

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Town Board Chair Eugene Stoeckel called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order. Other Supervisors present were Greg Anderson, Jim Kusler, Mark Riverblood and Thomas Duden.

### **Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Greg Anderson and seconded by Mark Riverblood to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

### **Approve Financial Report**

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Greg Anderson to approve the Financial Report for April 2018 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$727,004.12; total receipts of \$15.42; total disbursements of \$13,594.27; leaving a balance of \$713,425.27. Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Old Business**

The only item listed under old business was to discuss the road issue on 33<sup>rd</sup> St and 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Todd McLouth stated that if the Township decides to proceed with an assessment, there are several ways to do it. The Township will pay the costs upfront and the residents will pay it back over a period of agreed upon years.

Eugene Stoeckel stated that at a staff meeting, it was discussed that a good alternative to try, on an experimental basis, would be calcium chloride.

Dan Whitcomb stated that he doesn't see what the problem is because over 80% of the property owners have signed the petition and agreed to be assessed for the blacktopping of 33<sup>rd</sup> St and 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Todd McLouth briefly explained the both the 365 and 429 processes for assessments. He stated that the 429 process is a much more specific and complex process, and the 365 process needs to be initiated by the residents through a petition.

Mark Riverblood noted a comprehensive study from 2014 that the Township had done by Todd McLouth in regards to the maintenance for their blacktopped roads. The annualized cost was \$382,945 which is more than almost 4 times the annual levy of \$110,000. He stated that 4 of the 5 board members live on a gravel road so they are aware of what it is like. He stated that 82<sup>nd</sup> road that was paved by a developer in 2014 is falling apart, an example of the maintenance of blacktopped roads. Blacktopping the roads in the Township means an increase in property taxes. That is why it is not in the Township's best interest to pave roads.

Greg Anderson stated that there is no comparison between the maintenance on a gravel road and that on a paved road. He feels that most of the residents in the township like to maintain the rural atmosphere.

Todd McLouth stated that the residents need to present a petition specific to requesting a service subordinate district (process 365A) to pave the roads, if that is the way the Township is considering to proceed.

### **New Business**

Greg Anderson motioned to approve the sale of forfeited parcels through Mille Lacs County, PID 16-360-0110. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Greg Anderson motioned to renew the IUP for Steve & Crystal Eller for another year. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mark Oleen, from Bremer Bank, explained an option for the Township regarding their Letter of Credit and how deposits are handled and also the rate for the CD.

Mark Riverblood motioned to approve closing the current CD and opening a new one with the better rate and also the Letter of Credit change as long as the Clerk verifies with the Township Auditors, KDV, that it is a smart and secure change. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss Resolution 2018-4, Declining to Regulate Cable Television System. The board asked to Clerk to get some more information and they could discuss it again at the next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to review the road report from 04/21/18. Eugene Stoeckel explained the issues that needed to be taken care of.

Greg Anderson motioned to just have West Branch Construction take care of the gravel and blacktopping since the jobs were not big enough to need bids. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The Clerk stated that West Branch needed clarification on a pot hole that was located near Moonshine. The Board determined that it was on their driveway and is not the Township's responsibility.

The Board requested that the Clerk look into who would be able to remove some big tress on 45<sup>th</sup>.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss Richard Reiman's building permit. Mr. Reiman stated that since it is not really changing the drain field, he would like to change the septic design to have a box system around it. Greg Anderson stated that because the MPCA will not submit a letter approving a box system, the permit was granted for a mound system and that is what needs to be installed. The windows also need to meet code for size requirements. Everyone has to follow the same rules and the items need to be completed to code and as the permit stated.

After some discussion, Eugene Stoeckel stated that until the septic and windows can be completed, the certificate of occupancy cannot be granted.

### **Open Forum**

There were no residents who wished to speak.

### **Supervisors Report**

Greg Anderson asked how the staff meeting went with Scott Moller and his request for a rezone. Eugene Stoeckel stated that he was made aware that the Township was not interested in rezoning. Mr. Anderson stated that Mr. Moller was told by the realtor before he even bought it that the property was Ag and could not be developed.

Mark Riverblood stated that he attended the Annual Weed Inspector training at the County.

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the Airport Advisory Committee.

### **Clerks Business**

The Clerk stated that there is an opening on the Planning Commission and that she will be running an ad for the position.

The Clerk said that the City of Princeton would like to know who could participate on the Fire Advisory Board. The Clerk will get some more information as to when the meetings are and would let them know at the next meeting.

The Clerk stated that she was approached by the Grader Operator about building an addition onto the Town Hall garage for cold storage to house some of the extra equipment. She contacted Latcham Lind, since they were the ones that built the previous addition, to see how much it would cost. She stated that it would cost \$16,761.33 for a 14 x 49 addition off the south wall. Thomas Duden stated that he thought it would be a good idea to get another bid. Thomas Duden motioned to get a second bid before they proceed. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **Approve Payment of the Bills**

A motion was made by Jim Kusler and seconded by Mark Riverblood to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 12000-12027. Motion Carried.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Greg Anderson and seconded by Mark Riverblood to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben  
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Dan Whitcomb, Todd McLouth, Dave & Theresa Persing, John Roxbury, Jr., Mark Oleen, Joel Minks