

On Tuesday, May 16, 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, Mark Riverblood, and Larry Ziebarth. Supervisor Jim Kusler was absent.

Approve Minutes

Eugene Stoeckel stated that there were two corrections that needed to be made in the minutes. The first was that a motion was made to table the appointments and then later when the issue was discussed, another motion was made to approve some appointments. He stated that was illegal and needed to be deleted from the minutes and then be taken up at this meeting. He stated that the minutes cannot be approved.

Mr. Riverblood asked Mr. Ziebarth what his motion was for. Mr. Ziebarth stated that he motioned to table all the appointments until a full board was present.

Mark Riverblood motioned to table approval of the minutes and take the issue up at next month's meeting. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Chairman Anderson stated that they can do the appointments at the next meeting if a full board was present.

Approve Financial Report

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve the Financial Report for April 2017 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$690,789.61; total receipts of \$660.92; total disbursements of \$5,833.57; leaving a balance of \$385,616.96. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business

Greg Anderson stated that both items listed on the agenda could not be addressed because they needed a full board present. The first was the appointment of Vice-Chair and the second was adoption of a resolution. The items will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

New Business

The first item listed on the agenda was Barry Schrieber-Historical Society presentation. Mr. Schrieber presented the Township with two pictures from their Brickton research.

The next item on the agenda was an IUP Request by Dave & Theresa Persing for a Home Occupation-Event Center, Section 04. Mr. Anderson stated that the issue cannot be discussed tonight because a full board is not present, and because the 60 days for the application is coming due, the board can either deny the application for the IUP or the Persings can withdraw their application until the Ordinances can be addressed.

Mr. Persing stated that if the Board only has the option to deny the IUP, they would rather withdraw their application at this time.

Mr. Anderson asked for the Board's permission to let the residents speak regarding the issue if they wanted to. He stated that he likes to hear from the neighbors who are directly impacted by it. Mr. Riverblood stated that he would also like to hear from anyone who has anything additional to what was addressed at the public hearing.

John Hulett stated that he would like to bring up 10 points that he feels are important. (see Exhibit A)

Mr. Anderson stated that all of those issues could be addressed with the conditions on an IUP.

Several other residents addressed their concerns.

After some discussion, Mr. Anderson stated that the board cannot address the issue without a full board so the Persings have withdrawn their application until further research can be done.

The next item on the agenda was to review the addition of the Outdoor Event Policy in to the Ordinances. Eugene Stoeckel motioned to accept the Ordinance. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item up for discussion was the Land Split request by Mille Lacs County, Section 34. Greg Anderson stated that Township ordinance states that they cannot create a non-conforming lot, which is what they would be doing, unless it is combined with an adjoining property. Mr. Cochran stated that combining the property with a neighbor's would be the intent.

Mr. Riverblood motioned to approve the split contingent that the split lot is the subject of a lot combination within 60 days, such that the split is done and the description is given and approved by the Board, the County has the split done, they can identify the cost with the homeowner and do a closing, and the lot combination can be done at a subsequent board meeting. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the recommendation by the Planning Commission on a 90 Day Moratorium for Event Centers and their request for more direction on incorporating Event Centers into Ordinances under CUP's.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Moratorium for event centers is a non-issue since it is not allowed by Ordinance anyway. Therefore, there is nothing to put a Moratorium on.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Planning Commission has requested more direction on incorporating event centers into the Ordinances under CUP's. He asked the Board if they would like to have them continue with that process. Eugene Stoeckel stated that he thinks the people have told them that the issue should not go forward. Mr. Persing stated that this is for the whole township, not just one farm, and he doesn't think it's fair to say that they people have spoken. The Township has 837 households and roughly 2256 citizens and he doesn't feel like it should be a done subject.

Chairman Anderson asked the Board if they wanted to have the Planning Commission move forward. Mr. Ziebarth stated that he feels CUP's belong in Commercial property and not in Agricultural zones.

Mark Riverblood stated that the Planning Commission could identify issues with a bullet point list of when an IUP for something of this magnitude would be appropriate in the Agricultural zone and if they can't identify with certain parameters for an IUP, why keep bringing up the issue. He also stated that in review of the Comprehensive Plan recently, the Ordinances were thoroughly reviewed.

Mr. Anderson asked the Board if they would like the Planning Commission to proceed with putting the CUP/IUP into the Agricultural zone for Entertainment Venues.

Mr. Riverblood stated that if the PC is tasked with identifying the minimum bullet points for finding an event center acceptable within the mechanism of the IUP, they will never come up with that list, or it would be so limited that it wouldn't apply to anywhere in the Ag zone.

Mr. Anderson asked the Board if they wanted the PC to come up with such a list. Mr. Riverblood stated yes but thinks they will not come up with anything acceptable.

Eugene Stoeckel stated that he thinks the issue has already been addressed and does not think it will go anywhere.

Mr. Anderson stated that since the PC posed the question to the TB about whether to proceed or not, he has to give them an answer. He requested a motion to proceed or not proceed.

Larry Ziebarth stated that he does not agree with making a negative motion and since they don't make negative motions, why do they even need to make any motion.

Mr. Anderson stated that the question was asked by the PC to proceed with an IUP/CUP in the Ag zone for an entertainment venue. Mr. Anderson was asking for a no or a yes for the PC to proceed with this route. He stated that the question was directly asked of the Board.

Eugene Stoeckel stated that by not directing them, it is killing the issue without having to actually direct them to move forward.

Chairman Anderson asked Mr. Stoeckel if they did not want to take any action. Mr. Stoeckel responded no.

Mr. Anderson stated that since they are not going to take any action on the question posed from the Planning Commission, they will move on with the meeting.

Open Forum

Tony Erholtz from the Mille Lacs County Sherriff's Department was present to give an update.

Supervisors Report

Larry Ziebarth gave an update on the Fire Advisory Board.

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the Airport Advisory Board.

Clerks Business

The Clerk stated that she was contacted by Bogus Brook about sharing the cost of gravel on 65th Street. Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve half of the gravel for 65th. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel stated that it would be nice to have the reclaimer run on some of the gravel roads.

Larry Ziebarth asked if the Town Board has an official parliamentary procedure book that they follow. Chairman Anderson stated no, he prides himself on not following parliamentary procedure. Eugene Stoeckel stated that last month they had an issue when they tabled a motion. Mr. Anderson stated that was not a parliamentary procedure issue, it was just a mishap and no one realized it happened. Obviously if anyone had noticed it, they wouldn't have done it. Larry Ziebarth asked the Board if they wanted a parliamentary procedure. Mr. Anderson stated that was up to the Board. Larry Ziebarth asked if they wanted to follow one procedure in particular. Mr. Anderson stated that in his opinion, no because he likes a low key, relaxed meeting. Mr. Anderson stated that they can think about it and address it at the next meeting.

Approve Payment of the Bills

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 11630-11655. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Mark Riverblood to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Dave & Terri Persing, Kathy Stoeckel, Barry Schrieber, Barb & Al Bekius, Ron Nuemann, Bruce Cochran-Mille Lacs County Engineer, John Hulett, Joe & Beverly Gourley, Bob & Bonnie Razink, John A. Roxbury, Jr., Joel Minks, Lee Minks, Virgil Schmatz, Doug & Kandy Henchen, Deputy Tony Erholtz