

On Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Town Board Chair Greg Anderson called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order. Other Supervisors present were Jim Kusler, Eugene Stoeckel and Mark Riverblood. Supervisor John Roxbury, Jr. was absent.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Kusler and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Jim Kusler to approve the Financial Report for June 2015 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$469,449.64; total receipts of \$5,125.10; total disbursements of \$48,997.30; leaving a balance of \$425,577.44. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business on the agenda.

New Business

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the Temporary Liquor License for Outlaw Grass Drags. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Richard Curott was present, representing Dan & Linda Strunge, regarding 127th Street (the newly adopted road by Bud's Place). Mr. Curott explained that when the Strunges did a landsplit some time ago there was an agreement that there be an easement given to the Township. That was not done formally back in 2003 when the split was originally done. He explained that an easement was granted in 2007 when the actual document was drawn. It came about this spring that the road was never adopted by the Township, so therefore the Board passed a resolution adopting the road. Mr. Curott stated that the road cannot be adopted that way, there is a statutory procedure. The Strunges are saying that the Township never adopted the road by means of buying, gifting or eminent domain and therefore the Township does not own the road. Mr. Curott stated that he had spoke with the Township attorney and after some conversation, was asked what the Strunges actually wanted. He explained that what the Strunges wanted was some dialogue and they were angry that the Township passed a resolution without talking with them. They feel they own the property and the road and the Township only has easement rights with some extent to use the given easement, but not the right to grab it and call it a Township road. Mr. Curott explained that he told the Township attorney to talk to the Town Board and have them talk with the Strunges and get a dialogue going as to how to resolve the issue. He stated that through eminent domain procedure, if the Township took a road they would have to pay damages. He wasn't sure if the Strunges wanted some compensation for the ownership value of the road or if it's something deeper than that, but the Strunges have asked him to assert their position that they still own the road so their rights are on record. Mr. Curott explained that the whole idea was to get into Bud's Place and have the road built up to township standards.

Bud Reese stated that if the Strunges want damages, then so does he, because he is the one that has maintained that road every winter and cut the grass on the sides of the roads for the last 10 years.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Strunges were granted the Land Split upon the condition that the road be taken over by the Township. It was not taken over as soon as it should have, but when the Board realized that because of some road issues that were presented by other residents, the Township acted and adopted the road.

After some discussion, Mark Riverblood motioned to take no action on the matter unless the Township hears from MAT or the Township attorney that more dialogue or something specific is necessary. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to appoint Haley Farmer as Planning Commission member for a three year term expiring in March 2018. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Township Engineer Report

Todd McLouth was not present but there was gravel information to review. After some discussion, Eugene Stoeckel motioned to table the issue of fixing the frost boils until Duane Baker can give the Town Board a list of where the gravel is needed most. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel asked if the repair of the drain tile on 80th, over by Joel Minks, was the responsibility of the Township or Mr. Minks. There was an estimate of \$350 from West Branch to fix it. Mr. Anderson asked the Clerk to contact Todd McLouth for clarification on who should pay for the repair.

Open Forum

Jason Wolfsteller stated that he doesn't think the residents over by 82nd and 33rd Street would be willing to pay for any part of the paving of the roads in that area. It is just too expensive. He asked the Town Board about Calcium Chloride and wanted to know who would pay for it. Greg Anderson stated that the residents would be responsible but it could be coordinated through the Township to get a better price.

Tim Wilhelm stated that he thinks the drain tile they were talking about earlier was actually his land. He stated that he would take a look at it after the meeting. Eugene Stoeckel stated that he thinks the problem is located in the township right of way.

Supervisor's Reports

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

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the Fire Advisory Committee.

Clerks Business

The Clerk stated that there is a staff meeting on August 6th and wanted to know which Supervisor would be willing to attend. Eugene Stoeckel stated that he could be there.

Approve Payment of the Bills

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Jim Kusler to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 10872-10900. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Mark Riverblood to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Pam Klein, Larry Ziebarth, Jason Wolfsteller