

On Tuesday, June 19, 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 Thomas Duden and seconded by Greg Anderson to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Jim Kusler to approve the Financial Report for April 2018 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$713,425.27; total receipts of \$5,298.22; total disbursements of \$23,458.58; leaving a balance of \$695,264.91. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business

The only item listed under old business was to discuss the Resolution 2018-4 Declining to Regulate Cable Television System. The Clerk explained that there were no contacts listed so she could not get any further information. Thomas Duden motioned to table the issue until such time we hear further feedback. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

New Business

Chairman Eugene Stoeckel stated that they had 2 individuals interested in the Planning Commission position. One was Dave Persing and the other was Tanya Lundberg. A vote was cast and Tanya Lundberg was selected as the new Planning Commission member with a 3-2 vote.

Jim Kusler motioned to approve the first half on the Fire Contract in the amount of \$26,240.00. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel stated that they still need to appoint someone to the Fire Advisory Board. Mark Riverblood motioned to discuss all the appointments at the July meeting. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mark Riverblood motioned to approve 2 outdoor events for the Long Siding Bar & Grill subject to the Clerk's discretion as to the time of the events. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jim Kusler motioned to approve the Temporary Liquor License for the Outlaw Grass Drags. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Open Forum

Dan Whitcomb stated that he is submitting a petition for road improvement since the Town Board directed them to follow the Subordinate Service District petition method. He said there are 31 landowners in the area and all of them had been contacted, and 76% has signed the petition. He stated that Debi Talley was the only one that did not support it and the others that did not sign were still thinking about it. They are requesting that gravel be brought in by the Township. They would also like a 20 year bond to pay for it with equal partition of assessments for all the property owners. Mr. Whitcomb also stated that they are in negotiations for the School District to pay for their fair share. He stated that every landowner was given a copy of Statute 365A and a copy of the petition. They were also explained to that they would, based on the high estimate that the Township Engineer gave, have an assessment with a 20 year bond which would be \$350-500 per property owner per year. He also stated that they would like the Township to put in some money of their own from the general tax money for general road use. Mark Riverblood asked if the area was clearly defined in the petition. Mr. Whitcomb said it was. Eugene Stoeckel acknowledged receipt of the Petition.

Michele Anderberg stated that she is concerned because Mr. Duden has a theft conviction. Mr. Duden stated that it is only a misdemeanor. Ms. Anderberg asked the Chairman if he knew about it. Eugene Stoeckel stated that it is a misdemeanor and he loses no rights and it is the same as if someone had a traffic ticket and paid for it. Ms. Anderberg was concerned because he is representing the Township and the Chairman knew about it.

Thomas Duden explained that he is still a lawn mower salesman at a dealership. Ms. Anderberg stated that he was convicted of stealing a very expensive lawn mower. Mr. Duden explained that he was going through a divorce at the time and working for a customer off the clock and since that customer could not pay him cash anymore, he sold the customer a lawn mower in exchange for working for him.

Mr. Duden stated that he is not saying he is innocent. He went to court and plead guilty because his lawyer told him it would cost him more money going through court than just paying the \$600 fine. He had already paid \$6000.00 in restitution, which he paid when he figured out what happened.

Michele Anderberg wanted to know why Eugene Stoeckel and Thomas Duden were hiding this when it was all going on during election. Eugene Stoeckel stated that it was already done and over. Dan Whitcomb stated that the report was during the elections but the felony was not. Greg Anderson stated that it was plea bargained down from a felony. Dan Whitcomb stated that people get in these situations all the time, these misdemeanors.

Thomas Duden explained that his employers are aware of the situation and he has kept them informed every step of the way. He stated that he feels like this is witch hunt and they had already went after his family. They were attacked at the last meeting and he is being attacked at this meeting, and they went after Larry (Ziebarth). Greg Anderson asked how they were coming after his family. Thomas Duden asked Mr. Anderson if he threaten Richard Reiman by saying that they would send the sheriff to evict him out of the house. Greg Anderson asked when he said that. Thomas Duden stated that it was when Richard came to settle up with him and he told Richard that he was no longer welcome in his shop. Greg Anderson stated that he never threatened to send the sheriff. Thomas Duden said that it was because he sent Eugene Stoeckel to do it. Greg Anderson stated that Eugene Stoeckel is the Chairman and it is his responsibility. Greg Anderson stated that he never said that to Richard Reiman and no matter what has happened in the last several months, he respects Richard and loves him like a brother. He stated that he never did or never would say that to him. Greg Anderson stated that he has no authority to threaten anyone. Thomas Duden asked Greg Anderson if he threatened him after the election. Greg Anderson asked Mr. Duden what he threatened him with. Thomas Duden stated that Mr. Anderson said the election was dirty. Greg Anderson stated that it was dirty and underhanded.

Thomas Duden wanted to know if that was how they spend the Clerk's time by digging up dirt. He asked if they followed Roberts Rules of Order. Mr. Anderson stated no. Mr. Duden said that someone came into the Township and wanted to be on the Board and makes a plea bargain for it and yet Mark Riverblood is appointed with no ballots or no open forum. He stated that all the boards he has been on have followed Roberts Rules of Orders and he feels like it is the Wild West up here. He stated that they just appoint people when they want to and do whatever they want to do.

Thomas Duden stated that he was irked a little because the Clerk contacted his probation officer. The Clerk stated that the reason she had to check into it is because it was brought to her attention that Mr. Duden was not allowed to vote, as a stipulation on his probation. She stated that she is the voting official, the Clerk of Elections, and she needs to know if someone is unable to vote. She explained that it is her responsibility and she cannot just let someone come in and vote when they are not allowed to. The Clerk stated that she had an obligation to verify the information. Dan Whitcomb stated that the information is verified by the County, not by the Clerk, that anyone with a misdemeanor can vote, only felony convictions cannot. The Clerk stated that the court documents specifically stated that he could not vote, she already knows that felons cannot vote. Greg Anderson explained that the court paperwork stated that Mr. Duden lost his rights to vote and possess firearms. He also explained that it was an error that the Clerk later discovered but the court papers stated otherwise.

Marcia Anderson asked if it wouldn't be beneficial to have someone fill in on the Fire Advisory Board until someone can be appointed. Mr. Riverblood stated that the reason he motioned to table the appointment is because it was addressed at earlier meetings that actions were taken without the items being on the agenda. He stated that his earlier motion was to look at all Township appointments at the July meeting. That will give the Town Board members a chance to look at their schedules and the various Boards and the representation

that they are appointed to. Greg Anderson stated that maybe someone should attend the Fire Advisory meeting to serve as representation. Mr. Stoeckel said that he could attend the next meeting.

Supervisors Report

Greg Anderson stated that the DNR owns enough property around Rice Lake and they have requested that Mille Lacs County abandon Ditch #1 and then block up the ditch. He explained how that would affect the Township. He also stated that they need to tell the County not to abandon the ditch and just leave it open and do nothing. Chairman Stoeckel stated he thought it would be a good idea to have the Township send a letter to the County.

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

Thomas Duden asked about the status of the potholes and trees that West Branch was authorized to do. The Clerk stated that all of the potholes have been taken care of, the reclaiming is now complete so now the graveling can be started. The mowing will start now since the reclaiming is done. She stated that Mr. Stoeckel said the trees on 45th that were discussed are not dead and do not need to be removed. Mr. Duden stated that one tree is dead and needs to go. The Clerk stated that she would have someone take a look at. The Clerk also stated that the pothole by Moonshine is actually on the Township road so it needs to be filled.

Thomas Duden motioned to have West Branch Construction continue on and finish the items that were previously discussed. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Clerks Business

The Clerk had nothing else to address.

Approve Payment of the Bills

A motion was made by Greg Anderson and seconded by Jim Kusler to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 12028-12063. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Thomas Duden and seconded by Mark Riverblood to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Dan Whitcomb, Dave Persing, John Roxbury, Jr., Eldon Johnson, Marcia Anderson, Michele Anderberg, Steve & Nancy Moan