

On Tuesday, May 20, 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, John Roxbury, Jr., Mark Riverblood and Jim Kusler.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by John Roxbury, Jr. to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by John Roxbury, Jr. to approve the Financial Report for April 2014 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$366,078.77; total receipts of \$515.29; total disbursements of \$16,054.00; leaving a balance of \$350,540.06. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business on the agenda to discuss.

New Business

Wendy Wicktor and Jim Herlofsky explained to the Town Board that Mr. Herlofsky would like to purchase back a few feet of the lot that he previously sold to the Township. The survey that was done on that lot after the sale discovered that part of the garage on Mr. Herlofsky's lot was encroaching on the lot that was sold to the Township. Mr. Herlofsky would now like to get back a few feet in order to clean everything up and then resell it.

Mr. Riverblood suggested that the Township quit claim a foot of property to Mr. Herlofsky if he pays for the recording. Greg Anderson asked Todd McLouth if it is acceptable to take a couple feet of a platted property and combine it with another. Mr. McLouth stated that would be fine. Eugene Stoeckel wanted to also clarify that the lot would still be non-conforming, and another building could not be built there because the side setback could not be met without a variance. Jim Herlofsky stated that he does not plan to build on the lot again. Jim Kusler stated that was acceptable alternative for him.

Mr. Riverblood motioned to quit claim a foot of property to Mr. Herlofsky if he pays for the recording. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next issue on the agenda was the drainage issue in Balsam Ridge. There were several residents present who voiced their concern regarding water flooding into their homes. The reason for the water not flowing correctly was because a resident tried to redo their landscape and plugged the culvert up with sand, preventing the excess water to flow into a drainage area.

After much discussion Mark Riverblood motioned to have the Township Engineer, Todd McLouth, identify the drainage in the area and see if there are any structures that would be in jeopardy of being flooded before there is positive overflow. Then he can report back to the Town Board at the next meeting. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item up for discussion was the Ordinance Recommendations from the Planning Commission. There was some discussion regarding the hardship issues and the Clerk stated that she had received some information from the attorney that the Planning Commission has not been made aware of yet.

The Town Board asked the Clerk to get some more information from the attorney and then have the Planning Commission look at it again at their next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to review an Absenteeism policy created by Larry Ziebarth.

Mark Riverblood motioned to accept the Absenteeism Policy for Planning Commission members as Larry Ziebarth had suggested. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. John Roxbury, Jr. stated that he had a problem with work being listed as an unexcused absence.

Mark Riverblood amended his motion to accept the Absenteeism Policy for Planning Commission members as Larry Ziebarth had suggested with the exception of listing vacation and work as unexcused absences. The policy will read as follows:

In the event, an appointed township committee member will be absent from the member's committee meeting, the member shall notify the township clerk of the absence immediately. If an insufficient number of committee members cannot attend the meeting to obtain a quorum, the township clerk may be able to make other arrangements for the meeting.

The Township Board of Supervisors shall review and consider for replacement any appointed township committee member who has unexcused absences from three or more meetings in a twelve month period. Illness is an example of an excused absence. The Board of Supervisors shall have the final determination whether an absence is a valid excused absence.

John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Township Engineer Report

Todd McLouth gave an update from the annual road tour.

Mark Riverblood stated that he would like to see a plan of roads to be done in the future. Todd McLouth stated that he could put something together and they will go from there.

Todd McLouth will get bids for Sunrise Addition and will also look into getting gravel on 33rd and 82nd and have the information for the next meeting.

Open Forum

There were no residents who wished to speak.

Supervisor's Reports

Mark Riverblood stated that he liked to see the detailed report from West Branch regarding the work that was done on 110th Ave.

Jim Kusler gave an update on the City of Princeton Planning Commission and also stated that he attended the Mille Lacs County Association meeting.

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the Fire Advisory Board.

John Roxbury, Jr. suggested that the Township send a thank you letter to Bob Gerold for helping with the culvert on 82nd Ave.

Greg Anderson stated that there was a road issue on 110th Ave. It was washed out because of all the rain. He stated that he made the call to get it fixed because it was an emergency. Brian Dahlheimer stated that he was told by Greg to bid the job and it would be discussed at the next meeting. Greg stated that 110th was one that needed to be fixed and the other roads would be discussed.

Mark Riverblood stated that he feels that road was an emergency and he supports the decision Mr. Anderson made.

Justin Johnson stated that if they would have waited until the next meeting and there was more rain, the Township would have been in trouble with the Soil and Water Dept.

Greg Anderson stated that Greenbush Township contacted him to see if they wanted to go halves on putting up some swinging gates on 110th Ave. to shut off the road when it rains so heavily. The Board decided to wait and have Todd McLouth take a look at it to see what else should be done to the road.

Clerks Business

The Clerk stated that she talked to Jim Beck from Greenbush Township and told him that they could possibly rent the reclaimer for \$80 an hour or \$250 a day. The Board agreed with that.

The Clerk stated that her computer is outdated and she could use a new one. John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to have the Clerk purchase a new computer. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The Clerk stated that they have several culverts that are failing. There are 2 on 50th Ave and 2 on 40th Ave that need to be fixed. John Roxbury, Jr. stated that Brian Dahlheimer and West Branch should give a bid to fix the culverts.

Approve Payment of the Bills

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by John Roxbury, Jr. to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 10412-10448. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by John Roxbury, Jr. and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Nancy Moan, Justin Johnson, Brian Dahlheimer, Wendy Wicktor, Jim Herlofsky