



HIRAM TOWNSHIP 5814 HIRAM 1, HACKENSACK MN. 56452

## HIRAM SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Guests:** Ralph Neil

**Board:** Jim McGill, Jim Zierhut, Dave Morris, Shelly Ganz, Tim Scouton

**Call Meeting to Order:** Jim McGill

**Pledge of Allegiance:** recited.

**Minutes:** *Brandt's request to Hiram Township.*

They ask that the Hiram Board act on one or the other requests. The first request was as follows:

(Brandt's) Hereby requests that the Township claim jurisdiction over the Causeway by exercising its power of Condemnation to establish a Township road from County 71 to Angel Island.

The second request was as follows:

In the alternative, Brandt Family LTD partnership hereby requests the Township obtain a permanent easement from Minnesota DNR over the Causeway to secure legal access to Angel Island.

\*Note: The Brandt's have access to Angel Island, no one is seeking to hinder that.

Attorney Andy Shaw was given the above information, early August.

In the interim, Hiram Township received a letter from the Minnesota Attorney Generals office, stating that both requests from the Brandt's are not legally viable.

Andy Shaw replied. "I would advise the Board to step back and not consider either course of action requested by Brandt's.

M/S/P McGill/Morris to contact the Brandt's, informing them the Board will not act on either request. Noting they have legal access to the waters edge from County 71 and practical access across the Causeway, therefore they have access to their property. Jim McGill and Tim Scouton to work on that letter to Brandt's.

*Advertisement for Clerk.*

Jim McGill created the "help wanted" ad. It was reviewed by all and accepted. M/S/P Morris/McGill to have Tim Scouton place the ad in 4 Newspapers, Walker Pilot, Pine Cone Press, Bemidji Pioneer and Park Rapids Enterprise. The ads will state applications close 09-20-24. M/S/P for the Board to hold a Special Board meeting 09-24-24 to interview candidates, time to be determined.

***Townhall.***

Dave Morris reports that Sourcewell has indicated Hiram does qualify for a grant to be used for the solar array, or Technology for the new Townhall, maximum award is \$50,000, Hiram would be responsible to pay 25% of costs.

Birch Lake Association, the President apologized for not attending the August Regular meeting, he plans on attending the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jim McGill has received the quote from Executive Interiors for tile work, for special order tile quote is \$20,581, for stock tile the quote is \$17,581, this compares to Brian Gray at \$15,107 + tile cost of \$2351, total \$17,458. Discussion turned toward alternative flooring, Jim Zierhut to entertain quotes for an Epoxy floor with anti-slip.

Jim Zierhut, doors will arrive Friday 08-23-24, windows to arrive 08-29-24. Danny Soukup has requested to be paid in full, it was decided to pay him for materials only. The well should be in Thursday 08-22-24.

M/S/P McGill/Morris to contact Freeman to complete a survey on the old Hiram Township property.

Road Inspections, tentatively set for September 14 and September 21.

**Claims:** Dave Morris has a contract and commitment with Howards Driveway to asphalt, suggests that we pay the 10% down today. M/S/P McGill/Zierhut to pay 4 claims, check numbers 6491 through 6494 in the amount of \$22,365. The 4 checks are: Levi Holsapple, royalties on gravel used by Charlie Swenson at the Townhall, Howards Driveway, 10% of total \$1290, Leech Lake Lumber, materials for Townhall \$5500 and Danny Soukup \$15,000 for materials.

**Other:** Dave Morris has volunteered to open the hall on 09-17-24 p.m. for the Cass County "Summer Road Show".

**Adjourn:** M/S/P McGill/Morris to adjourn.

