



12956 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Pillager, MN 56473

phone: (218) 746-3652 / fax: (218) 746-3612 / e-mail: [info@sylvantwp.com](mailto:info@sylvantwp.com)

## **Public Meeting Minutes – Baxter Snowmobile Club Trail Move Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

*Note: This meeting was recorded and will be kept in electronic records with the minutes.*

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call:** Chair Booth called the Public Meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Those present at the meeting were Supervisors Greg Booth, Arlene Schmit, Keith Card, Greg Bennett, Bob Johnson, and Clerk Jenna Ruggles. Residents present included Brad Jensen (Baxter Snowmobile Club), Wendy & Dan Jacobson, Lorna & Clayton Morrow, Chuck Herring, Randy Lee, Tim Jensen, Mike & Pamela Hoy, and Bret Mattheisen.

**Purpose of Hearing** is to discuss and take comments on the proposed Baxter Snowmobile Club moving the trail location to go North on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, then East on 125<sup>th</sup> Street SW, and then North on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW to re-connect with the current trail. This trail change is due to a current landowner asking the Club to move the trail from his land.

Supervisor Booth read the Public Notice and Clerk Ruggles entered it into the record of proceeding.

Supervisor Booth welcomed the public then allowed Mr. Meyer time to explain his permit application. After Supervisor Booth opened it up for comments from the public.

Discussion included the following questions and concerns.

- The residents are worried about the safety of children and walkers on 125<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Some residents are concerned for the snowmobiles not staying on the trail – as they will go off to go to restaurants or gas station in Pillager.
- Residents were concerned with some of the road rights-of-way where they are narrow and the groomers would have trouble getting through as well as the snowmobiles; causing them to use the roadways.
- The intersection of 37<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> as well as the intersection of 125<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> are already busy – the residents are worried that this could create issues and cause accidents.
- Other concerns were that ATVs would start using the trail in the off-season and not respect the neighbors.
- Residents expressed that they were not in favor but if it was passed, they would like to see several signs posted – slow, children at play, speed limits, and such.



12956 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Pillager, MN 56473

phone: (218) 746-3652 / fax: (218) 746-3612 / e-mail: [info@sylvantwp.com](mailto:info@sylvantwp.com)

The Board comments included that they are hearing the residents concerns and they also share those concerns. During discussions, there was mention of other trails that could be possible options to connect too. The Board would like to see Mr. Jensen investigate other options for the trail. Supervisor Bennett **moved to not approve and not recommend the snowmobile trail as presented**, seconded by Supervisor Schmit and the motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Bennett **moved to adjourn**, seconded by Supervisor Card and the motion carried with the meeting adjourning at 6:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jenna Ruggles, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Booth, Chair

These minutes were approved as presented on June 16, 2022 by Supervisor Schmit, seconded by Supervisor Card and the motion carried with Supervisors Booth, Bennett, Card, Schmit, and Johnson.

Date: 06.16.2022