

Oronoco Town Board
Special Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023

Special Meeting Minutes of Town Board held on **Tuesday October 10, 2023** at 3:30 p.m. at the Minnesota Avenue beginning at the Oronoco Waste Water Treatment Facility, Oronoco, Minnesota.

Members Present: Supervisors Ken Mergen, Joel Johanningmeier, Tammy Matzke.

Also present: Joe Palen (Stantec), Luke Safanski (Fitzerald), Jeff Barton (Stantec).

Supervisor Ken Mergen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was held to discuss the state of Minnesota Avenue South. There is an agreement between the City of Oronoco and Oronoco Township to use the road during construction of the City of Oronoco Waste Water Treatment Facility construction project. The number of construction vehicles and actual construction for the facility would be devastating to road, roadbed, and ditches along the township road. The agreement was that the road which was designed and constructed by MNDOT would be brought back to the original condition during the project.

The main concerns were discussed: Large rocks, culverts, culvert markers etc. Fitzgerald explained that they have a great deal of blacktopping to do in the residential areas of the city while the weather cooperates. The summer climate was also discussed as this year was very hot and dry and not conducive for successful replanting in the ditches. Peoples Co-op and a gas company also ran lines along Minnesota Avenue South with the 19 mile of pipe that were put in along the road. Everyone agreed that People's Co-op and the gas company did a good job of clean up.

Fitzgerald provided the group with a timeline for restoration. 4-6 weeks for culvert markers, additional road repairs, ditch clean up. It is to be noted that this is also weather dependent. A more extensive clean up and road restoration will occur in the Spring of 2024. The meeting ended with an agreement that the timeline was reasonable given the priorities of the project and a confirmation that the road will be fully restored by Spring.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tammy Matzke

Ken Mergen

Joel Johanningmeier