

**CLERK'S MINUTES
PLEASANT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 21, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustees Katie Gossman, Julie Winslow and Jeff Haenggi were present for the meeting, which was called to order at 6:31 p.m., at the District 3 Fire Station in Rose Hill, Kansas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After the Pledge of Allegiance, The minutes for August 2017 were approved. **VOTE 3:0 FOR.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS

None appeared before the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Audit for 2016 should be finished before the end of October. August had a beginning balance of \$375,595. After all transactions clear, the balance remaining will be \$349,917. Gossman moved to pay vouchers for August, **VOTE 3:0 FOR.**

CLERK'S REPORT

Winslow reported that Propane Central had won the bid for the township's propane and that a credit application would also be completed for them and sent in. She also mentioned the three page questionnaire completed by each trustee privately for the auditor. These are strictly confidential to the audit group only and would not be included in the clerk's files. She hopes for a good audit report but expects something to be said regarding the procedures.

OVERSEER'S REPORT

Phillip Boucher was ill. Jeff Haenggi talked about the report on his behalf. Trees, brush and mowing have been a priority, but Haenggi did mention that when the roads are dry, like they have been for several weeks, it's difficult to grade a road. Apac has been in contact with the township regarding the recent damage of newly sealed chip seal roads, with Apac reporting that there was recent earthquake damage.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Jeff began the trustee's report by stating that the township is currently at maximum frustration with the road grader. We are wondering if we just got a lemon or what. Articulation faults are very frequent and tend to take hours to reset. When these graders go into fault modes, the computer system literally shuts the machine down apparently to prevent more damage. They change parts here and there, and they have installed new software twice so far. We feel the problem is internal to the machine. Another error shuts it down to where you can only drive it two miles per hour back to the shop. Foley Industries has literally been out twelve times since January. Sensors have been replaced and we are tired of the downtime. Clerk Winslow added that it wasn't just this machine, but also the previous machine. We traded for a bigger grader because Foley told us that our CAT wasn't big enough. We are placing our grader for auction for a 6% fee. \$110,000 is left to pay on the grader. We hope to get it sold with a difference of about \$50,000. Both agreed there was just too much downtime involved.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. A motion was made to upgrade current Caterpillar to a John Deere grader. **VOTE 3:0 FOR.**
2. A motion was made to purchase an owned propane tank of either 500 or 1000 gallons. **VOTE 3:0 FOR.** (Haenggi mentioned the possibility of a tax write off.)

OPEN DISCUSSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Questions regarding 170th and when work could be done were addressed to Jeff. In the works is the removal of rock washed into ditches from other areas. Another question was regarding additional chip sealing. Haenggi reiterated how we decide what roads would be chip sealed in the future. Another question came (Rich Ringwald) regarding the possibility of chip sealing Queen Ann's Lace. A lengthy discussion followed involving chip seal processes, ground up asphalt and other road materials. The conversation went back to Foley and all board members commented on the lack of service with Foley, with Gossman reporting that the John Deere dealer will bring out another piece of equipment for us to use if our grader is broken down (requiring longer period of out-of-service in order to be repaired.) Others are apparently having issues with Foley as well. Charles Eaton reported that several years ago a culvert was put in by the township (about eight years) and he still has water issues ruining his fields. He claims the roads are the worst he has seen in 17 years. He reported that the screenings (under Jack Armstrong) put in lasted a long time. Winslow and Gossman commented that we could not keep watering that road all the time at the expense of all of the other roads in the township. Gail Futhey stated that the water, when it is put on, had to be put on very, very slow and in greater amounts. Also discussed was the fact that the quarry stopped making gray rock for about eight months, which forced the township to use cream rock instead, which is extremely dusty. The old water truck is shot. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.