



UNAPPROVED MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
December 19, 2023 7:00PM
Location: Zoom Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 858 7038 2338 Passcode: 755978
Town Hall 33155 Hemingway Avenue, Stacy, MN 55079

NOTICE

These minutes were not approved by the Township Board as the board did not meet between the December 19, 2023 board meeting and December 29, 2023, the effective date in which the Township was annexed, in its entirety, to the City of Stacy. The minutes reflect the meeting to the best of the Clerk's recollection and belief.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and the pledge was recited.

Members present: Chairperson R. Keller, Vice Chair T. Nelson, Supervisor J. Barrett, Supervisor B. Seekon, Supervisor Carolyn Cagle

Members absent: None

Others present: Clerk T. Smolke, Planner K. Lindquist, Planning Commission Chair T. Schroeder, Planning Commission Vice Chair J. Johnson, Planning Commission member J. Willeck, Planning Commission member D. Stiers, Maintenance Supervisor C. Griffin, Maintenance Worker S. Ziwicki, Stacy City staff, and 18 members of the public signed in/ attended via Zoom

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Board agenda. Second by B. Seekon. **R. Keller made a motion to add New Business: F. Goserud Final Plat (Resolution 23-56), G. Assessment Roll (Resolution 23-54), H. NBAEF LG220 (Resolution 23-55), and Personnel Wages under Roads. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2023

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from November 21, 2023. 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 T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER COMMENTS

none

NEW BUSINESS

Lions LG555 – \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2023-52)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by T. Nelson. C. Cagle thanked the Stacy Lions Club for supporting the township for so many years. R. Keller said J. Schroeder has been a member of the Lions Club for 45 years and thanked him. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.



SLFD LG555 – \$90000 equipment fund (Resolution 2023-53)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the SLFD LG555 (Resolution 2023-53). Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

Approve Election Judges (Resolution 2023-51)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Election Judges (Resolution 2023-51). Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

Add A. Comstock to Bank Account #3921

B. Seekon made a motion to add A. Comstock to Bank Account ending in 3921. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

Remove Cam on Grand

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the removal of the camera on Grand Avenue. Second by R. Keller. C. Cagle would like this discussed with the City of Stacy's Planning and Zoning Commission. J. Barrett said he reviewed a few hundred pictures and the applicant is complying to the parameters of his home occupation permit. There were a couple luxury vans that came though with the same name of the home occupation, J. Barrett added.

Goserud Plat (Resolution 23-56)

T. Nelson made a motion to add approve the Goserud Plat (Resolution 23-56). Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

Assessment Roll

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Assessment Roll (Resolution 23-54). Second by R. Keller for discussion. T. Smolke explained this assessment is for the property that is out of compliance with their Accessory Dwelling Unit and the same address was assessed last year. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

North Branch Area Education Foundation

R. Keller made a motion to approve the NBAEF LG220 (Resolution 23-55). Second by T. Nelson. T. Smolke explained that R. Keller requested that the township approve all applications until the township was dissolved. T. Smolke said her solution was to approve these by resolution, then send them to the city for formal approval.

R. Keller made a motion to take the agenda out of order and start Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

B. Montzka said this year he served as County Commissioner Chair and explained he would like to give a brief report. The county is working respectfully together, like the representatives from the township and he appreciates that. To lighten the load for local citizens, we worked hard to track businesses to change the composition of our tax base to more commercial for valuation. The county is in the lower quarter on what we spend per person, yet we are on the top of what it costs per homeowner for those services because we do not have the businesses like other counties do. Chisago County Sherriff's office is hiring but it is hard to compete with others hiring at 100k per year. He mentioned the 19 interchange, which will cost 25 million dollars and it is important to fix because it is unsafe. The county pays for law enforcement for the cities; they cover the prosecution for the crimes that take place in our cities out of the county levy because it was determined it would be more efficient. We also cover all elections. The board thanked him for all of his hard work and he said it is an honor to serve. J. Schroeder thanked the township for getting the roads blacktopped.



OLD BUSINESS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

C. Cagle was unable to make the last meeting, so J. Barrett went in her absence. J. Barret reported the commission approved the Goserud Plat, went through the CUPs and IUPs for the Station on 17, and also discussed a resident that has a recycling business. They also discussed the structure on Elk Ct built without a permit. C. Cagle would like to send a letter out to all of the CUP and IUP holders to verify if they are still operating.

City P&Z Members

C. Cagle explained the structure of the future Stacy Planning Commission and stated the former township members have been placed on the Stacy Commission. R. Keller said since the township has a lot more developing going on, the city basically adopted the township rules. C. Cagle said they took the township's Comprehensive Plan and laid it over the top of theirs because Lent has better processes for things.

Roads

R. Keller said the maintenance department is working well together and is recommending a \$1.50 raise for the interim supervisor, retro to the beginning of the pay period. **R. Keller made a motion to raise the pay for the Maintenance Supervisor by \$1.50. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

Parks

T. Nelson asked what other members of the board would like to see happen, specifically outdoors, with our leftover budget. He asked if we want another set of pickleball courts. C. Cagle asked if lights were possible but T. Nelson said summer days are longer and provide more light. C. Cagle would like to see the walking path connect to Reiger Park and plans to speak to the mayor about it.

Building

Hallway Flooring Update

New Flooring

J. Barrett said there will be no cost to having the new flooring installed. They have an appointment set to look at options, typically quoted at \$6 per square foot. C. Cagle added the restroom flooring will be replaced as well. The kitchen floor needs to be replaced as well; it is from the 70s.

ARPA allocation

C. Cagle said the any ARPA funding needed for flooring would qualify under 'safety'. She would also like windows on the south facing side of the hall for more light and a key card entry system as it would be nice for pickleball and hall rentals.

Broadband/ County Report

Fiber Optic

J. Barrett said that ECE is moving forward with fiber optic internet. The township approved a donation to the grant. They are starting to pull permits to install overhead and underground lines. Most will be on the northwest corner of Lent and some over on the northeast corner. The fiber line would follow power to the houses on the route, either underground or overhead. C. Cagle would like the donation of \$1000 to come from ARPA funds.

County Report

He informed the board that the county implemented a new computer system, Minnesota Eligibility Technology System, that processes human service application and needs much faster. Chisago County is ranking #3 in state for our Child Support unit. We have hired a Behavioral Health Worker, Financial Eligibility Worker, Child Welfare Worker, and a Community Outreach Social Worker. Lent valuations went up 5% but the median in the state was 8%. The county has, and maintains, 320 miles of road, 13 miles of gravel road, 40 bridges, 10 traffic control signals, and 9000 traffic signs. We have 5500 veterans in our county.



MERGER QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Update from November City Council Meeting

R. Keller said the city and township have been incorporating in several areas.

CLERK COMMENTS

none

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

J. Barrett said the Lent Clerks and Stacy Finance Director have been very helpful. He has learned a lot on how we operate at the local government level. He said the Lent Planner has been very informative as well and thanked everyone. He was glad to be a part of the ROV with the fire department as that put less divers at risk. B. Seekon said it was a pleasure but also very interesting to serve and thanked the staff. C. Cagle thanked those that served the township prior to them and really enjoyed working with everyone in the township. R. Keller said it has been an honor for him as well and he could not have asked for a better, more diverse, group. B. Woods was thanked for attending most every single meeting and bringing sweet treats to share. C. Peterson was in attendance and applauded. The land that the Town Hall sits on was his family land and he was the town clerk from 1972 to 2004. He spoke of all of the changes he was part of, including street naming and numbering, the Joint Powers agreement, freeway interchange, NSP Substation. C. Cagle asked J. Schroeder to thank Darla for her 26 years as the township treasurer.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

None

ADJOURN

T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature