

**SAGOLA TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES [DRAFT]
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Don Minerick called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
The Board welcomed Jim Harris, DCRC Managing Director.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Supervisor Don Minerick, Clerk Julie Roell, Treasurer Robin Begarowicz, Trustee Terry McDonald, Trustee Mike Kroll
Members Absent: None

AGENDA

Moved by Roell, supported by Begarowicz, to add a Discussion Time of 3 minutes each after the first Public Comment and to approve the amended agenda. **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS / Comments Opened 5:32 PM

Between 30-40 township residents were on hand to ask questions regarding County Primary, County Local, and township roads being selected for paving and/or maintenance. The majority of the questions and discussion centered around the poor condition of Turner Road and the use of Turner by STAR Ambulance, Fire Dept. personnel, school bus route, and residential traffic. Turner Rd. is a County Primary Road and should be 100% maintained by the DCRC. Jim Harris explained that the DCRC does not have the funds to fix Turner, but if the township would allocate funding to match \$100,000 from the DCRC, Turner Rd. could be re-paved up to Carey Ave and the EMS Building. Jim Carey, DCRC President, along with Dickinson County Board members and legislative officials are in the process of trying to find grant money and a specific category to place Turner Rd. in order to acquire such funds. Harris encouraged township residents to write letters to the County Board and to our lawmakers to gain their support. He will make available a draft letter that can be personalized by the residents. Other roads discussed were the Sagola streets, Leeman Rd., Byers Rd., Smith Lane. Some townships have agreed to the 50/50 match of funds for road repair from the DCRC. Legally they can offer up to \$100,000 and no more. DCRC will be meeting in October to budget for 2023 road projects. The Board will need to compile a list of projects at the 10/3/22 regular meeting. The residents present were adamant that Turner Rd. be fixed before any other roads that were mentioned. The township has received ARPA funding in the amount of \$113,000 that can be allocated to Turner and with a DCRC \$100,000 contribution, Turner Road could be paved to the front of the EMS Building. **Moved by Minerick, supported by Roell, to allocate the ARPA (Coronavirus Funds of \$113,000) to pave Turner Rd. from M95 up to the EMS Building with a \$100,000 contribution from the DCRC.** **MOTION CARRIED**

Comments Closed: 6:34 PM

DISCUSSION (No longer needed as all present were able to voice their opinions.)

2023 Road Repair List

Road Repair List will include agreement to pave Turner Rd. in 2023, and possibly a Phase II to pave the remainder of Turner to Chelhar Lane if funding can be found.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cory Roell thanked the Board and Jim Harris for putting the health and welfare of township residents as a priority in fixing the road for EMS vehicles.

BOARD PRIVILEGE

Begarowicz encouraged residents to follow through with the letter writing campaign, to attend DCRC meetings, and Dickinson County Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Minerick, supported by Roell, to adjourn the Special Meeting of September 21, 2022, at 6:48 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes Prepared By:

Julie Roell, Clerk

Date