

BOARD OF CLITHERALL TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2008 EMERGENCY MEETING
5:30 P.M.
EAGLE LAKE CHURCH

The Clitherall Township Board held an emergency meeting at 5:30 P.M. Thursday, August 7, 2008 at Eagle Lake Church. Chairman Donald Davenport opened the meeting at 5:36 P.M.

Board members present were Don Davenport, Lyman Trutna, Dallas Grewe, Polly Berg, Jan Eitzen.

Davenport explained that the meeting was called because some gravel put on the road contained concrete and metal wire that is causing problems with punctured tires.

George Heifort spoke that 170th, 355th, 365th and 160th and South Clitherall Lake Road, Trefoldegah Road are probably the roads affected. He was not aware of the concrete or wire in the mix.

Lavay Thompson presented wire found on 350th, 170th, 350th Ave., 355th Ave., Trefoldegad Road.

Trutna found wire on Crane Lake Drive, South Clitherall Lake Road, 170th, 160th, 180th St East (Same as Crane Lake South).

A spike was found on 190th.

Thompson found bigger rebar and she threw it in the ditch. She has walked these roads before and has never seen this type of debris on the roads.

Gary Thorstenson spoke that he has fixed two tires this week. Thorstenson submitted a copy of his tire repair invoice.

Davenport requested that anyone having a tire fixed find out what was found in the ruined tire.

Thompson asked why the gravel was so dark. George Heifort responded that class 5 can contain black dirt or ground asphalt.

Another resident asked if the township was testing the class 5. Trutna responded that it hadn't been tested.

Trutna responded that Eagle Lake had gotten material from the same plant and was happy with the material.

Another resident responded that the composition on 170th was bad this year he feared someone going off the road. He said he hadn't seen that in the past three years. He stated that there was too much dirt. His mechanic stated that it was packed in the wheel well and was slimy when it was wet.

Another resident stated that the roads were slimy when wet.

Davenport explained that earlier in the year they had pulled in the shoulder and black dirt got on the road, making it slippery when it rained. After that the gravel was applied and bladed and it hasn't rained since then.

LeRoy Anderson read a letter from Jack and Mary Jane Gross. The letter expressed their dissatisfaction with the material that was on the road. He did not turn the letter into the board.

Some discussion ensued about snow plowing.

Bobby Elerts requested the board inspect a culvert by his house.

Davenport told the residents that the board understands the problem and will reconvene to discuss the issue.

Motion by Trutna to recess the meeting until after the Westwood road black topping hearing. 2nd by Grewe. MP/U Meeting recessed at 6:05 p.m.

/s/ Jan Eitzen, Clerk

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Davenport reconvened the Emergency Road Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Davenport stated that he spoke with Seeger regarding this problem. The board will send letters to the suppliers, Central Specialties and George Heifort regarding the problem and request that they fix the road problem. The board will take copies of the tire repair bills.

Davenport is concerned that the magnet will only pick up the top layers of metal and that it will need to be done each time it is bladed.

Trutna suggested that the gravel be removed.

The township can provide copies of George Heifort and Central Specialties insurance.

The board collected bags of evidence collected from residents.

A resident asked about having a checker on site for the gravel.

Davenport asked LeRoy Anderson if he was interested in being a gravel checker. He responded that he would be.

Trutna suggest that next year a gravel committee of local residents be formed to select the gravel supplier. Residents agreed.

Discussion ensued about the composition of the gravel.

The contact for Central Specialties is Joe Minnerath, 320-762-7289. George Heifort contact information is 218-770-7121.

The board is going to have an emergency road inspection, Monday, August 11, at 5:00. Will meet at South Clitherall Lake Road. Will meet with local property owner who had purchased Carl Christiansen's property regarding potential road move.

Grewe made motion to recess meeting to Wednesday, August 13, 5:00 at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church. Trutna 2nd. MP/U. Meeting recessed 8:25.

BOARD OF CLITHERALL TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2008 EMERGENCY MEETING
5:00 P.M.
EAGLE LAKE CHURCH

The Clitherall Township Board reconvened an emergency meeting at 5:00 P.M. Thursday, August 13, 2008 at Eagle Lake Church. Chairman Donald Davenport opened the meeting at 5:08 P.M.

Board members present were Don Davenport, Dallas Grewe, Lyman Trutna, and Jan Eitzen.

In attendance were George Heifort and Joe Minnerath from Central Specialties.

Davenport confirmed that they had both received a letter from Nate Seeger. He asked both to explain their proposed solution to the gravel problem.

Heifort responded he was working on it already. He stated he is getting bolts, screw, nails, but not as much wire. He is not getting too much off the road. He states there isn't much on the roads.

Minnerath responded that he hasn't seen the wire on the road. He stated that the best thing to do is use the magnet to pull the wire out of the road.

He stated that they had worked on the streets in Underwood two years ago and he thinks that is how the concrete and wire got in the pile. It could have been dumped next to the new pile and when the new pile got depleted, he got into the old product.

Heifort states that some of the nail spikes and railroad spike aren't coming out of his pile. He states the only thing in his pile is wire from old sidewalks and curbs and gutters. Culverts are hauled to a demo site and aren't crushed anymore.

Trutna asked if their crushers have magnets in it and Minnerath confirmed they try to get out as much as they can with their magnets.

Davenport asked about crushed asphalt. Minnerath confirmed that asphalt could have been mixed in.

Trutna asked about dirt mixed in. Minnerath confirmed that when curb is pulled out dirt does get mixed in.

Minnerath doesn't want to comment on the specific pile as he hasn't seen the pile.

Trutna asked if the gravel piles were checked as class 5 piles. Minnerath confirmed that it is a wide margin on acceptable class 5. Minnerath needs to look back at their samples and isn't sure where in the range the referred to pile falls.

Davenport asked if Central Specialties has ever gone through a problem like this. Minnerath stated he had not.

Davenport asked about taking all the gravel off the road, but he isn't sure how. Trutna asked about wind rolling gravel to middle and then use a machine to sort out the wire. Minnerath has not heard of such a machine. He stated the only way he knows is to use the magnet.

Resident Bump Sawyer spoke that he had a couple of flat tires on the west side of 78. He states that the gravel has been bladed and run on for about 2 weeks and doesn't think the magnet will pick up any mesh compacted into the gravel, unless it is laying on the top. He is also asking if there are enough passes up and down each road to cover road edge to road edge.

Heifort responded that he doesn't know where nails are coming from now.

Sawyer stated he drives most of Clitherall's road everyday and he is concerned the magnet is not going to pull stuff out of the compacted gravel and the problem isn't going to go away soon. It is going to continue to show up. He has had two flats. He states that he doesn't have the product that punctured the tire.

Davenport stated that claims for tires should go to the contractor, George Heifort.

Heifort asked about how we are going to know if it is the mesh or the nails that are in the road. He doesn't want to pay for damage done by nails in the road.

Sawyer states his opinion is to take the gravel off and put on new gravel.

Minnerath states that if Heifort goes over the road with a magnet he will get most of what is there, as it was only 1 inch thick.

Davenport responded that a lot of gravel was dumped in some spots like a curve.

Heifort states his picking up nails, screws, bolts, but isn't picking up a lot of wire. He feels if he is picking up the other products, he would think he would be picking up the wire.

Heifort states that he will run behind the blade with the magnet everytime it is bladed for a time.

Sawyer doesn't feel that is going to pick up the mesh and solve the problem for many years. He also concerned that they are not passing down the road enough time to cover the entire 20' as the magnet is only 5'. Heifort stated he passes each road 4 times. Once in the center of each lane, then the outside of each lane.

Sawyer asked if he needed the piece of mesh to get his tire repaired. He also asked, if there was only 1 inch of new gravel put down, where are the nails and screws coming from. Heifort thinks the teeth on the blade are bringing them back up.

Davenport asked if some of the nails look new. Heifort stated some are rusty.

Grewe made a motion: the board will collect all the bills (and evidence) due to damage from wire, nails, etc. in the road and the board will submit the accumulated bills to Heifort. This process is agreed upon with Heifort and Minnerath. 2nd by Trutna. MP/U

Trutna explained that the Township insurance company stated the contractor is responsible for the condition of the gravel put on the roads. Sawyer is stating that he feels the township is responsible.

Grewe asked Sawyer's opinion of leaving a snow pack on the road or leaving them bare. His opinion is keeping them bare is safer.

Davenport stated that the board wants to look at Heifort's piles after the meeting. Trutna states he is concerned that any additional gravel from Heifort that residents will be concerned about having more problems. Trutna suggests putting a minimum amount on some spots and not putting any more on for the year. Trutna states that there is a lot of gravel in the ditches from plowing in the winter.

Heifort states the pile was fine on the outside and he didn't find the wire until he got into the middle of the pile.

Trutna again expressed that bills are going to continue to come in if we continue to buy gravel from Heifort, claiming it is from Heifort's gravel.

Grewe stated the material from last year was good material. Heifort states the class 5 is good gravel, without the wire. Trutna states that some residents complained about the quality of the gravel.

Grewe motion: board will continue to get gravel from Heifort after a satisfactory inspection of the piles as to quality and condition of material and after a satisfactory copy of the gravel test for the pile in question. 2nd by Trutna. MP/U

Trutna discussed a tree trimming issue. Davenport mentioned a sink hole in the black top on Country Estates.

Motion to adjourn by Grewe, 2nd by Trutna. MP/U Meeting adjourned at 6:25.

/s/

Jan Eitzen
Clerk, Clitherall Twp