

On Tuesday, December 19, 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**

A motion was made by Larry Ziebarth and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

### **Approve Financial Report**

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve the Financial Report for October 2017 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$728,465.98; total receipts of \$4,953.42; total disbursements of \$11,869.22; leaving a balance of \$721,550.18. Motion Carried with Larry Ziebarth abstaining.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business on the agenda.

### **New Business**

The first item on the agenda was to Adopt Resolution 2017-7 / Mille Lacs County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Mark Riverblood motioned to Adopt Resolution 2017-7 with the stipulation that they get a copy of the new plan. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion for discussion and questioned what would happen if they didn't adopt it since they have not seen a copy. Mark Riverblood withdrew his motion for approval.

Chairman Anderson requested that the Clerk get a copy of the plan for them to review and they can discuss it at next month's meeting.

Larry Ziebarth motioned to Adopt Resolution 2017-8 to Update Fixed Fees based on State Building Code. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the Residential Recycling Agreement with the County. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Larry Ziebarth motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Fire Contract in the amount of \$25,160.00. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mark Riverblood motioned to approve the Annual AWAIR report. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **Open Forum**

Tim Thompson explained that he has a 5 acre parcel in R2 and knows that he does not meet the requirements for a land split because he does not have enough road frontage but he wanted to know if anything else could be done.

Mr. Anderson explained the need for a minimum lot size, such as septic sites and garages, and for road frontage, considering the distance between driveways per County Ordinance.

Mark Riverblood explained that the Board has heartfelt requests quite frequently for variances but the board needs to adhere to the laws and ordinances to be consistent with all of the requests.

Eugene Stoeckel explained that the State revisited the idea of variances and stated that they are really not allowed.

Mr. Anderson explained that a variance should only be allowed in the event of something being taken away from you that is beyond your control. He also explained that flag lots are not allowed in either the County or Township ordinances.

Mr. Johnson asked about splitting off some property and selling it to the neighbors. Greg Anderson explained that his lot could be split only if the property was then combined with one of the adjoining property owners parcels and his parcel with the house did not fall below 2 ½ acres and he did not reduce the amount of road frontage that he currently has since he is already below the requirement.

Tony Erholtz, Mille Lacs County Deputy, gave an update of what is happening in the Township.

### **Supervisors Report**

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the City of Princeton Planning Commission and the Airport Advisory Board.

Greg Anderson explained that the township tractor and mowers will be delivered soon and wanted to know if the Board also wanted to purchase a snow blower for the front of the tractor. The Clerk explained that the Board approved \$110,000.00 for the tractor and mowers and after all the figures were gathered, she was able to save a little bit on one of the mowers and now for an additional \$5000.00 they can add a blower to the package deal. Mark Riverblood stated that if we have the room to store it he feels they should get it because in a serious snow storm it will be needed.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve an additional \$5000.00 for the purchase of a snow blower. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **Clerks Business**

The Clerk did not have any business to address.

### **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 11821-11872. Motion Carried.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Mark Riverblood to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben  
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Deputy Tony Erholtz, Tim Thompson