

# APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

December 21, 2021 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 811 1405 3009 Passcode: 498014 / 33155 Hemingway Avenue, Stacy, MN 55079

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

# Pledge of Allegiance

B. Seekon called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Members Present:** Vice Chair B. Seekon, Supervisor T. Nelson, Supervisor C. Cagle, Supervisor J. Eischens

Members Absent: Chairperson R. Keller

**Others Present:** Treasurer S. Aker, Town Clerk K. Wood, Deputy Clerk L. Carr, Planner K. Lindquist, 5 members of the public (attended virtually/in-person-listed for the record)

## REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

T. Nelson made motion to approve the agenda. C. Cagle seconded. B. Seekon added G. SLFD Relief LG555 Equipment Fund — Resolution 2021-48 and H. Building Permit Agreement with Chisago County. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

# APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2021

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the November 16, 2021 Board Meeting minutes. J. Eischens seconded. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

## REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. B. Seekon seconded. The Tesoro has been renamed Station on 17. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

## TREASURER COMMENTS

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

# Proposed Text Amendment to Chapter 3, Regarding Lot Consolidations (Ordinance 2021-11)

J. Hartmann said that they came up with some language after consulting with the Township Attorney. The Township will have an outlined process and checklist for lot consolidations. These applications will be approved administratively. An applicant will have to go through the platting process if they split their property. K. Lindquist noted that is not something that happens often. The Board discussed taxes on properties. B. Seekon made a motion to approve the text amendment to Chapter Three regarding lot consolidations (Ordinance 2021-11). T. Nelson seconded. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

## **WSB Services**

B. Seekon made a motion to recognize and accept the rate increase for 2022 for WSB and continue with their services for 2022. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.



Fee Schedule / A Resolution Setting Compensation Fee Schedule and Fees for 2022 (Resolution 2021-45)

T. Nelson made motion to approve the Fee Schedule and Compensation Fee Schedule for 2022 (Resolution 2021-45). Second by B. Seekon. C. Cagle said to keep the 2022 Hall rental rates the same as the 2021 rates and confirmed that the damage deposit was \$300. K. Wood and S. Aker agreed that no changes need to be made to the copy charges because not many people utilize that service. C. Cagle said she would like to increase the yearly fee for adult organizations to \$45 from \$35 per year. J. Eischens would like to increase the Election Judge pay from \$14 per hour to \$15 per hour. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

# Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2021-46)

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

# CL Wrestling LG220 Gambling Permit (Resolution 2021-47)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the LG220 gambling permit for Chisago Lakes Wrestling for their event on April 2, 2022 (Resolution 2021-47). Second by C. Cagle. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

# Flag Pole Repair

B. Seekon said bad winds may have caused the flag pole damage; he will find pulley hardware and rent a lift from the hardware store to repair it. The Board agreed to let B. Seekon repair the flag pole.

# SLFD Relief LG555 \$50,000 Equipment Fund (Resolution 2021-48)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the LG555 for \$50,000 from the SLFD Relief Association for the Equipment Fund (Resolution 2021-48). Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

# **Building Agreement with Chisago County**

Jack Kramer is retiring and the Township will be working with the County for building and septic permits. T. Nelson made motion to approve the agreement provided by Chisago County. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Maintenance Report**

B. Seekon said the lighting at the Maintenance building needs to be improved. He said that eight foot LED fixtures are needed and a four pack is \$300. A lift will have to be rented and he approximates that it will be \$3k for the project, including labor. He will install motion sensors to save energy. C. Cagle asked if he could do the same in the restrooms and hallway at the Town Hall. Discussion took place regarding insulating the building at Maintenance to store the loader and chipper. B. Seekon will look into it.

## Planning & Zoning

B. Seekon said that there were issues with Zoom at the Planning Commission meeting. B. Seekon spoke to Deputy Carroll regarding the Elk Lane and 318th Street complaints.

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## 31890 Frontier Ave Kennel Permit

B. Seekon said that there was a complaint on Frontier Avenue regarding dogs (kennel IUP). The Planning Commission discussed the need for them to enforce a physical fence or tie outs. The residents called and it sounds more like a neighbor dispute. There is no photographic evidence showing the dogs leaving the yard. P. Carlson and M. Willcoxen witnessed four dogs, but could not get photos of all of them. He said that the residents have invited the Township to their property. T. Nelson said the IUP was written that if an invisible fence worked it would be okay, but if the Township received complaints, they would need a physical fence. J. Jones (31890 Frontier Ave) said that it stated chain link or approved material. The office has talked with the complaintant and the resident. B. Seekon said that the Township cannot do anything without absolute proof. The resident stated that guns have been pointed at them and their dogs. K. Lindquist said that the Board has the ability to require a chain link fence with or without photo evidence. Permits are written to allow the Board the discrepancy to adjust the permit legally as needed. B. Seekon said that he feels that the Board cannot do anything at this point besides a site visit to the property to see what is happening first hand. C. Cagle asked about a temporary fence for the winter. T. Nelson said, no, the neighbors need to mind their own business and if they bring the Township photos of the dogs leaving the yard or more than three dogs, then the Township can do something. J. Jones stated that the Sheriff has been called out 3 or 4 times and the Deputies are fed up with the complainants because this is so trivial. The Sheriff is not doing anything because this is a civil matter and there is no violation. The dogs have been trained to avoid the next-door neighbors and the electric fence was installed off of their property line. There has been no damage to any property or person. T. Nelson said that J. Jones is following his kennel IUP and the neighbor does not know how to leave them alone. J. Jones said that if a member of the Board would like to stop out, he will show them that the dogs know where the fence boundary is and how they react if they reach it. B. Seekon will stop out. No action will be taken by the Board at this time.

T. Nelson said that he sent out an email about Forest Lake Contracting regarding the digging and pumping. Forest Lake Contracting has been invited to the next Planning Commission meeting. J. Hartmann reached out to the DNR and Forest Lake Contracting are approved for de-watering. The Planning Commission is working on language changes to Home Occupations in the Overlay District and there will be a public hearing coming up. K. Lindquist said they will continue to talk more about the access discussion over the next few months.

#### Roads

## **Potential Road Committee Meeting**

T. Nelson said that he would like to wait until R. Keller is in attendance to schedule a meeting. He did the road tour this month and said that the single chip on 345<sup>th</sup> Street was missed. There have been some complaints regarding brushing. B. Seekon said that M. Fehrman received a call regarding a missing stop sign on 340<sup>th</sup> Street and Hwy 61 from the Sheriff and he told him that is a county stop sign. M. Fehrman called Bruce at the County about this. There was an accident as a result of the missing county stop sign.

#### **Parks**

None



## Building

C. Cagle said that she provided a list of items she wants done at the Hall to the Maintenance Staff. She would like to go to Fleet Supply because the Township needs dividers on wheels for the Annual Meeting and Elections. She is deciding whether to go with an office furniture setup or a counter for the office. B. Seekon said that he ordered a new computer for Maintenance Staff and is waiting on a cabinet he ordered to house the audio in the Birdie Woods Room. He is going to look into options for putting the security cameras onto another network. The toilets are working well and B. Seekon was correct about it needing a new storage tank.

#### **Broadband**

J. Eischens said that the East Central Electric (ECE) Board approved laying fiber optics and broadband will be available to their customers. C. DuBose said that the County contracted with Hometown Fiber to breakdown Townships/Cities per household and they will have the results mid-January. ECE is looking like a good option for the north end and west side of Township.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

None

# **CLERK COMMENTS**

None

## SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

- J. Eischens went to the County taxation meeting and taxes are being raised.
- T. Nelson said that he heard back from the SLFD and his point was well received from the Joint Powers meeting. He said Pat was insulating the pole barn at the SLFD during Santa day. He will find out who is doing the metal work.
- C. Cagle did not attend the County meeting last night, but she will bring the agenda to the office to be sent out. She will work on the CCATO website after the first of the year.
- B. Seekon said he assisted C. Griffin with the plowing in the loader while M. Fehrman was absent. He has had issues with internet at his house. He stated that he hit the wood border by the dumpsters and has made M. Fehrman aware of it.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- ❖ Planning Commission Wednesday, January 12, 2022- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting Tuesday, January 18, 2022-7:00 pm
- CCATO Meeting Wednesday, January 26, 2022 7:00 pm
- ❖ Joint Powers Monday, March 7, 2022 7:00 pm
- ❖ Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:00 pm
- Parks Meeting –TBD

#### **ADJOURN**

T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Second by C. Cagle. Votes via roll Clerk Signature call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

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