

On Tuesday June 18, 2019 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, Bill Whitcomb, Dave Persing and Thomas Duden.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Thomas Duden and seconded by Greg Anderson to approve the amended minutes of April 16, 2019. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Greg Anderson to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 regular monthly meeting with the correction of the reference to the Township, not the County, website. Motion seconded by Eugene Stoeckel. Motion Carried.

**Approve Financial Report**

A motion was made by Greg Anderson and seconded by David Persing to approve the Financial Report for May 2019 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$727,744.10; total receipts of \$5,096.50; total disbursements of \$14,836.76; leaving a balance of \$718,003.84. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sherriff's Report** Tony Erholtz gave an update on the calls in the Township and also on an anticipated program geared toward senior citizens.

**Old Business**

**Zoning Clarification from Planning Commission on small lots-Shelly Lumley.** The PC's recommendations were that although the lots are only 1 acre, under the current required 2.5 acres, they were intended to be buildable lots and are grandfathered in because they were created before the Ordinance was changed. Greg Anderson motioned to accept the PC's findings. David Persing seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Discussion on Website.** There was some discussion as to what information would be posted, and whether to post it on the County website or develop its' own. Greg Anderson motioned to continue using the County website and expand it to include whatever the Board would like. Bill Whitcomb would like to look at getting their own website because the current site is not easy to access and navigate on either the computer or a cell phone. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Dave Persing motioned to have the Clerk do some research comparing the County website to a standalone website. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried with Greg Anderson opposing.

**Discussion on Special Event Ordinance.** Bill Whitcomb would like the Special Event Ordinance to be more consistent with the Outdoor Event Checklist. Bill Whitcomb motioned to have the Planning Commission research the Ordinance and Checklist and also look at how private events are defined. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Discussion on Recording Board Meetings.** There was some discussion as to whether to record the Board meetings or not. Dave Persing motioned to have the Clerk look into whether the County website is capable of an audio/video recording. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried after following amendment.

Bill Whitcomb motioned to amend the request by Thomas Duden for the Clerk to look into whether a standalone website could handle an audio/digital recording. Thomas Duden seconded the amendment. Motion Carried.

**Road Report.** Bill Whitcomb stated that he contacted West Branch Construction and gave them the list of pot holes to be fixed. He also reviewed the road reports that he prepared. Eugene Stoeckel asked how much graveling needs to be done. Bill Whitcomb stated that the Road Grader pulls from one side and piles it in the middle and then spreads it out and the washboards are just getting filled in and then they're back in 5 days. Mr. Whitcomb asked if there was possibility. When's the last time we had anybody go to training, have we had anybody in the last. Greg Anderson stated that he thought it was when he worked for the County, because he's been grading for 40 plus years. Mr. Anderson stated that they've considered getting a packer in the past because it makes a real difference. Bill Whitcomb stated that the roads are getting wider and they need to be reshaped and pulled from the ditches,

not just reclaimed. Mr. Whitcomb thought calcium chloride would help on some of the roads. Bill Whitcomb stated that 54<sup>th</sup>, north of Shooters, the road is all sand but the residents are happy with it. Dave Persing stated that the residents maintain it. The Clerk stated that was not a township road. Eugene Stoeckel stated only 54<sup>th</sup> south of Shooters.

Eugene Stoeckel stated that they need to take care of the potholes.

Bill Whitcomb stated that the corner of Brickton road has had rollovers. Eugene Stoeckel stated that they have tried to correct that in previous years but nothing seems to work.

Bill Whitcomb asked if the Township had a retro-reflectivity meter. Eugene Stoeckel stated that when they bought all new signs, the Board opted to put themselves in charge of maintaining the signs.

Bill Whitcomb asked if he should contact West Branch so they can look at the graveling issues. Greg Anderson stated that they normally contact West Branch and Duane Baker, Road Grader Operator, to see which roads need gravel the worst and how much is needed.

Greg Anderson motioned to repair the pot holes first and then work with Duane and West Branch on repairing gravel as needed and report back next month to see if another project can be taken on. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **New Business**

**IUP recommendation from Planning Commission-Lifestyle Tint, Section 25.** Greg Anderson motioned to approve the IUP for Home Occupation-Lifestyle Tint/Cory & Jamie Voight, Section 25, with the following conditions recommended by Todd Geske: 1.) As required, no employees are allowed, only persons occupying the residence are to be allowed to conduct the business at the above-mentioned address. 2.) No outdoor storage of products, material, or inventory is permitted, including dumpsters. Dumpster as detailed must be stored indoors. 3.) Hours of operation as detailed must be reviewed and approved by the Town Board of Supervisors. Stated hours are from 10am - 9pm, 7 days a week. 4.) Annual review of the I.U.P. to be conducted by the Township Clerk/Administrator at no extra charge. 5.) Upon sale of the property, the use and I.U.P. are not transferable and will be forfeited. 6.) With any signed, written complaints, the I.U.P. may be reviewed by the Town Board for possible suspension or revocation. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Outdoor Event-Knights of Columbus.** Thomas Duden motioned to approve a car show/bbq competition on August 17<sup>th</sup> for the Knights of Columbus. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Temporary Liquor License – Knights of Columbus.** Greg Anderson motioned to approve the temporary liquor license for the Knights of Columbus for August 17<sup>th</sup>. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Outdoor Event – Moonshine Bar & Grill Car Show/Burnout Contest.** Thomas Duden motioned to approve a car show/burnout contest for Moonshine Bar & Grill on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Outdoor Event – Long Siding Bar & Grill.** Greg Anderson motioned to approve the outdoor event for Long Siding Bar & Grill, a car show on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Dave Persing seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Complaint on Barking Dog – Ron Gensler.** The Clerk stated that Mr. Gensler wanted the item removed from the agenda.

**Zoning Administration – Metro West Resignation.** Eugene Stoeckel asked Todd Geske from Metro West if he has worked with The Planning Company. Mr. Geske stated that he has worked with Dan Licht in the past and feels that he would be a suitable replacement. Mr. Geske stated that he would also stay on as Building Inspector. Eugene Stoeckel stated that they also received a letter of interest from Loucks & Assoc. for Zoning. Dan Licht from The Planning Company introduced himself and explained his services. Thomas Duden stated that he feels their rates are fair. Greg Anderson asked about the length of the contract. Mr. Licht stated that it is just month to month. Thomas

Duden motioned to appoint The Planning Company as the new Zoning Administrator. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Contract Review for Attorney, Building Inspection & Engineering.** Eugene Stoeckel asked the Board if they wanted to continue with getting Statements of Qualifications for new contracts or continue with the current contracts. Greg Anderson stated that he is happy with the current contracts. Dave Persing stated that he feels the contracts need to be reviewed. Dave Persing motioned to review the contracts and see the qualifications and look at alternatives for Building Inspection, Attorney and Engineering. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Eugene Stoeckel asked if they were going to draw up new qualification requests and where they would post. Dave Persing withdrew his motion. Bill Whitcomb withdrew his second.

Dave Persing motioned to table the request for qualifications until next month so they can find a template to use. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The Clerk wanted verification of the information they are requesting. She did not find a sample Request for Proposal and the example she gave was 5 pages long with detailed requests so she just wanted direction on what information they wanted. Dave Persing and Bill Whitcomb stated they would work on something for the next meeting.

**Discussion on Agenda Preparation.** The Clerk sent a memo asking for direction on how to prepare the agendas since she was getting late requests to add many items to the agenda. Normal procedure was to review the items with the Chairman the day before the agenda went in the mail. After some discussion the Board agreed to have the agendas items to the Clerk the Thursday before agendas are reviewed and to continue reviewing the items with the Chairman.

**Separate cul-de-sac discussion from lot frontage discussion (Bill Whitcomb).** Bill Whitcomb stated that he would like to see the two discussion items separate from one another. John Roxbury, Jr. stated that the issues were already separated at the last Planning Commission meeting.

**Moratorium Discussion (Dave Persing).** Dave Persing stated that Moratorium are just poor planning and he would like to revisit the Comprehensive Plan and the Ordinances. There was some discussion regarding the pros and cons of cul-de-sacs. Dave Persing motioned to eliminate the Moratorium on cul-de-sacs because he feels it's ridiculous. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried with Greg Anderson and Eugene Stoeckel opposing.

**Karen Onan- ECRDC-Comprehensive Plan/Ordinances (Dave Persing).** Bob Voss from ECRDC explained that he was invited by Mr. Persing since there was interest in updating the Ordinances and Comp Plan. He explained his services and said they would be interested in working with the Township if they chose to. He also stated that the Comp Plan is good and can tell a lot of thought went into it.

**Discussion on how the flow of Township information submitted to Township hall is passed to the supervisors. Simply put who gets informed and when on subjects/ inquiries discussed with the Clerk and other employees. If any issue arises and any supervisors are notified other than the Chairman it would be best practice if all supervisors are notified (Dave Persing).** Eugene Stoeckel stated that the Clerk cannot contact all the Supervisors every time she gets an inquiry because nothing will get done and that could be a violation of open meeting law depending on who would respond. Dave Persing asked how information is given to the Supervisors. Greg Anderson stated that the information goes into the packets along with the agenda.

#### Open Forum

Curt Strombeck thought that the Zoning should be done by local people. He also wants to keep the zones the same because people like it. Dave Persing stated that the Zoning Administrator doesn't make the rules, they just enforce the rules the Township has.

Joel Minks wanted to compliment the work on the current Comp Plan and stated that it also references the solar issue.

Thomas Duden requested that the Clerk take back an envelope containing \$125 that was left anonymously last month for Mr. Reiman for snow plowing services.

Marcia Anderson felt it was appropriate to hand over road documentation to the Planning Commission.

Tari Zortman likes the idea of recording the meetings and is glad the Moratorium is lifted. She also stated that she likes living in a rural community but feels they need growth.

### **Supervisor's Report**

David Persing stated that it feels like the Planning Commission is going nowhere. Tari Zortman stated that she feels like they're wasting time and nothing gets accomplished. Dave Persing stated more information should be given to new members in order to make a decision. Cyndi MacDonald stated that there feels like a division between the old people and the new people. Bill Whitcomb asked what it will take to move the Planning Commission forward. Dave Persing suggested a new Chairman. Kathy Stoeckel stated that John Roxbury is a great source of knowledge and everything takes time and can't just happen in one meeting. Eugene Stoeckel read a letter from John Roxbury requesting Dave Persing be replaced with another liaison because of personal conflicts with ordinances involving Barn Venues. Bill Whitcomb felt that Mr. Roxbury was the one presenting one sided information. Bill Whitcomb motioned to remove John Roxbury from the Planning Commission. Thomas Duden seconded the motion. Motion Carried with Greg Anderson and Eugene Stoeckel opposing.

Thomas Duden motioned to appoint Tom Braun to the Planning Commission. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried with Dave Persing opposing.

Bill Whitcomb gave an update on the Fire Advisory Board.

Greg Anderson stated that Mr. Persing is still advertising and has an upcoming wedding with no permits or building inspections. He suggested turning the issue over to the Attorney and Zoning Administrator. Dave Persing stated that he is not charging for the Wedding. He also stated that Todd Geske has been out to his property and he is not in violation of any permits. Todd Geske made a correction and stated that there was no approval given that it could be used for the public. Mr. Persing asked if he could have a family reunion. Todd Geske said yes but no commercial use. He also stated that if that goes on, he will be out to post the building no occupancy because that is State Building Code, and then it will have to go to the Attorney.

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

Eugene Stoeckel stated that John Roxbury and Tom Braun are requested some gravel on the 40<sup>th</sup> St. Bill Whitcomb added the request to the road information

### **Clerk's Business**

The Clerk stated that she was contacted by Andy Whitcomb and he wanted to know if a double wide could be brought in for his business to use for overnight guests. Todd Geske stated that his zone does not allow for that kind of use. Thomas Duden asked whether a portable ice house would work. Todd Geske stated that may work as long as it's licensed, movable and temporary.

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

A motion was made by Greg Anderson and seconded by Thomas Duden to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 12466-12500. Motion Carried.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Greg Anderson and seconded by Bill Whitcomb to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben  
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Ron Mathison, Dan Licht, Bob Voss, Karen Onan, John Roxbury, Jr., Mille Lacs County Deputy Tony Erholtz, Nancy Moan, Tari Zortman, Cyndi MacDonald, Curt Strombeck, Joel Minks, Shelley Lumley, Wendy Wicktor, Kathy Stoeckel, Marcia Anderson, Zoning Administrator Todd Geske, Mike & Callie Magnuson, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Anderson, Linda Lehr, Grace Zortman, Missie Schara, Brett Engelkins