



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
February 16, 2021 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Treasurer S. Aker, Town Clerk K. Wood, Deputy Clerk B. Schule, Planner K. Moen, Engineer J. Pelawa, Attorney P. Tiede, 10 members of the public (attended virtually-listed for the record)

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 19, 2021

J. Eischens made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 Board Meeting. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE BUDGET MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2, 2021

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Budget Meeting minutes from February 2, 2021. Second by B. Seekon. 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 B. Seekon. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER COMMENTS

None



NEW BUSINESS

CUP Amendment for A-1 Tire to add overnight truck parking on the north side of the property (Resolution 2021-6)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution. C. Cagle seconded. C. Cagle said that she had some concerns (nighttime monitoring, trafficking, etc.) regarding the overnight parking and would like to change the CUP amendment to an IUP so that it has a sunset date where they can review it. T. Nelson said semi trucks are parking overnight across the street and said he thought three years sounded fair. J. Selvog said if a truck has to leave late at night, they will have the gate code. The people parking there will also be bound to a contract enforced by him. There will be no idling or running refrigeration units. The Board asked P. Tiede his thoughts about changing the amendment to an IUP and P. Teide said if the applicant does not agree, you may have to have the applicant reapply. J. Selvog noted that the trucks will have to be started if someone has to leave during the night. R. Keller said we can do an IUP starting today for one year. J. Selvog said if I follow the guidelines, I should not have a problem with that. B. Seekon said if we review it and we like what you are doing, we can set it for however long we want after the year check up. Votes via roll call Ayes 0, Nays 5. Motion failed.

C. Cagle made a motion to change the CUP amendment to an IUP with a 1- year term from February 16, 2021 so that the Board can review it at that time. Second by B. Seekon. There is a verbal agreement from J. Selvog. **Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 1. Motion carried. T. Nelson nay.**

Comprehensive Plan Update

M. Willcoxon said the Planning Commission is having a work session tomorrow night.

LRIP Funds

R. Keller is going to talk about this on roads.

Budget Discussion

R. Keller said they had a budget discussion at the meeting. **T. Nelson made a motion to approve proposed levy. Second by B. Seekon.** T. Nelson said it is \$11k to run all of the buildings utilities and he hopes to recoup some of that when we start renting out the Hall again. C. Cagle took all of the costs and factored them in and said it takes \$780.00 per month to run the Hall. That is basically one rental per month. **T. Nelson amended his motion to include the budget minutes as testimony. B. Seekon seconded.** The renters in the rental home pay for the utilities and there are no upcoming repairs to the rental house. S. Aker said she did a report on 2019 and 2020 utilities. **Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**



S. Aker said that the cost of sand mixture went up. T. Nelson said that is good information for the Annual Meeting.

County Highway 17 Extension

R. Keller said that County Road 17 is proposed to go through directly to County Road 14. The bridge is coming down in 2027. C. DuBose had a meeting with J. Triplett and he explained the proposed plan. He went to every door on Lent Trail and asked what they thought of this and they seemed in favor of it. Lent Trail would be a Township road. Positive: less traffic on Lent Trail. There will be public hearings and C. DuBose said he feels that it is worth exploring. The Board said that Lent Trail will have to be repaired prior to it being turned over to the Township. State Aid money may be able to be used to help with the repairs. J. Triplett is going to have an open house. C. DuBose said that he wanted to get a feel from the Township to see if it was worth pursuing.

Signs on 360th Street

R. Keller said he was contacted by P. Carlson and J. Besser and they want No Parking signs on 360th Street. He said he would be in favor of posting the signs if the DNR would make a parking lot in the hunting area. They said no because it is too wet. North Branch wants to post the entire road. R. Keller said he does not think it is right. They also contacted B. Seekon. After discussion, the Board decided that R. Keller will contact North Branch and say that Lent is not in favor of the no parking signs.

Discuss becoming a City

P. Tiede explained the process about how a Township becomes a City. There is an opportunity of initial auction of the Township, there is a trial, expenses, municipal services can come into play, and it can be complicated/high-risk. M. Willcoxon said Credit River is in the process right now. P. Tiede said that they had support from their neighboring cities. After discussion, the Board decided to send the current annexation documents to P. Tiede for review. The annexation agreements are legally bound documents. R. Keller and T. Nelson are going to be in charge further looking into this.

Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2021-7)

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

Midco Upgrade

R. Keller said we have been having trouble with the Internet. He and K. Wood talked and she upgraded the Midco. B. Seekon said for control of meetings, he has a wireless keyboard. It'll be less than \$100. R. Keller asked about wireless microphones. B. Seekon is going to look into it.



B. Novack Review

R. Keller said he and T. Nelson met with B. Novack and they are recommending a \$1 an hour raise. He performs well at his job and does what is asked. T. Nelson noted that B. Novack was happy to have his job and said he would be willing to not take a raise. **B. Seekon made a motion to increase B. Novack's wage by \$1 per hour retroactive to his start date (January 17th). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

B. Seekon said A1 and commercial recreation (tabled) were big topics. M. Willcoxon explained what they are trying to do with the special permitting and said that it is a work in progress.

Roads

Road Report

R. Keller said that he, J. Eischens, D. Stiers and K. Wood did the road tour last month. He noted that Maintenance should keep up on the brushing/limbing. The roads were ice covered. M. Fehrman is going to put grit on the hill on Karmel Ave. because there have been some concerns. He noted that blacktop would make the icy conditions worse.

Road Improvements

Fahrner Quote

T. Nelson said Allied submitted their revised quote and it was more than Fahrner. \$213k to do all phases. **B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Fahrner quote for the 3 phases of single chip and fog. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Crack Sealing

B. Seekon made a motion to do crack sealing for 2021 up to \$15k pending approval for specified roads to be done with Seal Tech. T. Nelson seconded. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

LRIP Funds

R. Keller said he talked to J. Pelawa and usually one jurisdiction gets the funds. It does not cover any soft costs, engineers, wetland delineations, surveys, etc. On 302nd Street, you would spend \$50k-100k on engineering and it would have to be brought up to DOT specs; 30' wide roads, fix site lines, take hills out, fill in divots, get wetland credits, etc. He thought we should not pursue Ivywood right now, but 302nd may be an option. Another option would be paving it as is. T. Nelson said there are only 3 or 4 houses on it and the biggest benefit is the school. T. Nelson said it is not in the next two year budget. Annexation was discussed.



360th Street Bids

R. Keller said Shawn from North Branch would like to pave the road as is at 3". \$280k total as is. Township cost would be \$140k. He said that we should do some mitigation from P. Carlson's to Hemingway. Put fabric, 8" of gravel and then pave it. T. Nelson said we should do some core samples. The road needs shoulders. R. Keller said we should get J. Pelawa out there.

302nd St Ivywood Trail

Discussed under LRIP

Parks

None

Building

C. Cagle said Sit Means Sit dog training would like to have classes Monday nights at the Hall for \$25 per class plus damage deposit in March. They would have to clean up and all of the dogs have training collars. She usually does not have any bathroom incidents with dogs, but if she does, she will clean up. She has up to 10 dogs currently along with insurance for our file. B. Seekon said we have to have \$1.5 million dollar insurance policy. R. Keller said he is not in favor of it because of dog hair, etc. and would rather have the place closed. C. Cagle said the owner lives in Linwood and Lent tax payers are benefiting from her services. T. Nelson said it costs about \$25/\$30 per day to run the Hall. **J. Eischens made motion to charge \$45 with a 3 hour minimum, provide general liability at \$1.5 million, clean up, \$300 damage deposit and a limit of 20 dogs. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 1. Motion carried.** R. Keller nay. C. Cagle said she will let her know. She is getting a flooring quote on Thursday for \$3 a square less than last time for a better product. GenErik has been working on the air exchange. Talked to Grainger and they have the stall units for \$750 for stalls and hardware. Need 4 total. Still working on getting the handicap door openers installed, but it has been too cold. The portable outhouses will be ordered and set out back when she talks to Lloyds. She said it is \$780 per month for the Hall including paying D. Benson, but not bathroom paper supplies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

D. Stiers said the sound on Zoom is still distorted. When two people are talking it is impossible to hear. He is concerned about what he saw at the Planning Commission meeting with how J. Selvog was treated because it seems that Lent is trying to tighten down on his business. His impression is that Lent Township is not business friendly. He requested that appropriate behavior be taken under consideration from the Board while speaking at meetings.

CLERK COMMENTS

K. Wood asked B. Schule if she concurs with D. Stiers about the sound on Zoom and said yes.

K. Wood requested a motion to approve the purchase of Microsoft Office for the Board tablets. **C. Cagle made a motion to purchase Microsoft Office for the tablets. B. Seekon seconded.** C. Cagle said she will look into the software and report back to B. Seekon. **Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.** B. Seekon will install the program on the tablets and use K. Wood's credit card to purchase them.



SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

C. Cagle said tomorrow is the legislative session. She and J. Eischens are going to attend (virtually).

B. Seekon said CCATO will be at Lent. Nancy Hoffman and Stephanie from the County will be in attendance. He may offer a remote Zoom link. They have been going to different Town Halls. Sharon put in her notice to quit, but has decided to stay. T. Nelson said treats can be ordered from the *Tesoro* (Station on 17)

T. Nelson said that it does seem that the Township is being unfair to J. Selvog and he said that we do want businesses to come to Lent.

J. Eischens said that she attended the County meeting on January 20th and reported on the following: They are purchasing a street sweeper, zero interest; Sunrise Prairie Trail 1.1 million; Heartland Express is going away and being replaced. (17 buses); Beyond the Yellow Ribbon -wanted a Chisago chapter-approved.; COVID updates 302 hospital 77 ICU. Numbers good; HHS: increased needs, 2 vacancies; Applying for LRIP; Mayor of North Branch has been working on Genesis. The rates are good and they have 3 towers by the Industrial park, by County Road 14 and 360th Street and by Ecumen. They are hoping to be up and running by March. Our northern Lent residents can access them. They spent \$.5 million for one tower which was covered by grants. Stacy has a tower on their water tower which was super expensive. She is going to talk about it at the Annual Meeting.

R. Keller said he will try to do a better job talking at one time during Zoom meetings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Parks Meeting –TBD
- ❖ CCATO Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 2021 7:00 pm
- ❖ Joint Powers – Monday, March 1, 2021 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Annual Meeting – Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – Wednesday, March 10, 2021- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 16, 2021- 7:00 pm

ADJOURN

B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 pm. Second by J. Eischens. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

