township Residents
- **2.** After a review of the minutes of the March 8, 2019 minutes, Gragg 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. Gragg, Crook and Carlson voted to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

## 3. Township Auditing Board

The beginning balance in the accounts is \$456,474.03. There were disbursements of \$11,848.11 to leave an ending balance of \$300,460.49. Carlson noted the large payment of \$109,109.90 to Harman Huffman. All expenses were normal and approved by Gragg and Carlson. A motion was made by Carlson with a second by Crook to approve the treasurer's report. Gragg, Crook and Carlson voted to approve the report. Motion carried 3-0.

## 4. Board of Highway Commissioner / Road Overseer Report

- A. Mike and Jim started weekly mowing of areas that are the Township's responsibility.
- B. Gragg stated that Mike and Jim are planting grass in areas surrounding our new shop and cleaning up any construction materials that remained on the property.
- C. Jim will spend most of his time watering the trees and grass on our new property plus any other areas that are the responsibility of the Township. Gragg stated that the water truck may need to be replaced as a result of the accident it was involved in several years ago.
- D. Gragg presented the board with the amortization schedule regarding the loan for our new shop.
- E. Mike made a new sign for the shop from donated materials. It is at the entrance of the property.
- F. The Township will continue to monitor the conditions around Sunswept Highlands weekly due to the construction by the City of Wichita and do what we can to help.
- G. David Spears said that Sedgwick County would pay to have the roads in Payne Township graded if someone could find a capable person to do the work. Carlson stated that he may have contact for someone to do the work in Payne and would get that information directly to David Spears.



- H. The spring clean up with the street sweeper will begin next week. It usually takes a week in the spring and in the fall to complete the task if the weather cooperates. This helps in preventing the storm drains from becoming clogged causing damage to homeowner's property.
- **5.** Old Business Carlson reintroduced the discussion of a website for the Township. He stated it was a way for the Township to be interactive with the residents and offers an emergency contact with the shop. The initial startup would be \$3000 broken down in the following way: \$1500 web design; domain+housing would be \$300/year; website maintenance \$1200/year. It could be used for PSA to the Township and it is mobile friendly. Gragg stated that he wants to get out of debt before spending more money and that a website is outside of the Township's responsibility. Crook stated that the residents of the township are disappointed that they have no way to access the Township. Gragg stated that a township is "a unit of local government, a subdivision of a county, approximately 6 square miles containing 6 sections". Attached is a list of cons as they pertain to a website presented by Gragg. Carlson stated that 2027 is a long time to wait for a a website. Having no further discussion, a motion was made by Carlson to move forward with the proposal for the Township website with Carlson to donate \$100/month from his Township salary for the website annual maintenance fee. There was a second by Crook. Gragg abstained from the vote. Crook and Carlson voted to approve the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## 6. New Business –

Gragg stated that there is a new computer in the shop and it would be up and running in a week. Cox is the provider. He mentioned that every Friday a work schedule would be available. There have been over 100 people walk thru the new facility and everyone seemed pleased. He stated that we will be looking at security a little farther down the line.

- 7. **Adjournment** A motion was made by Crook with a second by Gragg to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Gragg, Crook and Carlson approved the motion, 3-0.
- **8.** The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:30 pm, Sedgwick County Fire Station #38, 1010 143<sup>rd</sup> Street East, Wichita, KS 67230.

Submitted by, Paula Crook, Clerk



It was asked if the Township website could be linked to Sedgwick County and vice versa. Residents were told all rents due on the old building had been paid. All that remains at the former location is 2 piles of dirt. There are no road projects in the near future.

Residents Larry and LoRisa Fouch are in attendance to discuss the rocking of the ditches around 2325 and 2335 S. Crest Street. No decision was reached.