

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

February 15, 2022 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 883 9202 3199 Passcode: 497877 / Town Hall: 33155 Hemingway Ave., Stacy, MN 55079

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

B. Seekon called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

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, Deputy Clerk J. Seekon, Planner J. Hartmann, 5 members of the public (attended virtually/in-person-listed for the record)

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2022

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 Board meeting. Second by J. Eischens. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

TREASURER COMMENTS

Bank Signers

- S. Aker said that L. Carr has to be removed from the bank and that J. Seekon should be added.
- B. Seekon made a motion to remove L. Carr as a signer from the First State Bank of Wyoming and add J. Seekon and T. Nelson. Second by J. Eischens. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Fixed in the Sticks IUP Application (Resolution 2022-4)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Fixed in the Sticks IUP (Resolution 2022-4). Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Adopting a New Official Zoning Map (Ordinance 2022-01)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve adopting a new official zoning map (Ordinance 2022-01). Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Text Amendment for the Rural Overlay District (Ordinance 2022-02)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the text amendment for the Rural Overlay District. (Ordinance 2022-02). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

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Amendment to the Zoning Map (Ordinance 2022-03)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the amendment to the Zoning Map. (Ordinance 2022-03). Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Access Policy

T. Nelson made a motion to adopt the access policy. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Forest Lake Contracting Discussion

B. Seekon said that M. Willcoxen would like to take a kayak out to find the depth and verify the fill. WSB will get involved. J. Hartmann said that the Township inherited this CUP and the County initially approved it. T. Nelson said he does not like that the Township has to spend money on it and feels the County should get the bill. R. Keller said to send out the Planning Commission prior to WSB. J. Hartmann said that more conditions can be added as an amendment. They will bring the forms to the Planning Commission to have them look them over.

Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2022-5)

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

SLFD LG555 - \$3,000 Equipment Fund, Trolling Motor (Resolution 2022-6)

B. Seekon made a motion to accept the SLFD Relief LG555 for \$3k for the Equipment Fund – Trolling Motor (Resolution 2022-6). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

SLFD LG555 - \$10,000 Pole Building Fund (Resolution 2022-7)

B. Seekon made a motion to accept the SLFD Relief LG555 for \$10k for the Pole Building Fund (Resolution 2022-7). Second by C. Cagle. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Discussion of Possible Merger w/ Stacy

R. Keller said that he would like the Board to think about this because he would like to work with the City of Stacy. North Branch and Chisago City could easily take areas of Lent because they have sewer and water in place. County Road 17 going in will be a big factor too. A judge would most likely grant those areas to them. Townships are a holding ground for cities per the MN Statute 414. Some of the things he would like to see are: Name Stacy Lent, shooting guns would remain in Lent, no new taxes until things are ironed out, 2 Board members join the Council, and Staff would remain on for a good amount of time. The Board discussed the merger and it was noted that Lent cannot afford to exist if it is broken or picked apart. The SLFD would be a large expense if broken apart. There is a sixty day clock for the neighboring communities to annex once this merger is filed. P. Tiede will come to the Annual Meeting to talk more about this. Mayor Utecht will also be invited. The Board discussed different options such as cities having better revenues than townships, importance of keeping the community in one piece, Lent cannot provide sewer and water to its businesses (more than double the budget), and how it will benefit Lent. A citizen group was brought up by D. Milles who thanked the Board for taking the time to look into this. Shooting guns was allowed to stay in Wyoming Township and there was a sewer and non-sewer tax rate when they merged, per C. DuBose. The Board is going to bring information to the Annual Meeting and they agree that they would like public meetings regarding this as



opposed to having a Board vote, and a resolution signed. They want to make sure to do what will benefit the community. D. Stiers said that he would be a part of the citizen group and would like to see some slides on this at the Annual Meeting.

Maintenance Lift

R. Keller said he feels the current lift can be repaired. B. Seekon said it needed to be replaced.

B. Seekon made a motion to spend up to \$8k to replace the lift. Second by T. Nelson. From the Building Fund. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Lost Revenue for Hall Rentals (2020 & 2021) ARPA \$12,883.50 (Resolution 2022-8) B. Seekon made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-8 for lost Hall Rental Revenue for \$12,883.50. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

They have been discussing Forest Lake Contracting and there has been no movement on the complaint properties. Fines are being sent to Elk Lane and the bank, as it is now bank owned. C. DuBose suggested tagging it so that prospective buyers will know there is a violation. J. Hartmann said that he has been through that before; he would want to check with P. Tiede and a member of the Planning Commission would affix it. J. Townsend is still occupying the home.

Roads

Road Committee Meeting 7:00 pm (2/22/2022)

New Snow Plow Truck

R. Keller said this can wait a year. B. Seekon said that the auger is getting bad. They will look at this again in the summer.

Parks

None

Building

C. Cagle said a baby changing station is going to be added in the handicap stall of the men's room. B. Seekon said that most of the building work is done. The old can lights were removed and replaced with LEDs. The Maintenance shop is cleaner. Maintenance would like help driving while they clear brush. R. Keller said that he would like them to put up a sign stating they will be working in an area, at the end and the beginning of their work area.

Broadband

J. Eischens said that ECE is still looking for funding. Genesis has bad reports so far, but Midco is running all sorts of lines. Hometown Fiber is doing a study at the end of February and they will be at the board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

D. Stiers mentioned the home on Erie that has not paid taxes in a long time, the owner is not living there and someone is paying the propane and electric bill. T. Nelson said that all we can do is wait. B. Seekon said a complaint could be logged and the process would start.



CLERK COMMENTS

None

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

- T. Nelson asked S. Aker to send an email to M. Peltier regarding the funding breakdown so they know where the money is coming from.
- J. Eischens said that there is a special election coming up.
- B. Seekon said M. Koran will be the speaker at CCATO at the Hall.
- R. Keller said he likes working with this Board.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Road Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:00 pm
- ❖ CCATO Meeting Wednesday, February 23, 2022 7:00 pm Lent Town Hall
- ❖ CSAH Open House Thursday, March 3, 2022 5:00 pm 7:00 pm
- ❖ Joint Powers Monday, March 7, 2022 7:00 pm
- ❖ Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission Wednesday, March 9, 2022- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2022- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting Thursday, April 28, 2022 6:00 pm
- ❖ Parks Meeting –TBD

ADJOURN

T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm. Second by C. Cagle. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

Clerk, Lent Twnshp., Chisago Co., MN Notarial Officer (ex-officio notary public) My term is indeterminate