

On Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Town Board Chair Greg Anderson called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order. Other Supervisors present were Eugene Stoeckel, Jim Kusler, Mark Riverblood and John Roxbury, Jr.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by John Roxbury, Jr. to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2016 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 December 2016 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$593,676.64; total receipts of \$157,642.03; total disbursements of \$45,791.30; leaving a balance of \$705,527.37. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business

The only item listed under old business was the CUP Request for Pioneer Tree Service, Section 17. The Wimmers stated that they were good with all the conditions. John Roxbury, Jr. stated that he does not feel the condition asking for approval from MNDOT for use of Hwy right-of-way was necessary.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the CUP Request for Pioneer Tree Service, with the following recommendations from Loren Kohnen, Zoning Administrator:

1. Provide the square footage of all buildings.
2. Show how existing pond will be protected from drainage from outdoor storage areas.
3. Provide location and type of septic system.
4. Provide survey showing distance from buildings to lot lines, to certify that some buildings may be non-conforming.
5. Provide approved fire lanes throughout the outdoor firewood and wood area and mulch area storage.
6. The service drive shown must be kept in good condition for use of large trucks and fire fighting equipment.
7. Provide number of employees and hours of operation.
8. Because of the change of occupancy, some buildings or portions of, may need to be brought up to state building code.
9. Any changes to the buildings will require a new building permit.

Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

New Business

The first item on the agenda was a proposal by Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal and Michele McPherson for a permanent recycling dumpster. Jim Gerard explained that he would like to leave 2 dumpsters here all the time and that he would be responsible for keeping the area clean and making sure no garbage is left behind. He would also drop off a can for the Township for their garbage disposal. He stated that if the dumpsters ever needed to be moved, all it would take is a phone call and they would take care of it.

Mr. Riverblood questioned as to whether there would be a screening issue with the dumpsters. The Board did not feel that there would be. Mr. Riverblood also wanted to make sure that the contract is open ended to address any screening or other issues that may arise.

Michele McPherson stated that the County is working on a 3 year contract with Jims Mille Lacs Disposal but their contract with the Township is just one year, which would need to be modified to reflect any changes.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the full time recycling dumpsters with the yearly review. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Greg Anderson stated that the Board would not be discussing the Outdoor Event Policy because the Clerk is waiting to hear back from the Attorney. John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to table the discussion until next month. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item on the agenda was to review the survey for a boundary adjustment for Dan & Linda Strunge and First National Bank. The Clerk stated that the Board just needed to confirm that a land split process is not necessary to correct the descriptions. The Clerk informed the Strunges that they are only confirming that a land split process is not necessary, but nothing else.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to approve the boundary adjustment. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to appoint the following Judges for the 2017 Township Elections; Connie Wubben-Clerk of Elections, Jeanette Oakes-Head Election Judge, Carol Carling, Haley Farmer, Larry Ziebarth, Linda Boettcher and Pat Osterkamp. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to appoint the Absentee Ballot Board and Adopt Resolution 2017-1. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jim Kusler motioned to approve the Town Hall Payment to US Bank in the amount of \$10,750.00. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jim Kusler motioned to approve the date of April 22nd for the Annual Clean Up Day and the Township Road Tour. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Open Forum

There were no resident who wished to speak.

Supervisors Report

John Roxbury, Jr. asked for an update on the sale of the old snow plows. The Clerk informed him that she sold all three the day before. Mr. Roxbury stated that he would like to recommend a bonus or incentive payment to the Clerk for her extraordinary work and extra effort in both locating and getting the new trucks and selling the old ones. Mr. Anderson stated that the Clerk came in on her day off and over the weekend in order to make sure the deal got done and also worked well beyond the normal business hours. John Roxbury motioned to approve a \$1000.00 bonus to the Clerk. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

John Roxbury, Jr. stated that his brother, Jim Roxbury, is no longer the City of Princeton Fire Chief.

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the Fire Advisory Board.

Jim Kusler gave an update on the Mille Lacs County Township meeting that he attended in October.

Mark Riverblood stated that he spoke with Brian Dahlheimer about the brush trimming and he told him to focus on swampy ditches and stay away from ornamental trees and yards.

Mark Riverblood stated that he got a report from the Mille Lacs Emergency Management Director and the damages from the July floods were over a half million dollars.

Greg Anderson updated the Board about the detachment of his property. He stated that the City of Princeton finally passed a resolution to detach 209 acres that the Anderson family recently bought so it could be brought back into the Township. The Clerk explained that a new resolution needed to be approved with shortened land descriptions.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to approve Resolution 2017-2, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DETACHMENT OF PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF PRINCETON AND ACCEPTING THE PROPERTY INTO THE TOWNSHIP, Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried with Greg Anderson abstaining.

Mr. Anderson stated that the City of Princeton would like him to present an orderly annexation agreement to the Town Board.

Clerks Business

The Clerk stated that she was contacted by the MAT lawyer regarding the Strunge case and he has still not heard from the judge regarding the matter.

The Clerk explained that they had a staff meeting and were approached by a couple that wants to turn their barn into a venue for weddings and such. She stated that the ordinances does not allow that but they had talked about whether the Board may want to add the item under CUP's. Mr. Anderson explained that the couple was serious about making sure the building would be in compliance but the only way it would work is to add some kind of description into the ordinances for that use. The Board to look at the information the Clerk provided and discuss the issue again at the next meeting.

Approve Payment of the Bill

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 11506-11542. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by John Roxbury, Jr. and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Paul Ederer, Lisa & John Wimmer, Michele McPherson, Jim Gerard