

CLITHERALL TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF HEARING – DISCUSSION OF
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO WESTWOOD DRIVE

August 7, 2008
6:00 P.M.
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The Hearing was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Chairman Donald Davenport. Board members present Don Davenport, Lyman Trutna, Dallas Grewe, Polly Berg and Jan Eitzen.

Davenport explained the process the evening's discussions. Questions were raised at the last hearing about the interest rate charged and Davenport stated it would be addressed at this meeting.

Davenport distributed a spreadsheet with the most recent calculations for the project. He stated it did not include the township share. He told the residents that the numbers presented were not the final assessment, but is the maximum.

The cost per residential share is \$3948.33.

Davenport also distributed a spreadsheet report on the townships borrowing ability. The township is limited to .25% of total market value for long term and short. For short term loan amount the township is limited to 2%.

Davenport explained the calculations on the spreadsheet:

- He calculated the "worst case scenario" in that every resident takes the option to finance.
- The township would not be close to the loan limits.
- The township is limited to making a loan for 5 years and then the interest rate would be unknown, leaving the township taking a risk for the rest of the assessment time period.
- The county divides the principal assessment amount by the years of the assessment and then adds the interest rate to that amount. That means that the payment will vary from year to year, going down as the principal amount is paid down.
- The first payments wouldn't be due until next spring.
- The report compares a "Sample Assessment Calculation" and a "Sample Simple Interest Loan Calculation"

A resident stated that he thought the last hearing resolved that the residents didn't want the road paved. Davenport responded that another resident wanted information about financing by the township. Another reason for the meeting was to inform the residents about other products, specifically Base One.

Davenport informed the residents that the board inspected other roads with Base One. They found that the roads were smooth, but had just as much dust. Other ones that had a chemical applied did control the dust but they couldn't find out what the chemical was yet. But the road with the chemical applied, it was rough, like with pock-marks. Another road had Base One mixed with an oil and rock layer on top. Stabnow stated it would be approximately a little over 50% of the cost of black topping.

Dave Wallace responded that calcium chloride was an inexpensive application. He stated that it was on at Doc Ellingson. He asked at the county if it was acceptable to us and they confirmed that we could use it. He also stated that he spoke with every resident and only a couple were in favor of the black-topping. He wants the petition stating that the residents do NOT want the paving to stand until another petition comes forward stating that residents DO want the paving.

Davenport explained that the original petition didn't include all the residents affected by the road. He also explained that when petition is presented to the board they have to respond to it. The board responded to this petition in good faith.

Nate Seeger addressed the residents. He explained that a decision on a road project is at the discretion of the board. He explained that the board is trying to understand what the residents want for the project.

Davenport presented the original petition: 13 of 23 parcels stated they wanted the paving project, indicating a strong interest.

Wallace expressed concern about when the costs are presented to the residents, late in the process.

Seeger responded that the board is bound by a feasibility process that takes time.

Wallace asked again about putting the calcium chloride.

Sharlene Schmidt stated the roads were not highly traveled roads.

Davenport responded that approximately 7 lots were vacant and for sale. More traffic will eventually be on the road.

Larry Nelson stated that several residents in the county use the calcium chloride.

Davenport researched calcium chloride use in North Dakota. Where it was used, crops will no longer grow. But it wasn't used on township roads.

Davenport stated that the board won't proceed with anything now but will research the calcium chloride.

Dan Woods stated that the calcium chloride can rust vehicles based on internet research. He stated that there are many other dust inhibitor products available.

The board will research the dust control options.

The board has 6 months after the date of the hearing to order the project, according to Seeger. Two of the three board members can vote to order the project. Davenport stated that if something was decided other than calcium chloride, a letter would be sent out.

The board agreed that the paving project will not be pursued at this time based on the resident opposition.

Trutna moved to adjourn the hearing. 2nd by Grewe. MP/U. Meeting adjourned at 7:17.

Grewe made a motion to adjourn the hearing for Westwood Drive at 7:20 p.m. 2nd by Trutna. MC/U.

Janet Eitzen
Clerk