

**Public Hearing  
Furlong Trail Project  
March 25, 2025  
7 PM**

**Members Present:** David Bauer, Supervisor, Karen Bremer, Vice Chair, Margaret Flower, Clerk, Robert Rotty, Chair, Michael Hamilton, Attorney

**Residents Present:** Tim & Jil Spitzack, Nick Schwendeman

This is a continuation of the March 18, 2025 meeting.

**Public Hearing** called to Order by Robert Rotty, Chair at 7:15

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

A letter was read by Chairmen Rotty regarding the changing the grade of the approach on Fischer Ave to Highway 55.

David addressed the issue of the cost of that portion of the road. The rationale for doing this part of the project is that with the boring report the portion of Furlong Trail would need to have a large amount of fill transported a distance. This is costly. By using this to level Fischer Ave. at Hwy 55 it would reduce the cost of transporting the material. Thus, making it cost effective to do the work on Fischer Ave. It would not significantly reduce the overall cost of the project. was so thick that it would have to be hauled a distance. By leveling this portion of the road, it would increase safety of the road.

Mr. Splitzack stated that John Bremer said that we can't control where we get the materials. It does not seem that was what was meant by John. He was referring to the cost of transportation of the fill. The contractor will obtain materials at his discretion.

Mr. Spitzack was questioning how the bid went from \$235,000 for the whole project from the August 2024 public hearing to the current bid of \$242,764.95 for the total project. It was explained that the estimate was made before the borings were taken last August. The boring report revealed that more work was needed

Mrs. Spitzack when the other portion of the road would be completed. We are hopeful that the road will last for many years. She does not feel it is fair for half the

road to pay when the other users are not. They understand that the road does need to be restructured at this time.

Mr. Spitzack reviewed the boring report.

Mr. Schwendman was concerned that if the project ended up costing more than stated here that the homeowners would have their assessment amount increased. They were assured that would not happen since we have a contract, and they cannot increase the cost to the township. No other questions and/or concerns.

**Final Adoption of the plan**-David Bauer moved to adopt the final plan to restructure Furlong Trail from the top of the hill to Fischer Ave. and level Fischer Ave at Highway 55 as per engineer's plan. The motion was seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adoption of Assessment:** Timothy & Jil Spitzack, Robert & Valerie Fritz, Shawn and Paul Lindstrom, Jeffrey McKenzie, Patricia and Daniel Pelava, /dale & Anita Traynor, Jeremy & Suzanne Mattson and Nicholas & Ann Schwendeman will be assessed \$10,000.00. This is payable without interest by August 31, 2025. It can also be paid over ten years as part of your taxes. An interest rate of 6.5% will be assessed and the balance can be paid off at any time. There is a \$50.00 fee collected by the county. David Bauer made a motion to assess the 8 homeowners \$10,00.00 as stated above. The motion was seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Awarding of the Bid and Final Cost of Project**—David Bauer moved to award the bid to Pind Bend Paving Inc for \$185,962.00 for construction costs, engineering costs of 34,087.73 and \$22,715.22 for contract administration, legal costs, contingency cost. This is a total of \$242,764.95 for the entire project. The motion was seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Michael Hamilton will contact Mark Schoenfelder, engineer, with the outcome of the meeting. Mark will contact Robert Rotty and Pine Bend Inc. regarding the contract.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower, Clerk  
Nininger Township

