

On Tuesday, March 27, 2018 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 Larry Ziebarth.

### **Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Larry Ziebarth to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 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 February 2018 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$726,068.05; total receipts of \$5,016.45; total disbursements of \$11,581.89; leaving a balance of \$719,502.61. Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Old Business**

There was nothing listed under Old Business.

### **New Business**

The first item on the agenda was Barry Schrieber from the Historical Society. He explained to the Town Board the improvements that they would like to make to the Brickton Monument and wanted to know if the Board was in agreement. Eugene Stoeckel motioned to accept the improvements to the Brickton Monument as presented. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the road issues on 33<sup>rd</sup> St. and 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Greg Anderson stated that he put the following suggestions in their packet as to how they could handle the petition to pave roads.

1. Find a suitable dividing line and turn the properties over to the City for annexation.
2. Blacktop all concerned roads and assess the cost back to the property owners in that neighborhood.
3. Blacktop those concerned roads and raise the taxes for all Township residents in order to account for the cost of upgrading to asphalt and also the increased cost to maintain.
4. Do nothing and try to do a better job at plowing and grading. We could send the plows to those residents first and expect the rest of the Township to wait until theirs is done first, rather than doing the prescribed route like we have always done.

Eugene Stoeckel stated that Calcium Chloride may be a possibility.

Greg Anderson stated that the Clerk checked with West Branch Construction and an estimate on both 33<sup>rd</sup> and 82<sup>nd</sup>, for approx. 3900 feet of blacktopping would be \$600,000.00. They would have to have a feasibility study done first, at the Township expense, about \$20,000. Mr. Anderson stated that he doesn't feel that the Township can afford that kind of money, so an assessment would have to take place.

Mr. Anderson stated that annexation is a possibility because if they spent that kind of money on those roads, since it is right next to the school, the City may want to annex it shortly after being blacktopped.

Mr. Ziebarth asked if the City annexed the property, would the Township continue to collect taxes. Mr. Anderson stated that it depends on the agreement made. Mr. Ziebarth stated that he does not like the idea of the Township having to fund the project and then be at risk of the City annexing it after a year or so.

Mr. Anderson stated that if they decided to go the assessment route, it would only take one property owner to force it into arbitration, and the feasibility study amount would already be spent.

Mr. Anderson stated that he is looking for direction from the Town Board on how they would like to proceed so they can address the petition.

John Roxbury, Jr. stated that if the road gets paved, the school buses will be using that road. He also stated that Dan and Carol Whitcomb would have to have a cul de sac in their front yard.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Board can think about the options and it can be discussed at the next meeting. He also stated that the taxes the Township receives each year from those properties is approx. \$10,000.00.

John Roxbury, Jr. stated that according to the County GIS, those roads are not exactly where they should be and it will add costs to build the roads where they should be.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to remove Option #3 from the list of suggestions. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the following recommendations for 2018 Donations that were suggested at the Annual Meeting. Mille Lacs County Ag Society - \$1600.00, Family Pathways - \$1600.00, Mille Lacs Historical Society - \$1600.00. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mr. Anderson stated that they initially had 2 Planning Commission members to appoint, however, Cole Wubben has turned in his resignation so they now have 3 positions to appoint.

Thomas Duden motioned to approve Haley Wubben and Kathy Stoeckel for the Planning Commission, with terms to expire in 2021, and Mark Riverblood with a term to expire in 2020. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion. Motion Carried with Eugene Stoeckel abstaining from the vote.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the Union Times as the official newspaper. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Larry Ziebarth motioned to approve Bremer Bank as the official Depository, and if they can't match the interest that Sherburne Bank can, they can move their CD from Bremer to Sherburne. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Larry Ziebarth motioned to approve Resolution 2018-2, Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried with Greg Anderson abstaining.

Jim Kusler motioned to leave all the current appointments of the Town Board Supervisors the same. There was not a second to the motion. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Larry Ziebarth motioned to appoint Eugene Stoeckel as Chairman. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried with Larry Ziebarth, Eugene Stoeckel and Thomas Duden in favor and Jim Kusler and Greg Anderson opposing.

Thomas Duden motioned to appoint Greg Anderson for Vice-Chair. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to appoint Jim Kusler as the Township Planning Commission liaison. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jim Kusler motioned to appoint Eugene Stoeckel as the liaison to the City of Princeton Planning Commission. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to appoint Larry Ziebarth to the Fire Advisory Committee as liaison. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Thomas Duden nominated himself as liaison to the Airport Advisory Committee. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Larry Ziebarth motioned to appoint Thomas Duden as the Weed Inspector. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

## **Open Forum**

Thomas Duden suggested having a facebook page to keep people informed as to when meetings are. Greg Anderson and Eugene Stoeckel stated that the meetings are posted and have never changed as far as the third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Jim Kusler stated that he prefers that the Township not have one, just from seeing what pops up on other local businesses. People get riled up and it just causes frustration. Thomas Duden stated that they could have a page for information and just turn comments off. Eugene Stoeckel stated that if people are interested they will come out of their way to find us and come to the meetings. Kathy Stoeckel suggested maybe they run an ad in the paper to let people know about the meetings.

### **Supervisors Report**

Larry Ziebarth asked the Clerk if her sons were the snow plow drivers and she indicated yes. Greg Anderson stated that they have another backup driver out of Isanti who they sometimes use. The Clerk indicated how hard it was to find drivers. Thomas Duden stated that he has a Class A and is available to drive if needed. The Clerk stated that it always helps to have someone else available. Larry Ziebarth asked if the trucks have air brakes, Mr. Anderson stated yes. Mr. Ziebarth stated that the drivers need a commercial license with air brake endorsement. Mr. Duden agreed. The Clerk stated that there is an exemption for the Township.

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

Greg Anderson stated that the Church that owns the property across from 17<sup>th</sup> St. is looking to add 2 signs to the future cemetery site. The ordinance states that an 8 foot square sign is allowed and they would like to put up 2 12 foot square signs. The Clerk explained that they have a CUP that has a provision for a sign but does not indicate a size so the Board can change that condition on the CUP to reflect the sign size.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to change the CUP for St. Edwards Cemetery to allow for 2 12 foot square signs. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Greg Anderson explained that Karl Bekius, who owns a composting facility out of town, approached him about putting food waste on his dads' and other farmers' properties. The Board agreed that it was acceptable in the Agricultural area. Thomas Duden motioned to approve Karl Bekius to bring in food waste from his composting. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mr. Anderson stated that Lee Minks talked to him about whether the Township would like to hire out the ditch mower, with a driver, for a set per hour fee, for Bogus Brook Township. Thomas Duden stated that he could check into what the depreciation would be for use of the tractor and mower. The Board agreed that they were not opposed to the idea of working with another Township. Thomas Duden motioned to entertain the idea of renting out the Township equipment for the mowing. Eugene Stoeckel 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 Jim Kusler and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 11936-11966. Motion Carried.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Larry Ziebarth and seconded by Jim Kusler to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben  
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: John Roxbury, Jr., Barry Schreiber, Kathy Stoeckel, Mike Trunk