



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

February 18, 2020 7:00 PM

Location: Town Hall 33155 Hemingway Ave., Stacy, MN 55079

**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 L. Sinna, Supervisor C. Cagle

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Treasurer S. Aker, Town Clerk K. Wood, Maintenance Supervisor M. Fehrman, 4 people (signed in)

**REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by B. Seekon.**

L. Sinna added F. Better Angels to New Business.

T. Nelson added Fahrner under 5 Roads and 6 Seal Tech. He also added Insurance to G. under New Business.

**All in favor, motion carried.**

**APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 2020**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting from January 21, 2020. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.**

**APPROVE INSURANCE REVIEW MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the insurance review minutes from February 11, 2020. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.**

**APPROVE BUDGET MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2020. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried.**

**REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**L. Sinna made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.**



### **TREASURER COMMENTS**

S. Aker said the Township offers a life insurance policy on the employees at a bronze level and asked if that is what they would like to stay with. **B. Seekon made a motion to stay with the bronze level life insurance policy for employees who have life insurance. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

She said she is questioning the bill from the City of North Branch. The chloride amount does not seem correct due to the portion of the road being blacktopped. It states they are billing for 28 hours of plowing and 24 hours of grading. Lent only owns half of the road. C. Cagle said to tell them they need to clarify their bill. M. Fehrman and R. Keller will talk to Shawn and they need a copy of the invoice.

S. Aker said the Federal and State have a new W4 form. She said that she is only making people aware of it, but if they have any questions, they should talk to their tax preparer and to let her know if they want it changed. C. Cagle and L. Sinna asked for a copy of it.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Planning & Zoning**

B. Seekon said they talked about the Comp Plan. It is a yearlong process and E. Maass is putting together some numbers. T. Nelson asked why this is going to take a year to do because we already have a comp plan. C. Cagle said every time we make a change it has to go through the Planning Commission and the Board. We are going to have some public meetings.

B. Seekon said some Elk Lane neighbors came in. The Lindgren property is on hold due to a lack of evidence to sustain the complaint. D. Milles said they are going to keep an eye on the property. Purchasing a drone was discussed. R. Keller said a drone is unnecessary. D. Milles said we need to ask P. Tiede what we can legally do about investigating. C. Cagle said we have spent so much money to try to *nail this guy*. B. Seekon said if there is nothing to see, there is nothing to do. There is no livable home on the property.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the screening on the solar screening and the Board wanting to fine the solar company if it is not in by July 1. The Board directed the Clerk to write a letter and she asked if she could talk to E. Maass because of the emails she has been included on. Edit: The screening is in place and more than the required number of trees have been planted.

#### **Roads**

##### **Road Maintenance (Report)**

R. Keller said shaded roads are icy and roads with a good sun angle are melting.



### **Shouldering Machine**

R. Keller said he would like Maintenance to move forward with renting a shouldering machine. It is approximately \$9600 for 800 tons from Knife River. They will get it done within a couple of weeks. R. Keller said he would like to book it now to get both scheduled for the same date.

**B. Seekon made a motion to rent the shouldering machine and purchase the gravel. L. Sinna seconds. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **Gravel**

See above

### **Truck Quote**

M. Fehrman said when he picked up the plow truck, he got some basic numbers for a new truck. It is done on a state bid contract. They offer a 7-year lease to own program for just over \$30k per year. T. Nelson said to get hard numbers for the Annual Meeting. The new one has the belly blade before the wing which would eliminate the need for him to go back out and clean up the roads. M. Fehrman said it has a warranty. T. Nelson said you would not have to budget for a \$200k truck. T. Nelson said instead of the Board making this decision, the people should. L. Sinna asked if we can show what we have spent on the truck. J. Selvog said to get rid of it if it has wiring problems. T. Nelson said we can borrow from Security State Bank of Marine at 2.5 percent. M. Fehrman is going to get the interest rate. S. Aker said it is 3 percent and it goes to 3.1 in 2022. C. Cagle said we need the truck for the roads we just put in. Interest rates, warranties and leasing was discussed.

### **Fahrner Quote**

**B. Seekon made a motion to have Fahrner single chip Elmwood Trail, 316<sup>th</sup> Street and 320<sup>th</sup> Street. Second by C. Cagle. Includes spray patching the holes. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **Seal Tech**

T. Nelson said it is \$9407 to crack seal 8 miles.

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Seal Tech quote for \$9407 and crack seal the newly blacktopped roads. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

T. Nelson said we need a yearly maintenance plan so we can give Seal Tech an amount like \$20k per year. This year we will just do the eight, but we should think of a number to set aside in the future. R. Keller said we do not need to set the number now, but tell him that is the direction we want to go.

### **Parks**

None





## **Building**

C. Cagle said she wants some outlets on the wall of the Birdie Woods Room. She has some information for a sign on the dumpster fence. There are a couple people asking about seed packets for the Annual Meeting. She explained the seeding process. She got a quote for the new coffee table for \$1800 so she is going to look for something else. At the spring cleanup day, she would like to sell the round tables we have and buy white tables made of industrial resin. D. Benson is marking the bad tables to get rid of. B. Seekon said we are restricted on how we sell things. M. Fehrman said we should scrap them.

## **Broadband Report**

L. Sinna said Chisago Lake Township, Sunrise and Nessel applied for the State grant. Nessel got it. North Branch is not applying for the State grant money. The Board and residents discussed their Internet providers. L. Sinna said we are going to have a map as to where broadband is and where it is not.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A1 Tire Jeff Selvog – Tax Abatement Discussion**

R. Keller said he will abstain from voting on this matter. J. Selvog said it is a new program. R. Keller said C. DuBose emailed him and said it does not fit certain criteria. J. Selvog said he feels it fits the criteria and will talk to N. Hoffman. J. Selvog said there are benefits to Lent. His business is relocating to Lent, bringing 10 employees to Lent and he is bringing value to the land that had no value before besides the farm value. Other businesses will possibly move in. His company has been in business for 36 years. This project has collected \$4800 in park fees. He is going to hire local contractors and Tesoro will benefit because his employees will be shopping there. Lent will be getting the money back.

He stated he is asking to do this to offset his lease in Stacy that is up 12/2022. The abatement is up to five years and would be approximately \$5-7k per year from Lent. If he got the tax break, he would have to go to the County. The Lent location will be 7x bigger and they will break ground in the spring. E. Maass is waiting for the drawings before J. Selvog can file the CUP with the County. He is waiting for the lease to run out and then he is going to get rid of the Stacy location. J. Selvog said Lent has not had a business of this size for several years. B. Seekon said he and P. Carlson talked about this. P. Carlson said when you have a business coming in, you lose a little up front, but you make more in the long run. D. Milles said since we are looking at the comp plan, maybe this tax abatement should be talked about at the Planning Commission meeting.

J. Selvog said if he is not going to get the tax abatement, he will probably have to skip out on some things on his building because he has double rent. T. Nelson said we are trying to entertain more growth over there and have to look at the future. J. Selvog stated that he has been approached by people who have wanted to buy his other parcels. J. Selvog said most places are 10-12 years. T. Nelson said he is okay with the 5 years. L. Sinna would like to know more about what C. DuBose has to say about it.



J. Selvog said he has about 20 hours into this. Nancy Hoffman and Chris DuBose have never had to deal with this in Lent. There was discussion as to everyone's opinion on what should happen. His new signage was discussed. J. Selvog said he went to his bank and they told him about the tax abatement. Everyone decided it was best if the Planning Commission discussed it. It will be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting.

**Lions LG555 - \$500 – Reiger Field Lighting (Resolution 2020-4)**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Lions LG555. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Election Judges (Resolution 2020-5)**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-5 approving the list of Election Judges. Second by T. Nelson. All favor, motion carried.** K. Wood appointed L. Sinna as an Election Judge.

**MAT Short Courses**

C. Cagle, K. Wood, R. Keller, S. Aker and T. Nelson are going to go. St. Cloud – March 24.

**Town Law Review (April 16, 2020)**

R. Keller, L. Sinna, K. Wood, S. Aker and C. Cagle are going to go.

**Better Angels Workshop**

L. Sinna talked to the leader and she found a moderator to do a Better Angels Workshop which is a nationwide organization. There are two possible dates in April 5 or 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-5. It is a Red and Blue Workshop where they have an equal amount of people who are DFL and Republican; typically, 5-7 participants on each side. She participated in one of these in Lakeville. It is a good community involvement. It will be 2-5 on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Insurance**

T. Nelson met with the Fire Department and they met with C. Sauro 2 years ago. We are insured for old trucks. They are going to list air packs, turn out gear, dive trailer for \$100k, etc. on an Excel spreadsheet. T. Nelson said we should have MAT back out. L. Sinna said there needs to be more work done by both insurers.

T. Nelson said he wants a Fire Department packet and a Township packet. T. Nelson said we need an inventory list. L. Sinna asked about the personal items that are in the dive trailer. She said we are underinsured. L. Sinna asked if it is appropriate that people bring their own equipment into the Fire Department. C. Cagle said in the employee manual, when a person uses their own vehicle, the Township will not cover it. We will step in after their personal insurance. C. Cagle asked if we should have a Township vehicle for the Planning Commission, MAT trainings, runs to Menards, etc.



**PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)**

None

**CLERK COMMENTS**

K. Wood confirmed CCATO is at the Hall March 25 and that there is no CCATO in February.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

L. Sinna: None

T. Nelson: None

B. Seekon: None

C. Cagle: None

R. Keller: The lights on the Lent signs are not working.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- ❖ CCATO Meeting – February 26, 2020 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Annual Meeting – March 10, 2020 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – March 11, 2020- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – March 17, 2020- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Bad Weather Date Annual Meeting – March 17, 2020 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Parks Meeting – March 31, 2020 – 6:00 pm
- ❖ Broadband Meeting – April 13, 2020 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board of Appeal & Equalization – April 23, 2020 – 6:00pm

**ADJOURN**

**B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. Second by R. Keller. All in favor, motion carried.**

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

