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Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2018

ATTENDING: Chair Dan Golen, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, P&Z Director Tim Walburg, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and twelve residents.

Chair Golen had surgery the day before the meeting and asked Vice Chair Connick to conduct the meeting for him. Connick called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. AGENDA: Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to approve the agenda with one addition: Under New Business, add Jane Anderson Donations. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. MINUTES: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting (5/2/2018), LBAE (4/26/18 and 5/7/2018) and Road Inspection Tour (5/14/2018). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/18 –5/31/18). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Additional Treasurer Info: the first half of the property taxes are expected in June; she will submit the first AIS reimbursement shortly. She will not pay the Holiday bill until the FD can track down one missing receipt; The Chief will also ask Holiday about how our fuel discount is calculated.

PUBLIC INPUT

- A. Kehtel Road ROW: Kehtel Road residents Mark Swanson, Dave Kehtel and Dan Urshan were in attendance to get clarity about the township's efforts to get an easement for a portion of the road owned by Swanson and Kehtel. The board explained there would be no physical changes to the road; securing an easement would just officially give the township the legal authority to maintain the south half where the ROW is only 33 feet instead of 66; we have already been maintaining this section for a very long time. The residents were wary of this idea and the potential repercussions (i.e. more public parking in the future); given the residents' hesitation, the board will no longer pursue an easement and will address it again if and when a problem arises.
- B. July 4 Pancake Breakfast: Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, to allow the Pike Lake Association to once again use the town hall parking lot for a free community breakfast on July 4 from 8 – 10 a.m. and contribute \$500 for food and supplies. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- C. Vance Okstad Proctor Baseball: They are still trying to secure a contractor for the scoreboard installation. The board decided the little league can continue to use the township storage shed for the time being rather than allowing them to bring in another one. They will address this situation again after the scoreboard and dugout projects are complete.
- D. Resident Dan Jezierski requested a dead end sign for his road; Supervisor Comnick explained that our policy is to follow the county recommendations for signage. Jezierski also questioned the road expenditures.
- E. Pig Complaint: Resident Jim Viner said his neighbor's aggressive pig comes on his property and is a destructive nuisance. The board will send another letter like we did in 2016; if there is no improvement, Viner should call the sheriff.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING & ZONING

P&Z Director Report: Tim Walburg issued three permits in May and extended Dan Urshan's detached garage permit for one year.

Ordinance Update: The P&Z Commission will likely be ready by September to present their ordinance update recommendations to the town board. Brooks said the majority of the commission believes their current oversight is adequate and they will not be recommending changes to that. Comnick believes allowing CUP appeals to come before the town board will provide better checks and balances. Brooks pointed out that any changes in this regard will need to pay special attention to the testimony process.

Lavaque Unaddressed Homes: The clerk and Golen sent a letter to the residents of 5197 Lavaque regarding the extra residents on the property that do not have 911 addresses. The letter was sent via certified mail; no response yet.

Vehicles on Midway Rd Property: The board asked Walburg to check (without going on the property) if the many vehicles stored on the property near the town hall are in fact licensed and if the residence meets other shoreland property requirements.

B. PIKE LAKE 10K RACE: It went well and the organizers plan to do it again next year.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

2018 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	MAY #'s	Notes	Total for 2018
EMS	13		62
Medical MUA	1		4
Twp Fire	3	Three grass fires	7
MUA Fire	3	1 to Grand Lake, 2 to Hermantown	14
Service	0		0
TOTAL	20		87

The FD had driving class and driving class with Engines 1 and 2 at the boat landing, as well as a fire hall clean-up/maintenance. They plan to work at the airshow again in July. The FD now has 21 members; the newest member is the first female firefighter we've had in a while.

Fire Relief: There was an association meeting two weeks ago. The planned investments are in place.

D. ROADS

2018 Sealing Program: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to move forward with the scheduled scrub sealing projects (Birchway Road, Daniels Road, Wilderness Trail and Lockwood Lane) at a cost of \$63,295 (note: these projects were already approved a while back, but the county just determined the final pricing and wanted assurance that the township agreed to pay that amount for the work; this was actually below the budgeted total). The work is scheduled for June 25 – July 18. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Township Boundary Sign: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to have the county replace township boundary sign on Martin Rd to meet current reflectivity standards, etc. at an estimated cost of \$300. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Lindahl/Sink Rd. Research: This month Brooks contacted MAT to discuss the town's responsibilities in regards to Lindahl/Sink Rd; MAT attorney Steve Fenske explained that since we have not maintained the portion of the road in question in over 40 years, we have no rights to develop it or responsibility to maintain it. This information was passed along to resident Kevin Reisdorf.

SLC Calcium Chloride: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to not use the county's calcium chloride company at this time. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Snowplowing Turnarounds: Nothing to report.

E. RECYCLING

WLSSD is having a shed attendants meeting on June 18 to discuss the upcoming additions of food scrap and plastic film recycling. The clerk will contact both of our attendants to see who can attend.

F. RECREATION AREA

Court Cracks: Sinnott Blacktop subcontractor (Tennis West) will come inspect the cracks in mid-June.

Dugout: The board publicly thanked Roger Anderson, his family and company for their generous contributions to constructing the new dugout; they also acknowledged Brenny-Dahl for supplying the concrete blocks. We will likely contract out the electrical work and finish the roofing soon. The \$12,000 budget for this project was set long ago, so there is no need to get additional approval for related expenditures.

Fertilizer/Weed Control: Motion by Golen, seconded by Comnick, to again apply fertilizer to the fields this year and aerate if needed; we will split the costs with baseball and soccer leagues. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

G. AIS/LANDING INSPECTIONS

Going well so far! In addition to inspecting, the inspectors are handing out educational materials.

H. TRAILS

The board would like to set up a meeting with the Proctor ISD to discuss developing a school forest maintenance plan. The clerk will contact Matt Lind; Connick will contact the Superintendent once we hear back on Matt's availability.

Kurt will also work with trail committee member Andy W. on compiling the necessary paperwork for the Industrial Rd. trailhead. We will discuss this as well when we meet with the school district.

I. CEMETERY

Brooks submitted a number of cemetery sign options for the board to consider. There was much debate on this topic regarding style, price, construction, location, etc. In general, Brooks and Golen were leaning towards the monument style signs but were unsure of the exact style or pricing; Connick did not want to spend as much and was unsure of the durability of the different options.

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to choose option #4, a post style sign (estimated cost of \$1,950 from Sign Decisions + \$800 for Jason Peterson to remove existing columns and foundations). Motion fails 1 to 2, with Connick voting in favor of it and Brooks and Golen voting against it. The board opted to table for the time being and revisit next month.

J. PFC

We received another email update from Major Ryan Blazevic: they are currently working with a contractor on the draft 350-page RI. They will keep us updated moving forward.

K. AIRPORT ZONING: Meeting tomorrow includes a tour of the LSC aviation facility.

{Nothing to report: RSPT, Newsletter, Website, Fine Sharing, LUCA, Goals & Priorities}

NEW BUSINESS

A. SLC COMP PLAN

The board received a memo regarding the upcoming goals and workshops for the county Comp Plan.

B. JULY 4TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Discussed in public input

C. MRS. JANE ANDERSON DONATIONS

The township was notified that Mrs. Jane Anderson, a long-time township resident, left an incredibly generous amount of money in her will for the township: \$22,000 for the Historical Society, \$22,000 for the Recreation Area and \$11,000 for the Fire Department to be used for equipment.

Mrs. Anderson's lawyer indicated that she would not have wanted to be acknowledged with a plaque or any sort of public tribute; just a mention in the official meeting minutes would be sufficient. To say the least, the township is extremely grateful for her generosity.

Motion by Cornick, seconded by Brooks, to accept, on behalf of the FD and Rec Area, the disbursement of funds of Mrs. Anderson's will as described in the paperwork sent by her attorney. Discussion: the historical society is a separate entity (Wilson Spence III signed on their behalf). The checks will be sent once the attorney has received the acceptance forms back from all entities receiving funds. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

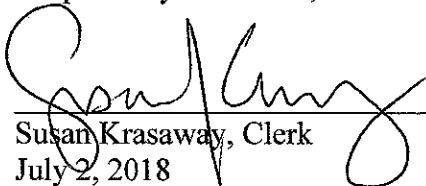
- Duluth & Fredenberg Township newsletters, Lakewood Township forestry notice to their residents
- Notice of a Garlic Mustard (Noxious Weed) community field workshop
- Notice from SLC of a proposed sale of tax forfeited land: 280-0031-00163
- Payroll law seminar notice
- SLC Attorney's Office annual brochure
- Notice that our credit card limits have been increased; the clerk will call to correct.

MOTIONS TO PAY BILLS/ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to pay bills #19845-- and 19889 (#19872 for Holiday will not be sent until receipt located) and MA-2018-8. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.


Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Krasaway, Clerk
July 2, 2018

APPROVED:



Daniel J. Golen, Chair
July 2, 2018