



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

January 19, 2021 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 828 7071 7372 Passcode: 839997

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

***Pledge of Allegiance***

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, 5 members of the public (attended virtually-listed for the record)

**REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by T. Nelson.** T. Nelson said he would like to look at the numbers from Fahrner and Seal Tech. **Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 15, 2020**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 15, 2020 Board Meeting. Second by J. Eischens.** **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.** There was a \$90k payment for the roads, \$7k to Arvissi for half of the electrical (at SLFD) and \$26k for MATIT for work comp and regular insurance. Croix Valley Inspections is J. Kramer. **Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER COMMENTS**

None



## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution approving the preliminary plat and final plat for Neumann Acres - Jennifer Neumann (Resolution 2021-1)**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve the preliminary and final plat for Neumann Acres (Resolution 2021-1). Second by T. Nelson. B. Seekon said the property is going to be split in half. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**Resolution approving an interim use permit to construct, own, and operate a one-megawatt Community Solar Energy system “SOLAR garden” as well as a variance to the side yard setback for the property generally located west of 35342 KOST TRAIL, NORTH BRANCH (Resolution 2021-2)**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Cornillie 1 Community Solar Garden and variance to the side yard setback – Resolution 2021-2. Second by J. Eischens. B. Seekon noted that P. Carlson said the kind of tree they wanted was not good. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

## **Comprehensive Plan Update**

K. Moen shared a couple of housing slides and said that it is estimated that the community will be growing by 230 people by 2040 and that the population is ageing. She asked if the Township wanted to supply some housing for older people. She said that the Planning Commission did not like the *affordable* aspect of the goal. They changed it to ‘expand and diversify for people at all ages’ and would like to explore duplexes in appropriate areas. She said that only about 10 percent of the housing stock is over 50 years old and that we will want to reinvest in housing so that it does not decrease housing values. C. DuBose said he thought the 230 people sounded low and asked how she came up with the number. She projected it by the household size and permit data. She said that it could be higher, but it is hard to tell because Lent is so small. B. Seekon said that the general consensus of the Planning Commission was that people wanted to have privacy and no one wanted ‘City life’. T. Nelson said that we have to be open to the idea of senior housing. B. Seekon said that there have been conversations about Lent becoming a City because it would eliminate annexation. There is an orderly annexation agreement with Stacy.

## **Oath of Office (Supervisor Keller and Cagle)**

The Clerk gave the Oath of Office to Supervisor Keller and Supervisor Cagle.

## **Annual Board Reorganization**

**B. Seekon made a motion to keep all positions the same. T. Nelson seconds. J. Eischens is going to continue to go to the County meetings and work on Broadband. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**



**Approve MN Deer Hunters Association Gambling LG220 (Resolution 2021-5)**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the MN Deer Hunters Association Gambling LG220 Resolution 2021-5. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**Set Road Committee Date (Tuesday, February 2, 2021 5:00 pm)**

**B. Seekon made a motion to set the Road Committee meeting for 5pm and the Audit/Budget meeting for 7pm on February 2, 2021. Second by J. Eischens. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**Set Board of Audit/Budget Meeting (Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7:00 pm)**

See above

**Annual Meeting Discussion**

R. Keller said we should allow residents to Zoom in and come into the Hall. It will be a hybrid meeting because it gives everyone the option to do what they need. T. Nelson said we will have to watch the screen to see who has questions. J. Eischens said there is a thumbs up reaction on Zoom for voting or they can put their thumb up.

**Set Annual Meeting Bad Weather Date - Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:00pm**

**T. Nelson made a motion to set the bad weather date for the Annual meeting for Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2021-4)**

**B. Seekon made a motion to accept \$500 for Parks and Rec from the Stacy Lions Club Resolution 2021-4. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2021 Hall Rental Fees**

**Amended Fee Schedule / A Resolution Setting Compensation Fee Schedule and Fees for 2021 (Resolution 2021-3)**

**C. Cagle made a motion to raise the Deputy Clerk rate to \$20 per hour. Second by J. Eischens. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

C. Cagle said she runs a business that pays for her phone so she is unable to double dip because she writes it off and wants to make people aware of that. B. Seekon said they can go to the office and say





that they do not want a check. He said it is inequality because other employees receive the \$30 cell phone allowance. He said that there is no difference between what Staff does and what the Board does with their phones. He said he does not need it, but he wants it. He asked why the Board are the lowest paid people.

**B. Seekon made a motion that general labor for Supervisors increase from \$15 to \$20 per hour. R. Keller seconds for discussion. B. Seekon amends his motion to include the increase for all labor and training be \$20 per hour. R. Keller seconds that motion. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**B. Seekon made a motion for site inspections to increase from \$15 to \$20 per hour. T. Nelson seconds. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

If someone does not want the \$30 phone reimbursement, they need to let S. Aker know in writing.

C. Cagle said she would like to raise rentals by \$25. After discussion, B. Seekon made a motion to raise the Hall rental rates by \$50 except the Birdie Woods Room rentals. J. Eischens seconds. R. Keller said there should not be a rental raise for residents. C. Cagle agreed with R. Keller. By a roll call vote, motion failed.

**B. Seekon made a motion to increase non-resident rental fees by \$50 and keep resident rates the same for 2021 as they were in 2020. \$300 for damage deposits for everyone (resident and non-resident). No discounted rates for non-profits. J. Eischens seconds. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve the fee schedule Resolution 2021-3 as amended and rescind resolution 2020-31. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning & Zoning**

B. Seekon said they are keeping up on the complaints. Countryview Marine was discussed and K. Moen sent a letter regarding the inadequate screening and items being stored in the wetlands.

R. Keller took photos of 32050 Elk Lane and they have 16 cars and are parking on the street. He said that we need to escalate this and get property owner into court. There is enough evidence to get him in front of a judge. R. Keller said if the fines go on the land, he could walk away. We need to go to court. T. Nelson said we may need to stiffen up our rules. B. Seekon said we levy the fines once per month and can do it once a day. C. Cagle asked if we can have the junk hauled away. B. Seekon said, yes, but have to have a judge allow for us to do it.



## **Roads**

R. Keller said the roads are all ice covered and winter driving conditions. Next time, J. Eischens and D. Stiers will ride with him.

### **Township ownership of Kable Ave south of 344th St. (Easement)**

T. Nelson said S. Obitz said the person who purchased the property was told he would be able to access the property via an easement. He is concerned that he is going to come through the Township and DNR easement. T. Nelson said it is more of a legal issue. R. Keller said it is not the responsibility of the Township. He may need to buy land and not involve the Township. He could petition the Township and get a legal easement on both sides. He has access on Kale and 345<sup>th</sup>. 400 feet is all we have responsibility for. R. Keller said we blacktopped it and maintain it so we own it.

## **Parks**

None

## **Building**

C. Cagle had a contractor meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> and they are starting the on the 1<sup>st</sup>. They have each other's phone number. GenErik is going to start in the Birdie Woods room. She is going to do tile on the walls and floors of the restrooms. She is getting a revised quote from Giese Carpet. C. Hardy said that he saw some crumbling when he was doing work and that all of the plumbing had collapsed at one point. That is where it is freezing and the pipe is probably not insulated. A new mop sink will be added in the maintenance closet. She is going to keep the lights and the sinks in the bathrooms. Outlets are going to be put in the Birdie Woods room.

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

C. DuBose said they got 1 million dollars to give away to businesses. A lot of people are working out of their homes at the County. There is a lot less funding for road projects. C. DuBose is the new Board Chair.

### **CLERK COMMENTS**

None

### **SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

T. Nelson said we have the Board of Audit meeting coming up and would like to see the numbers from last year. He is going to send the road plan spreadsheet to K. Wood.

C. Cagle attended the webinar for the moratorium for homelessness and said that it only includes rentals. She talked to Lakes and Pines and it has to be a direct, in the family COVID related issue for mortgage assistance. She is going to continue looking for assistance appropriate for the area. C. DuBose said



landlords could not evict so the landlords were suffering. The State is going to roll out a program for landlords. C. Cagle said the State got \$344 million and it was not for rural areas. She is concerned about mortgage protection in our area.

J. Eischens said the County Vice Chair is R. Greene. They talked about COVID and the death count. The numbers are slowing down. Vaccination distribution was discussed. If businesses are not adhering to executive order, they are not getting in trouble, instead, they are educating them. County roadwork was also discussed. A resident was able to get Midco even after he was told by them that they would not service him.

B. Seekon said he does not like the word affordable housing because he pays his fair share and his bills and does not want the word in the comp plan. He talked about A1 Tire's request to amend his CUP to allow for truck parking. T. Nelson is going to meet M. Willcoxon and J. Selvog to further discuss the amendment request.

R. Keller none.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

### ADJOURN

**B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

