

On Tuesday, July 17, 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 June 19, 2018 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

A motion was made by Greg Anderson and seconded by Jim Kusler to approve the Financial Report for June 2018 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$695,264.91; total receipts of \$7,393.03; total disbursements of \$66,184.52; leaving a balance of \$636,473.42. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business

The only item listed under old business was to discuss the Town Board Supervisors Appointments. Mark Riverblood stated that he had an opportunity to think about all the appointments and has come up with some findings of facts (Exhibit A) that he feels are important. Mark Riverblood motioned that, effectively July 18, 2018, Eugene Stoeckel would be appointed to serve on the Fire Advisory Board, Thomas Duden would be appointed to serve on the City of Princeton's Planning Commission, Mark Riverblood would serve as the Weed Inspector, Jim Kusler would be appointed Vice Chairman and also continue to serve as the Township Planning Commission Liaison and Greg Anderson be appointed the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Eugene Stoeckel asked if there was a second. Thomas Duden objected to the motion. Mr. Duden asked where in the bylaws is it that they put people into office whenever they feel like it and why are the positions being changed. Mr. Riverblood stated the Township does not have any bylaws and appointments can be made at any time. He stated that when the position of Fire Board was brought up at the last meeting, he requested that everyone review the appointments and discuss it at this meeting. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Thomas Duden stated that he is flat out saying that he is not going to serve as a Princeton Planning Commission member. He has enough going on with the farm, and his real job and his family and he does not have the time to commit to one more thing. Greg Anderson stated that he could probably attend the Fire Advisory meetings. Thomas Duden stated that he doesn't see why Mr. Anderson is being brought back into the position of Chair. Jim Kusler stated that the original position appointments were made by a different population of the Board members and there has since been a change of personnel. Thomas Duden stated that if they are going to appoint offices at any time he feels that there should be something in writing. Mark Riverblood stated that he put everything in writing so the Town Board Supervisors could see exactly what his logic and observation was. He also stated that when they sign on for Town Board Supervisor, there are certain obligations that come with it and they are all busy, but they need to make the time and it is more than just one meeting a month. Greg Anderson stated that he could try the Fire Board position and Eugene Stoeckel stated that he would do the City Planning Commission Liaison. Mark Riverblood amended his motion to have Greg Anderson serve as the Fire Advisory Liaison and have Eugene Stoeckel serve as the City Planning Commission Liaison. Jim Kusler seconded the motion to amend the original motion. Thomas Duden stated that they should be voting on the appointments separately instead of lumping them into one motion. Greg Anderson stated that for the last 20 years it has always been in one motion and it has not been a problem. Motion Carried to amend the original motion. Motion to appoint Greg Anderson to the Fire Advisory Board, Eugene Stoeckel to the City Planning Commission, Jim Kusler to the Township Planning Commission, Mark Riverblood as the Weed Inspector, Jim Kusler as the Vice Chairman and Greg Anderson as the Chairman carried with no opposition.

New Business

Jan Jude introduced herself and informed the Town Board that she was running for Mille Lacs County Attorney.

Jim Kusler motioned to approve the following election judges: Clerk of Elections-Connie Wubben, Head Election Judge-Jeanette Oakes, Election Judges-Pat Osterkamp, Linda Boettcher, Carol Carling, and Kaitlin Kittock. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Open Forum

Nancy Moan wanted to know if the Township has finished verifying the signatures on the road petition. The Clerk stated that it will be completed this Thursday, the 19th.

Supervisors Report

Mark Riverblood gave an update on some weeds on 50th.

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the Airport Advisory Committee.

Thomas Duden asked about the status of the dead tree on 45th. The Clerk stated that Midwest Tree has us scheduled to take care of several trees. Mr. Duden asked about the grading on Brickton Rd. The Clerk stated that she told the Road Grader Operator about it and he was going to take care of.

Clerks Business

The Clerk informed the Board that all the mowing along the Township roads was completed and the graveling should be completed within the next couple weeks.

The Clerk stated that she has been working on the petition and because the 30 day timeline will not fall within the next meeting date, they need to schedule a special meeting. The Board chose a date of August 15th at 7:00 p.m. to hold the special meeting and public hearing. The Clerk stated that she would inform all of the residents of the public hearing with a letter. The Clerk stated that she can contact Couri-Ruppe attorneys if Rinke-Noonan is not capable of handling this process.

Greg Anderson motioned to have representation by an attorney on the August 15th meeting. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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 12064-12090. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Jim Kusler and seconded by Greg Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Dave Persing, Steve & Nancy Moan