



MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

August 16, 2022 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 873 8964 7810 Passcode: 650715

Town Hall 33155 Hemingway Avenue, Stacy, MN 55079

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members Present: Chairperson R. Keller, Vice Chair T. Nelson, Supervisor B. Seekon, Supervisor J. Eischens

Members Absent: Supervisor C. Cagle

Others Present: Treasurer S. Aker, Deputy Clerk T. Smolke, Planning Commission Member D. Stiers, Sheriff B. Thyen, Chisago County Commissioner B. Montzka, 9 members of the public signed in/ attended virtually

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 19, 2022

J. Eischens made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2022. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

SLFD Bash Liquor License (Resolution 2022-27)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the SLFD to serve alcohol at the SLFD Bash October 1, 2022. Second by J. Eischens. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

NWTF LG220 - 2023 Gambling Permit (Resolution 2022-28)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the NWTF LG220 Gambling Permit (Resolution 2022-28). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2022-29)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Lions LG555 for \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2022-29). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Resolution Approving an Interim Use Permit Application for a Laydown Yard Located at the Property Immediately South of 35701 Lincoln Road (PID 05.00006.00) (Resolution 2022-30)

R. Keller made a motion to approve the IUP for a laydown yard for the Painted Pole Project at 35701 Lincoln Road – Resolution 2022-30. Second by B. Seekon. J. Hartmann said they are using a



cover crop with perennials, and will turn it back to its native state later. If there is anything invasive, it will be sprayed. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Lorr Special Event Permit

R. Keller made a motion to approve the Lorr Special Event Permit. Second by B. Seekon. R. Keller said that it went well last year. J. Eischens noted that EMS is onsite during the event. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Maintenance Agreement with Stacy

The Board received a revised Maintenance Agreement from the City of Stacy. The Board discussed a schedule, work priority, and emergency situations. **B. Seekon made a motion to approve the maintenance agreement with Stacy. Second by T. Nelson.** B. Seekon read some of the proposed agreement. After discussion, a roll call vote was called. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 0, Nays 4. Motion failed.** The Board would like to have Maintenance do work for Stacy as needed on a purchase order system. The Stacy Clerk will be notified of this.

OLD BUSINESS

Interim Ordinance Update

J. Selvog and the Board discussed the fact that the two lots have to be combined in order for him to apply for a truck wash. The ordinance states that an accessory building is not allowed without a primary or principal structure. J. Selvog mentioned he would like to have separation of his businesses and questioned how to change an ordinance. He believes if he sold the truck wash, he shouldn't have to sell the tire shop as well. He says he has a big business in Lent Township with sixteen employees. More discussion was had on the specifics of the system J. Selvog would like to use for his truck wash. He said he will leave the meeting peacefully if this is a dead-end road, but he believes this is a benefit to the community. Stand-alone washes were talked about but they seem to all be on city sewer and water.

5265 318th Street Citation Refund

R. Keller said the property has become compliant and the Planning Commission recommended refunding a portion of the citations. D. Stiers said that he has talked to the property owner who has had it in compliance for a while. He said that the Board should be helping the resident and said he has been in contact with a couple of the complaint properties; a little conversation goes along way, he said. R. Keller said that this violation has been going on for years and he could have contacted the Township, and he had not responded to any of the letters sent to him. T. Nelson said that we have to cover the costs of what was spent on writing the citation. R. Keller suggested tabling the issue until October to make sure the property remains in compliance.

Stacy Lent Annexation Report

R. Keller said that he sent an email to the resident who is concerned about the current annexation agreement with Stacy. He said the Township is working with the City of Stacy due to the fact we have no bargaining rights with the other Cities. J. Eischens asked about the other contracts and if they have been solidified. Not yet.

Clerk and Treasurer Cross Training

B. Seekon said that the personnel meeting with Stacy went well. S. Aker had a number of questions and S. Payne discussed their benefits, the city pay matrix, having Staff work out of the City Hall, cross training Staff, possibly adding Staff, and not eliminating Staff. T. Nelson said that no one's job is guaranteed. B. Seekon said that after Lent signs the annexation agreement, the current City Council has



control for sixty days; the Board will be watching them. T. Nelson said any major decision will probably be tabled, and they can only go as fast as Chisago City and North Branch are.

Discussion on merger

T. Nelson said that North Branch could get aggressive with the annexation. B. Seekon reminded the Board that their City Administrator was waving business cards at the informational meeting. The Board discussed the possibility of the annexation area North Branch would like to annex in Lent.

Policing Post-Merger with Sheriff Brandon Thyen

Sheriff Thyen said he was asked to attend and went on to share his report. Cities all around the area contract with the Sheriff's Department and those contracts differ. They started their contract with the City of Stacy in 2001 at an hourly rate, averaging thirty hours per week. The contract is not meant to produce vast amounts of revenue, but to cover fuel, training, etcetera. If there is an annexation, the new City Council will decide what level of services they would like. The Sheriff said that the City of Stacy is not providing enough policing. The Sheriff's Office includes 911 dispatch, the County Emergency Manager (responsible for jail, courthouse security, recreation – and by statute, anything water related), three K9's, SWAT, Drone Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, Reserve, Chaplain, six Investigators, Financial Crimes Task Force, Computer Task Force for kids, Trafficking Task Force, East Central Drug Task Force and, by statute, they take care of all warrants and gun permits. This annexation will add a lot of land to Stacy but demographically speaking, members of the Sheriff's Department pass through often. T. Nelson asked if 100K sounds correct for thirty hours and B. Thyen answered: Just over. R. Keller expressed his appreciation for all that the Sheriff's Department does for Lent. J. Eischens said she definitely would like the hours to be increased and T. Nelson reminded the Board there is some room in our budget as some roads are not being done as planned. B. Thyen said he attended the Merger Meeting as he is trying to stay abreast. He shared policing statistics with the Township Board. Sheriff Thyen mentioned burglaries on the west side of Lent and that he could discuss the drugs and motorcycles for hours. He asked for a timeline and R. Keller said his guess would be early next year. B. Thyen said he would like to put together a presentation when the time comes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

R. Keller said that there is not a current ordinance as to what a home in the Township should look like. There will be a public hearing for the RTC next month and asked the Board what they would like to see in that area. He said truck related projects would make sense from 61 to Falcon Avenue. J. Selvog said that truckers would like all of the truck related stops in one area. He said that he has two more lots and he is willing to develop them. Sex trafficking and increased policing was discussed. K. Lindquist said that area is easy access for industrial with decent buildings and lower septic demands. The Board had different thoughts on what they visioned for the area. R. Keller said he will be at the public hearing.

Roads

R. Keller said that mowing needs to be done and he asked about hiring a seasonal worker because thirty percent of the work is not getting done. He said that brushing takes time, and if there is an early freeze with no snow, a tool can be rented to get caught up. T. Nelson agreed that he does not want to get behind on mowing. R. Keller said that Stacy's Maintenance wages are low and will have to go up. T. Nelson said after the merger the wages will not go down because they were budgeted for.



Stacy Bridge/County Road 17

B. Montzka discussed the budget work session and said that he is concerned with the safety of the Stacy bridge and said it is fortunate that there have been no fatalities yet. He outlined the upcoming road projects. He said that County Road 19 should be repaired prior to the County Road 17 project. R. Keller said 17 should be first to relieve traffic for the project. T. Nelson said Seal Tech did not get Lent on their schedule yet, they have a budget of \$26k, but he will have them get moving on the project, including the parking lot and Pickleball court.,

Parks

T. Nelson said that the parks look good. A couple mats for the ballfield tore, and there was an extra one at Doyle. Two were ordered so there is a spare one, and if it is used at Doyle, Lent will be reimbursed.

Building

B. Seekon said he is waiting on the painting quotes for the SLFD and he emailed the Stacy Planner about splitting the lot the rental property is on. He would like to split the lot prior to winter.

Broadband

J. Eischens said she requested an update from Kyle and is waiting to hear back. Frontier would like a border-to-border grant. It was passed and parts of Lent will not be able to get the grant because it is an already serviced area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

B. Woods said the Stacy Daze fireworks were the best. The new fence at Lions Park was discussed. D. Denker said used to be on the Planning Commission in the 90s and does not agree with Stacy being forced upon residents. R. Keller said he does not like it either, but it is the *cards we were dealt*. D. Denker asked if Lent residents will be given the opportunity to vote on the annexation or petition against it. R. Keller said the legislature does not give that opportunity.

CLERK COMMENTS

None

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

R. Keller said that he has enjoyed working with this Town Board, and will miss it. J. Eischens agreed that Lent meetings are relaxed and more enjoyable. R. Keller added that most Boards have not been through what Lent has with paving all of the roads and such.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Filing for Candidacy Ends – Tuesday, August 16, 2022
- ❖ Stacy Budget Meeting – Tuesday, August 17, 2022 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Annexation Meeting with North Branch – Monday, August 29, 2022 – 6:00 pm
- ❖ CCATO Meeting – Wednesday, August 31, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Franconia
- ❖ Joint Powers – Monday, September 12, 2022 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – 7:00 pm

ADJOURN

R. Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

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