

APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

December 20, 2022 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 898 8757 4790 Passcode: 811678 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: Clerk T. Smolke, Treasurer S. Aker, Planning Commission Member D. Stiers, Town Engineer J. Pelawa, County Commissioner B. Montzka, and 6 members of the public signed in/attended virtually

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Board Agenda. Second by B. Seekon. T. Nelson added County Workshop notes. R. Keller asked for Linwood to be moved to the top add JPJ's charges of County Road 17 items. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2022. 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. R. Keller noted that \$44k is for the SLFD. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

R. Keller said that Lent has been caring for the townline road shared with Linwood and now Lent is only plowing its half which is causing a dangerous ridge in the middle. There was discussion regarding plowing preferences with the Linwood representative. R. Keller offered Maintenance Staff to plow Lyons for \$75 because it only takes a half of an hour. A proposal will be sent to Linwood.

Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2022-40)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Lions LG555 for \$500 for Parks and Rec (Resolution 2022-40). Second by J. Eischens. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

SLFD LG555 – \$50000 equipment fund (Resolution 2022-41)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Lions LG555 for \$50,000 for Parks and Rec (Resolution 2022-41). Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

CL Wrestling LG220 Gambling Permit (Resolution 2022-42)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the CL Wrestling LG220 Gambling Permit (Resolution 2022-42). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

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Fee Schedule / A Resolution Setting Compensation Fee Schedule and Fees for 2023 (Resolution 2021-43)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Fee Schedule/A Resolution Setting Compensation Fee Schedule and Fees for 2023 (Resolution 2022-43). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried. Hall rental rate changes are going to wait until the merger.

Station on 17 Liquor License (Resolution 2022-44)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Station on 17 (Resolution 2022-44). Second by T. Nelson. T. Nelson said this is only a 3.2 license and if they sell beyond, they will need an updated license. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Designate 2023 Polling Place (Resolution 2022-45)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the designation of Lent Township to be the 2023 polling place (Resolution 2022-45). T. Nelson seconded. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Items in ROW section - Amending Chapter 2 Sec. 4.19 Management of the Right-of-Way Ordinance 2022-08

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the amendment of Chapter 2 Section 2 4.19 Management of the Right-of-Way (Ordinance 2022-08) Second by J. Eischens. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Summary (Resolution 2022-46)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the ROW summary (resolution 2022-46). Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Truck Wash - Amending Ch. 2: 5.10 RTC District, 7.23 Auto Stations, and 7.26 Wash Uses T. Nelson made a motion to approve. C. Cagle seconded for discussion. C. Cagle said that she contacted several stations regarding truck washes and explained what she found out. They all have to submit quarterly tests and she received a letter which she will send to the Board. T. Nelson said the MPCA testing takes the liability off the Township. C. Cagle said that based on the conversations, there is a large responsibility because every load must be tested in a rural area with livestock. K. Lindquist said State and County permits would be required. R. Keller suggested tabling the ordinance for 30 days. T. Nelson made a motion to rescind his motion. C. Cagle made a motion to rescind her motion. R. Keller made a motion to table the ordinance amending Chapter 2. Second by C. Cagle. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Summary (Resolution 2022-47)

Tabled

Paragon TriMedical Services, LLC (Resolution 2022-48)

C. Cagle made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-48 for Paragon TriMedical Services, LLC. Second by B. Seekon. C. Cagle said the Fire Chief took a tour of the facility and the only thing he flagged was that he wanted to see a fire safe cabinet. After discussion, it was decided more information is needed. C. Cagle rescinded her motion. B. Seekon rescinded his motion. R. Keller made a motion to table Resolution 2022-48. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Deer Run Plat (Resolution 2022-49)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Deer Run Plat (Resolution 2022-49) Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

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Escrow Fee Policy

K. Lindquist said that an escrow policy was adopted about a year ago and asked the Board if they would like to start charging residents earlier. T. Nelson said that if the Township is generating expenses, someone should be billed for it. B. Seekon said, as a resident, he would be annoyed if he had to sign and get billed right away. He suggested that this be tabled until the merger. K. Lindquist suggested an hour on the Township's dime, and any additional to be billed to the resident. They discussed charging a fee to make sure that an applicant is serious. After discussion, it was decided to send this to Planning.

Planning Commission - Seat Jim Willeck

B. Seekon made a motion to approve J. Willeck as a regular member of the Planning Commission. Second by R. Keller. C. Cagle said that Jim is her friend and is a customer. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Alternate Shannon Kratzke

B. Seekon made a motion to approve S. Kratzke as an alternate member of the Planning Commission. R. Keller seconded. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Township Cellphones

C. Cagle requested the cellphone payments the Township is paying out and it costs the Township \$3400 per year. She said they could get phone plans for Maintenance, but was not sure if it was worth it. B. Seekon commented how it would be difficult to decide who is eligible. After discussion, the topic was tabled.

WSB Rates Increase

R. Keller made a motion to table the increase with WSB. Second by B. Seekon. K. Lindquist discussed the rates and the person working under her. B. Seekon said they should approve the new rates. B. Seekon made a motion to approve the new rate schedule. Second by C. Cagle. C. Cagle said it is a moot point until the merger. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

JPJ increase

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the JPJ increase. Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Set Date for Budget and Audit Meeting

B. Seekon made a motion to have the Budget and Audit Meeting on February 7, 2023 at 6:00pm.

T. Nelson seconded. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

County Road 17 Charges from JPJ

R. Keller said that S. Aker mentioned J. Pelawa is charging the Township for costs related to the County Road 17 project. R. Keller stated that the Township Engineer is working on this for the good of the Township. J. Eischens said that the County should pay for the County Road project. R. Keller made a motion to pay the two invoices (\$510 and \$140) for the costs incurred related to the County Road 17 project. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Cliffs Falcon View – accept development, start 2-year warranty

C. Cagle made a motion to accept the two-year warranty for Cliff's Falcon View. Second by T. Nelson. R. Keller said that they biggest concern is the driveways. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.



Interim Ordinance Update

None

Annexation Report

R. Keller said the annexations are in the process and all of the Township has to be re-platted. The Clerk will be added into the Stacy/Lent OAA resolution in the Election section. They are going to add names of Election Judges to the resolution; two from Lent and one from Stacy. J. Eischens said the Stacy/Lent annexation is waiting to be approved until the Chisago City and North Branch OAAs are approved. The Board did not take a vote, but viewed the OAAs.

Meeting recessed at 9:10pm Meeting resumed at 9:15pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

C. Cagle contacted Josh from Iron Eagle who cleans up spills for Flying J's and she explained how it is applicable to the truck wash ordinance.

Countryview Marine

C. Cagle said the Countryview marine needs to become compliant or their CUP will be rescinded. C. Cagle made a motion for code enforcement to start. Second by T. Nelson. There is a list of items out of compliance. K. Lindquist said the County needs to cap the drain and the MPCA has been out there. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Roads

R. Keller noted that roads are winter-driving-condition ready and he was out of town so did not do the road tour. J. Eischens noted a tree down on 320th. R. Keller said there are three down on Ivywood Trail. The power outage was discussed along with the repair of the Stacy bridge.

Parks

T. Nelson said Prefer Paving is going to fix the Pickleball Court. He noted they had issues due to staffing.

Building

B. Seekon noted that the flooring in the hallway is coming up. T. Smolke will call Giese Carpet and ask them to come back to address the situation. The carpets need to be cleaned. The HVAC purifying systems is now working as T. Smolke called the company in. C. Cagle is going to talk with D. Benson because there is white residue in one of the bathroom stalls. Painting the SLFD bays was discussed.

Broadband

J. Eischens said that the County had Hometown Fiber come in to discuss options.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

B. Montzka likes to attends Lent meetings because he learns a lot. He said the County had a 2.84% levy increase which is not too bad and was predicted to be much higher. The valuation went up countywide, they spent Covid money on broadband, and they are prioritizing the County Road 19 bridge. They lost a K9 Officer to a fire; Kyro was only two years old. B. Montzka asked the Board if there was anything he could do for them. T. Nelson said the Township needs more help with the broadband issue. D. Stiers said that he is concerned that we are not treating the public very kindly. The Bur Oak Stables owners were very kind, prompt, and went through the public hearing process. They requested 15 horses and

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went down to 10. The Planning Commission did training and one thing under Role as Planning Commission – While you will need to base your decisions using facts, it is important to employ empathy and understanding when conducting meetings, planning projects, and coming to conclusions. Reminded him of Mr. Shermer, he was not capable of pushing forward like we wanted him to, we could have been better to him.

CLERK COMMENTS

None

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

J. Eischens said the Stacy Planning Commission has four filled seats with one open seat and two alternates needed. She asked if anyone was interested. They are getting grants and local funding for the Stacy Hockey rink. Stacy has invited Lent to a holiday party at the Grill. B. Seekon said that the next CCATO meeting is at Lent Township on January 25th. After the annexation, B. Seekon will no longer be in charge of CCATO. He is proud to serve on the Board. C. Cagle is going to Planning Commission meetings and does her studying. R. Keller said the residents have a lot to be thankful for.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Joint Powers Monday, January 9, 2023 7:00 pm
- ❖ Officials take office/receive certification Tuesday, January 10, 2023
- ❖ Planning Commission Wednesday, January 11, 2023 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:00 pm
 - i. Oaths: B. Seekon, T. Nelson, J. Barrett

ADJOURN

B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12pm. Second by J. Eischens. 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