

On Tuesday, February 19, 2019 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 and Jim Kusler. Supervisors Thomas Duden and Mark Riverblood were absent.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Jim Kusler to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

A motion was made by Jim Kusler and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve the Financial Report for January 2019 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$782,571.37; total receipts of \$34,775.91; total disbursements of \$15,821.76; leaving a balance of \$801,525.52. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Meeting Protocol

Jim Kusler presented some suggestions for proper meeting protocol to increase the efficiency of Township Commission and Board meetings and to assure agenda items are thoroughly addressed in a reasonable time.

Old Business

There was no old business on the agenda.

New Business

Greg Anderson gave the results from the Special Election regarding the Subordinate Service District. Out of 53 voters, 25 cast a ballot, with 19 against the creation of the District and 6 in favor. The Board of Canvass met on February 13th to certify the results. Mr. Anderson stated that he plans to recommend to the Board that they do some extra graveling on those roads involved.

The Supervisors reviewed the recommendations from the Planning Commission on some changes to the Ordinances regarding road frontages and cul-de-sacs. Eugene Stoeckel motioned to have the Planning Commission proceed with a public hearing. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jim Kusler gave an update on the verbal harassment accusation against the Township Chairman. He stated that Officer Tokar did an investigation. The Officer spoke with Larry Ziebarth, who did not want to file any report. He also spoke with Thomas Duden who told the officer that he had documentation in writing on his computer in Rogers MN. Mr. Duden told the officer that he would get the information so the report could be finished. That information was never submitted therefore the report was closed.

Greg Anderson asked the Board to consider the possibility of hiring an Infrastructure Manager to take care of all the road issues. Jim Kusler stated that the Township should have a single point of contact for all of the road concerns.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve Resolution Ordinance 2019-1; An Interim Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Event Venues and Certain Home Occupations within the Ag-1 Zoning District in Princeton Township. Jim Kusler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Any Other Business

Greg Anderson gave an update on the Fire Advisory Board and stated that the City is looking to purchase new trucks. He stated that this issue needs to be brought up at the Annual Meeting so the electorate can discuss the issue.

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

The Clerk stated that she checked with the League of Women Voters and there was not enough time to do a candidates forum before the next election.

The Clerk stated that the furnace in the garage is no longer working and she got a bid from Ace Heating to replace it for a cost of approximately \$3600.00. Jim Kulser motioned to replace the furnace in the garage. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Jim Kusler presented changing Open Forum to public comment by having the public fill out a form prior to the meeting, addressing their concern, so the Board can prepare an appropriate response. This was being presented because the meetings have become out of control. Joel Minks stated that he was not happy about that and feels it is a bad idea.

Dave Persing stated that his application for an IUP was returned to him and he would like information on how to file an appeal. Igor Lenzner, attorney from Rinke Noonan, stated that he would just need to put his request in writing.

Eugene Stoeckel stated that he disagrees with having public comment and feels the Township should still have Open Forum.

Approve Payment of the Bills

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Jim Kusler to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 12310-12351. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Jim Kusler and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Joel Minks, Dave Persing, John Roxbury, Jr., Mille Lacs County deputies (2)