

## **ROLAND TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING REPORT - 6/2/2016**

Board Chairman Vern Jacobson called an Emergency Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. June 2, 2016, in the Recreation Service District meeting room, with Supervisors Mike Hall, Adam Norling and Michael Sivertson in attendance, along with Clerk Glenore Gross. John Warberg was absent. Others attending were Tim Kihle, Mark Adams, Verdell Lund, Val Zwak and Larry Bullinger. The meeting had been advertised on the township website for 6 days, with the agenda to be confined to Lake Metigoshe water testing and some road issues. Timing for the meeting was so the water testing subject could be addressed prior to the Metigoshe Improvement Association (LMIA) and Rec Service District (RSD) meetings June 4 and June 11.

### **WATER TESTING:**

At the April 11 board meeting a motion to suspend support of water testing until 2018 was approved in light of the minimal findings of contamination to date. A revisit of the subject in May, with just three supervisors in attendance, did not change the motion; the board was told the testing would continue anyway. A letter from the RSD board was sent to the township board requesting the board reconsider its decision, saying it was an insult to all lake property owners. Chairman Vern explained that no one on the board is against testing, just agreed to put support on hold. He then opened the meeting to discussion.

Mark Adams offered that the RSD's duty is with sewers and garbage, the LMIA raises dues for fireworks, but the township board is the governing body for the lake area. He thought there was a mutual agreement on the testing and didn't see why they should go ahead without the township. The RSD puts more into the project by using their employees' time and labor for the testing. The test results may have been low but with fish kill and beaver dams at least they give a baseline for the future.

Tim Kihle said he gets questioned on water quality at every meeting he attends, and doesn't know why the township would choose not to participate.

Adam Norling noted that test results have been available online. If the township took a year off the testing was going to be done anyway; the board decision wasn't to neglect the lake.

Larry Bullinger reported that owners in their bay want the testing continued because of the inlet from a slough and interference from beavers, although the new culvert has helped that issue.

***MOTION by Mike Hall that the township board continue its support of water testing; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Sivertson.*** Adam N made the point that the scathing letter sent by the RSD to the board made him feel like the board got thrown under the bus when they do care about the lake, and said a phone call could have been made to request reconsideration. Vern J also felt they could have come to the board first, before writing a letter. Mark A and Tim K suggested attending each other's meetings to keep informed. Adam N agreed on the need to work together for the betterment of the lake. ***VOTE: Mike H-YES, Adam N-YES, Michael S-YES, Vern-YES. CARRIED.***

Mike H noted the share of cost for this year would be \$394 each, since one of the four tests will include checking for nitrates. He added that although the results are well within limits for the health district, a few counts have been near the limit per the Clean Water Act.

### **CURRENT ROAD ISSUES:**

Road Overseer Mike H brought numerous road problems to the board for their input on repairs to pursue.

- In the Longview area, an owner pointed out that since the upgrading of the Lake Loop Road six years ago a culvert no longer has a ditch to drain into, instead water flows down through his garage. Now

that he is planning improvements he requested a new culvert to fix the drainage. County Road Supt Ritchie suggested a shared-cost repair as done in the Minot Beach area, with the homeowner and township contributing \$1,250 each and the county the labor. Adam was concerned with the potential for the township getting itself involved in private landscaping issues.

- A curve posing danger on the road to south Loon Lake was addressed at previous meetings. Mike H said the county has determined they could straighten the road using the right of way for \$8,000 if the culvert can be extended, or \$1,500 more if not. Michael S agreed it is a safety issue; the road has become much busier in recent years.
- Near Larson Marina along the hillside is a township road that was not vacated when the paved road was put in alongside; now the hill is sloughing off and the road needs to be regraded. Lyle Dallman is working on the south part; Larson will pay for hydro-seeding the hill; the township portion would cost \$6,000 whether fixed by Dallman or the county.
- The graveled road to Loon Lake past Lunds is sinking in parts and has mud coming up through the middle due to being on a slough and not properly prepared years ago. The culverts previously installed are working fine. The county suggests using geo-mat and 8" of gravel, as has worked well on roads in the oil fields. Doing this between the two mailboxes would cost \$10,580; or just two smaller spots could be fixed at \$1,500 each.
- Adam noted the gravel road going by Harts was caving in on one side.
- Mike H reported road work recently done includes gravel for north Loon Lake at \$1,270, Schaefer road at \$6,116, and Svingen Road \$6,000 plus a grant for \$6,000 to cover the \$12,000 cost.
- Clerk suggested funding could be taken from the Farm to Market Road Fund which has been in place for over ten years and could now be used for whatever purpose the township chose. A discussion of township funding ensued. Vern pointed out that 96% of township tax income comes from around the lake and the roads around the lake are not the ones being fixed. He acknowledged township roads need care but lake roads have been neglected. The county doesn't even come to fix the cracks; two years ago the repairs were on Highland Road. He said if the lake organized itself into a village the tax dollars would stay at the lake, and added the board needs to pay attention to and direct funds at roads around the lake or face having them go back to gravel.
- Mike said Mikkelsen could do repairs if the county doesn't have cold mix. He also offered information from Wold Eng. of repairs being planned in Oakshore.

***MOTION by Michael S to approve fixing the roads as discussed with County Road Supt. Ritchie; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike H. VOTE-YES-Michael, YES-Mike, YES-Adam, YES-Vern. CARRIED.***

Board discussed timing for fixing the Larson Marina area, whether the county could do it before winter or not, knowing Dallman was there with equipment now. Adam suggested providing photos to allow for a more educated discussion. Vern told Mike to talk to Mikkelsen about patching spots as needed; Mike noted that Brian Johnson had done a good job patching sewer fixes but may not have time now for other road fixes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenore Gross, Clerk