

On Tuesday, November 17, 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, Mark Riverblood and John Roxbury, Jr.

### **Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by John Roxbury, Jr. and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 regular monthly meeting as printed. Mark Riverblood requested a friendly amendment to have the minutes reflect two clarifications; page 3, half way down, he wanted the information that he read about a research survey wrote verbatim, and on page 5, half way down, he meant to say 'property taxes' rather than 'property values'. Motion Carried with amendment.

### **Approve Financial Report**

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by John Roxbury, Jr. to approve the Financial Report for October 2015 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$553,795.47; total receipts of \$1,069.00; total disbursements of \$29,558.04; leaving a balance of \$525,306.43. Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Old Business**

The first item under Old Business was to discuss the Rezoning of Rural Residential to Agricultural. Mark Riverblood provided a new map that consisted of the area north of Hwy 95, up to the Ag zone and went around the existing housing developments. The area south of Hwy 95 would remain Rural Residential.

Mark Riverblood stated that he has had no comments from anyone since the public hearing and since the Clerk mailed out about 350 notices to residents, there were only about 1-2% in opposition, and never in public administration does anyone get to satisfy 98% of the populous. He felt that it was incredibly lop sided in favor of rezoning.

Mark Riverblood also stated the in response to creating non-conforming lots by virtue of a rezone, he felt it was a false argument. In the agricultural zone, there are hundreds of small residential lots and a rezone would create less restrictions and greater property rights.

Mark Riverblood motion to rezone the area north of Hwy 95, up to the Ag zone and go around the existing housing developments and leave area south of Hwy 95 Rural Residential. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The second item under Old Business was to Discuss the Road Maintenance Agreement with the City of Princeton. Greg Anderson stated the agreement entailed the Township being responsible for 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 107<sup>th</sup> Ave. and the City being responsible for 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. from its intersection with 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. northward to its intersection with 33<sup>rd</sup> and there terminating and also 17<sup>th</sup> St., west of Mille Lacs Co. Rd 3 and east of 110<sup>th</sup> Ave.

John Roxbury, Jr. stated that he is concerned with 33<sup>rd</sup> becoming an issue with increased traffic because of the new school. Greg Anderson stated that the Clerk spoke with Bob Gerold from the City and there is a clause in the agreement to renegotiate the road terms at any time. John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement with the City of Princeton. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **New Business**

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to schedule the Continuation of the Annual Meeting for August 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to Approve the 2016 Meeting Schedule. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to Approve the 2016 Dates the Office will be closed. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mark Riverblood stated that he would like to do some research on an escrow for seal coating for new residential roads on the fee schedule. Mark Riverblood motioned to table the 2016 Township Fee Schedule until next months' meeting. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item on the agenda was to Review the Township Pay Schedule. The Clerk stated that her medical insurance premium has steadily increased since 2010 when the amount was set for reimbursement for medical, and now the premium is up to \$493.00. John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to approve \$493.00 as the new medical premium reimbursement. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mark Riverblood motioned to Approve the remainder of the 2016 Township Pay Schedule as presented, with no changes from last year. Mark Riverblood stated that the Town Board has not approved a per diem for the Town Board or Planning Commission for at least 10 years. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum**

Tim Lasserre stated that he turned in a building permit for a new home and wanted to make sure there wasn't a problem with that because the rezone would have affected that.

Greg Anderson stated that since his area was not rezoned it would not be an issue and he should just deal with the Clerk for the building permit.

Cindy Amarie asked if the Northern Natural Gas Line that run through properties, prohibited anyone from having agricultural land. Greg Anderson stated that he didn't think so but there may be an easement.

**Supervisor's Reports**

John Roxbury Jr. asked if the Township was ready for snow. The Chairman and the Clerk both stated that the trucks and drivers are ready to go.

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the Airport and Fire Advisory Board.

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

Mark Riverblood wanted to know if the Board supported the minimization of light pollution due to lights that are out of alignment. He stated that it appears that the lights at the Federated Store might have come out of adjustment. He also stated that he can work with the Clerk to send them a letter so they can check into the issue. The Board agreed to send them a friendly letter.

**Clerks Business**

The Clerk reminded the Board that the moratorium for subdivisions in Rural Residential was up.

The Clerk stated that she received a call from Vicky Rosen regarding the variance that was approved last month. She wanted to clarify that there was not the normal one year time limit for it. The Board agreed that there would be no time frame on that particular variance.

**Approve Payment of the Bills**

A motion was made by John Roxbury, Jr. and seconded by Mark Riverblood to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 10987-11014. Motion Carried.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by John Roxbury, Jr. and seconded by Mark Riverblood to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben  
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Cindy Amarie, Cheryl & Tim Lasserre,