

MINUTES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

April 19, 2022 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 863 2351 2023 Passcode: 371497/ Town Hall 33155 Hemingway Avenue, Stacy, MN 55079

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Members present: Chairperson R. Keller, Vice Chair T. Nelson, Supervisor B. Seekon, Supervisor C.

Cagle, Supervisor J. Eischens

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Treasurer S. Aker, Clerk K. Wood, Deputy Clerk T. Smolke, Planning Commission Chair M. Willcoxen, Planner J. Hartmann 28 members of the public signed in/attended virtually

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by B. Seekon. R. Keller added L. A1 Tire Ribfest to New Business. B. Seekon added under New Business: M. Reorganization of the Planning and Zoning Commission, N. Township Hours of Operation. C. Cagle added: O. Letter from Resident. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 15, 2022

J. Eischens made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by R. Keller. B. Seekon said the bill from Bolton and Menk is questionable because there is a \$510 charge regarding a memo for the County Road 17 extension open house, another for a builder's stop sign, and a letter charge for \$595 regarding the 18% slope. R. Keller said it was more than just a letter regarding the slope. The invoice for Sherco will be deducted from their escrow. R. Keller said to remove the \$510 charge for the CSAH 17 Open House from the payment. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

TREASURER COMMENTS

S. Aker asked for a motion to remove L. Carr from the bank account and add T. Smolke. B. Seekon made a motion to remove Laura Carr from the bank account at First State Bank of Wyoming and add Tanya Smolke. Second by C. Cagle. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2022-12)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Lions LG555 \$500 for Parks and Rec (Resolution 2022-12). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

31890 Frontier Avenue Kennel Permit IUP Amendment (Resolution 2022-13)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Kennel Permit IUP (Resolution 2022-13). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried. B. Seekon said they are adding a 4th emotional support animal. J. Hartmann stated that the IUP can be revoked at any time if there is a

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confirmed complaint. T. Nelson said we need to make sure the complaints are legit. J. Eischens asked if physical fencing will be required if there is a complaint. C. Cagle said yes. M. Willcoxen said there are conditions that can be reviewed if there are complaints.

Stacy Lions Liquor License (Resolution 2022-14)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Stacy Lions Liquor License -Resolution 2022-14. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Station on 17 Liquor License (Resolution 2022-15)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Station on 17 Liquor License Resolution-2022-15. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Falcon Ridge Golf Course Liquor License (Resolution 2022-16)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Falcon Ridge Golf Course Liquor License–Resolution 2022-16. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Rescind Resolution 2022-11

B. Seekon made a motion to Rescind Resolution 2022-11. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

SLFD Furnace/Air - APRA

C. Cagle will get more quotes and make sure that it qualifies for ARPA funding.

Rental House Discussion

B. Seekon said he granted a two-week extension to the renters to move out, but they are already out. He would like to sell the home or demo it. C. Cagle is going to check to see if there are any stipulations on the land or home.

Set Annual Road Tour (Monday, May 23rd)

The Annual Road Tour is set for May 23, 2022 at 9:00am. A quorum notice will be posted.

Stacy Lent Community Merger Group Report

The Board said the list looks good.

Letter to Chisago Residents

The Board would like to get the opinion and feedback of the residents of Lent who are in the Chisago City annexation area. Currently, there are two letters and J. Eischens will work on putting them together. The Board discussed sending notifications regarding the merger, and decided that they have already started it, but a letter will be sent when there are public hearings.

A1 Tire Ribfest

J. Selvog said that this is a free community event and the proceeds go to the winner. T. Nelson made a motion to waive the \$100 application fee. Second by C. Cagle. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried. J. Eischens made a motion to approve the Special Permit Application for Ribfest. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Reorganization of the Planning Commission

B. Seekon said that he recommends P. Carlson and D. Ardolf be removed from the Planning Commission due to their interest in annexing to North Branch because he feels it may be a conflict of



interest. M. Olson resigned at the last meeting. B. Seekon made a motion to remove P. Carlson and D. Ardolf from the Planning Commission. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Hours of Office Operation

B. Seekon said he had a conversation with a citizen who thought the office should be open Friday. B. Seekon made a motion to have the office open on Fridays from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Letter from Resident

T. Nelson and R. Keller read the letter from A. Olson. The letter expressed her concerns regarding the events that took place at the last Community Merger Meeting. The letter stated that B. Seekon and D. Milles' behavior was inappropriate and disrespectful to residents. It was noted that the public was not allowed to comment at the meeting and she was hoping to hear from a former Supervisor who was in attendance at the request of a resident. The letter asked that the Town Board remove B. Seekon as a Board member and D. Milles as Committee Chair. C. Cagle noted that the Board has to hold themselves to a higher standard, but does not have the opportunity to remove each other from the Board. Citizens have to vote at election time. B. Seekon noted that his seat is up in November and he was at the meeting as a resident. R. Keller said that C. Cagle was not asking him to step down, just clean it up.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Meeting Update

T. Nelson has paperwork from M. Fehrman and the SLFD. He has submitted it to MATIT and the new person is going through it. She will separate it so that the Township and SLFD is no longer combined. T. Nelson will continue to pursue this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

C. Cagle said that she is the Planning Commission liaison and she made a formal announcement stating that the Township will take formal complaints, but she will not accept people disrespecting the office anymore. She encourages people to help their neighbors, especially if they are elderly.

Roads

R. Keller said that he did not do the road tour, but the roads are looking good. 340th Street needs gravel to fix the holes.

Seal Tech

T. Nelson said that \$20-\$30k worth of crack sealing needs to be done in late June.

Fahrner

T. Nelson said that he met with Linwood and they do not intend on doing Lyons Den or Lyons Street this year.

Parks

R. Keller said that there is a Parks Meeting on April 26 at 6:00pm. T. Nelson said that M. Fehrman got a quote for woodchips and now is the time to buy them. C. Cagle said that she talked to M. Fehrman and he is going to put the Pickleball nets up for the open house (5/18). T. Nelson said that ball starts May 1.



Maintenance is working on the dugouts. C. Cagle asked if they could add a pergola 10 x 10 with 4 posts for a picnic table. Mike could do that same time as the dugouts.

Building

B. Seekon said the lift the Township purchased was a mess and explained what was wrong with it. The lift has been fixed and he has requested that some of the cost be paid by the person it was purchased from. He is working on the building, getting the wiring done and Chad from Generik is going to stop out to look at the air exchange. He has also talked to Arvissi and he will come to the Hall. Maintenance has been getting rid of a lot of scrap. He explained that the Township can sell items through Fleet Services.

Broadband

J. Eischens said that the report came in and it will be \$4k per household and does not know what ECE will cover.

Chris DuBose - Report

C. DuBose discussed the Hometown Fiber report and said the County has 3 million dollars of ARPA funds to use for broadband. It is slated to cost 20 million dollars total. They would like to work with Cities and Townships. ECE may be sufficient for the north and Midco for the rest. He noted that Genesis potentially has issues with tree coverage. J. Eischens said as spring comes, the numbers may change. Using data from cell phone providers was discussed.

C. DuBose said that redistricting was done, and District 1 shifted to North Branch. Lent Township is in District 4. The Commissioners will be voted on in November. He noted that he will miss Lent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Lyle Johnson (Albert Lea) said that he was on the Board from 1998 to 2018. He noted the joint fire department with Stacy and the process during that. He said that the Board should be very cautious with the thought of merging with Stacy. He has vivid memories of building the fire department. He would be willing to answer any questions off of the record.

Sue Sinna shared the idea of turning the rental house into a SLFD fire museum.

Dave Milles said that Brian Randt could not attend this evening, but was concerned about how much Lent spent on roads and the property taxes in Chisago City. R. Keller said he will look into it.

Dick Stiers said that Dave Milles does a great job leading the Community Merger Meetings, keeps the flow, and he does not see that the things said about him are true. D. Stiers also noted that there are people in attendance this evening who may be interested in becoming Planning Commission members.

CLERK COMMENTS

K. Wood said that residents who are interested in submitting a letter of interest can email it to the Clerk. The outhouses will be ordered for the parks.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

- J. Eischens discussed the increase in valuations along with the County report.
- R. Keller read the meetings. He said the valuations have increased.
- B. Seekon said that things are going well and apologized if he has not been professional. He noted that a former Township Supervisor attended and felt she was critical of the Township while grandstanding.

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C. Cagle said that you can come to the BOAE meeting on the 28th to discuss your home valuation. She noted that a visit to the home was not mentioned in their written process; it just says to call the County. She said that the person in the County office did not know their process and she is worried that people will come to the meeting without knowing the entire process.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- * CCATO Meeting Wednesday, April 27, 2022 7:00 pm Nessel Township
- Planning Commission Wednesday, May 11, 2022- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting Tuesday, May 17, 2022- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Parks Meeting –Tuesday, April 26, 2022 6:00 pm
- ❖ Board of Appeal & Equalization Thursday, April 28, 2022 6:00 pm

ADJOURN

R. Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

TANYA J. SMOLKE

Clerk, Lent Township, Chisago Co., MN

Notarial Officer (ex-officio notary public)

My term is indeterminate