

On Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Town Board Chairperson Greg Anderson called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order. Other Supervisors present were Eugene Stoeckel, Mark Riverblood, John Roxbury, Jr. and Jim Kusler.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Jim Kusler to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2013 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

A motion was made by John Roxbury, Jr. and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve the Financial Report for December 2013 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$296,886.85; total receipts of \$154,138.32; total disbursements of \$12,747.18; leaving a balance of \$438,277.99. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business

The first item under old business was to discuss Ordinance Changes regarding Land Splits. Greg Anderson stated that he feels the issue is not with the ordinance itself but with the way they have been enforcing it. Any parcel that is both 5 acres or more and 400 feet in width, can be recorded by metes and bounds. Anything less than either of those two restrictions, has to be platted. The Board agreed on that interpretation.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to leave the ordinance as is and to use due diligence when applying or interpreting the ordinance. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item was to Review and Approve the 2014 Township Pay Schedule. Mark Riverblood suggested a cost of living increase of 2%-3% for the Clerk, Primary Snowplow Operator, Road Grader Operator and Maintenance Worker.

After some discussion, John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to approve a raise of \$1.00 an hour for the Clerk, the Primary and Secondary Snowplow Operator, Road Grader Operator and Maintenance Worker. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

New Business

The first item under new business was to discuss Todd McLouth's recommendations for road improvements.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to take a look at the roads when they do the annual road tour and then try to come up with a plan to fix the roads that are in the worst condition. Mark Riverblood stated that he would like to see a long term plan from Todd McLouth.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to appoint the following election judges for the 2014 March Township Elections; Jeanette Oakes-Head Election Judge, Connie Wubben-Clerk of Elections, Marlys Sanford, Pat Osterkamp, Kristi Morisset, Carol Carling and Linda Boettcher. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to Appoint an Absentee Ballot Board and Adopt Resolution 2014-1. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to Approve the Town Hall payment to US bank in the amount of \$10,750.00. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to Approve the 2nd half of the 2013 Fire Contract in the amount of \$24,620.00. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to set the Annual Clean-Up day for April 26, 2014. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to set the Annual Road Tour for April 26, 2014. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Open Forum

Larry Ziebarth stated that the Comprehensive Plan was due for an update. He stated that the County has just finished updated their Comp Plan and wanted to know if the Town Board would like to direct the Planning Commission as to whether they would like them to review the Township's Comp Plan. Larry stated that in his opinion, there are some areas that should be addressed.

Greg Anderson asked Larry if he would write up some recommendations addressing where he feels the Comp Plan needs to be updated. Larry said that he would put something together.

Larry Ziebarth stated that he would also like to see a future road plan.

Supervisor's Reports

Mark Riverblood gave an update on the 4R Board.

Mark Riverblood asked the Town Board if they would consider funding the \$150.00 membership fees for 2014 for the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Coalition.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to approve the \$150.00 membership dues for 2014 for the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Coalition. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jim Kusler gave an update on the City of Princeton's Planning Commission.

John Roxbury, Jr. stated that the City of Princeton Fire Dept. moved into the new building.

Clerks Business

The clerk explained that she was notified by a title company that the description for Township Road T-256 is wrong. She gave the information to the Todd McLouth to review and he agreed that it was recorded incorrectly a long time ago.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to have John Roxbury, Jr. look into it further and they would revisit the issue when they had more information. Greg Anderson also asked the Clerk to have Todd McLouth call him to discuss the issue.

Approve Payment of the Bills

A motion was made by John Roxbury, Jr. and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 10284-10313. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Jim Kusler and seconded by John Roxbury, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Larry Ziebarth