

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

June 20, 2023 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 813 2187 6726 Passcode: 626589 Town Hall 33155 Hemingway Avenue, Stacy, MN 55079

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Chairperson R. Keller, Vice Chair T. Nelson, Supervisor J. Barrett, Supervisor B.

Seekon, Supervisor Carolyn Cagle

Members absent: None

Others present: Clerk T. Smolke, Treasurer S. Aker, Planning Commission member D. Stiers, Planner

K. Lindquist, and 14 members of the public signed in/attended via Zoom

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second by C. Cagle. R. Keller added C. Griffin's review under New Business F and P. Teide's OAA email under G. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2023

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from May 16, 2023. J. Barrett seconded. 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. Barrett. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER COMMENTS

S. Aker said she did a \$111k wire transfer for the SLFD with a \$50 wire transfer fee. R. Keller noted there was an extra fee because it was from Canada.

NEW BUSINESS

Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2023-27)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Lions LG555 for \$500 for Parks and Rec (Resolution 2023-27). Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

STF Properties Preliminary Plat (Resolution 2023-28 and Resolution 2023-31)

R. Keller made a motion to approve the STF Preliminary Plat with Variance (Resolution 2023-28). Second by B. Seekon. R. Keller said they will extend 165 ft on Kable Avenue with a shared driveway. He wants the town engineer to maintain supervision on this project. K. Lindquist said they have already submitted an easement and it will be reviewed by the town engineer and town attorney. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried. R. Keller made a motion to approve the STF Variance (Resolution 2023-31). Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Lennon Welding, 9800 253rd Ave (Resolution 2023-29)



B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Lennon Welding Home Occupation (Resolution 2023-29). Second by R. Keller. C. Cagle said he is an offsite welder. The applicant is building an ag barn that will be used for half hay and half welding equipment with up to three employees. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Platinum Transport, 33675 Grand Ave + 4 neighbor complaints (Resolution 2023-30) C. Cagle stated the property owner runs a trucking company. R. Keller made a motion to approve the Platinum Transport IUP, 33675 Grand Ave (Resolution 2023-30) Second by T. Nelson, C. Cagle said the business partner lives in the home and they have two trucks they operate. J. Barrett asked I. Johnson that since he knew nothing about getting a permit, this must all be new to him. I. Johnson confirmed yes. J. Barrett stated that a trucking company is not on the list of examples of business allowed in that zone. He confirmed the two drivers go to the cities and return in the afternoon and that is the extent of the entire operation. J. Barrett asked I. Johnson to explain some of the complaints, including the timeline log from the neighbors. I. Johnson claimed there was no validity to the complaint of multiple people driving trucks and the loud car is driven by his partner's father. J. Barret said he is sympathetic to the neighbors and their complaints. In that area there are kids, bikes, dogs, and other legitimate concerns with traffic. J. Barrett asked if he has ever looked into options as a truck hauling business in a residential area is not ideal. It would be an option in an industrial park. I. Johnson said he cannot afford to but would like to someday purchase industrial buildings. He said he knows which neighbors are making complaints and they are ganging up on him. J. Barrett said the Board can do inspections and C. Cagle said they can revoke IUP's too. J. Barrett would like to hear more of the neighbors' concerns and challenge I. Johnson to find and industrial area as trucking is not compatible with the neighborhood. B. Seekon suggested a spot to rent at A1 Tire. I. Johnson said he would have to do oil changes and pre-trip inspections in a parking lot. J. Barrett asked if he has a building now and I. Johnson said it is not ideal but he can get his truck in there. B. Seekon said, to play devil's advocate, idling diesels are obnoxious. R. Keller said he believes the board is pushing the property owner too hard as the ordinance states up to five and he would like to amend his motion to add 26,000 pounds or greater. Second by B. Seekon. T. Nelson said he does not put weight into confidential complaints and they need to use their names. R. Keller asked if the number of trucks allowed was two instead of three would the board be more likely to vote yes and T. Nelson said yes. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried. I. Johnson listed the stipulations including that inspections can happen anytime with no warning needed.

ABDO Pay Study Results

C. Cagle said the study looked like everything was covered. T. Nelson said ABDO was the worst company he has ever dealt with. There were job descriptions altered by ABDO and four extra job descriptions in total. R. Keller suggested the city staff changed these job descriptions and sent them in. J. Barrett said the director position in the city is overtitled and the job tasks are lower than that of a director level. He said Lent staff seemed to be rated in the right area. T. Nelson believes the four job descriptions that were not needed changed the points for the other jobs. J. Barrett said ABDO provided some data and we need to adjust and correlate it to these jobs. C. Cagle said we asked for combined job descriptions and we did not receive them. T. Nelson stated, and the board agreed, the township will not pay more toward this pay study. T. Nelson said if the finance person in Stacy was making decisions without us, there needs to be some ramifications. R. Keller and J. Barrett agreed that ABDO did a good job with the information that was provided to them. R. Keller said the Stacy job descriptions were changed to look a certain way from December to February, when the updated once came out. J. Barrett



pointed out, during that time, the Finance Director went from reporting to the City Clerk to reporting to the City Council.

Craig Griffin Review

R. Keller said that he and T. Nelson met with C. Griffin and he is doing a good job. They recommend a \$2 per hour raise which is within the pay matrix. R. Keller made a motion to give C. Griffin a \$2 per hour raise effective on the anniversary of his start date. Second by B. Seekon. B. Seekon added that C. Griffin is organized and *brings a lot to the table*. T. Nelson said his communication with him is great. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Peter Teide OAA Email

R. Keller said the town attorney emailed a letter to hold off on the annexation until after August 1st. T. Smolke can send a letter to the Administrative Law Judge. The board discussed moving money and the best way and time to do so. S. Aker said she would like to have the guidance and correct legal ways to do this. R. Keller would like her to talk to the bank and T. Nelson recommended she discuss this with the town attorney. B. Seekon made a motion to get our legal representative's advice on this and move back to the August 1st and have T. Smolke send the letter to the ALJ. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

Discussed

Roads

R. Keller did not do the monthly road tour because of the anticipated annexation.

Seal Tech Quote

T. Nelson asked for the quote to be signed of on prior to the merger. It includes crack sealing for the westside of town for \$30k. R. Keller would like make 320th a priority.

Parks

T. Nelson said there was a water main break at Reiger Field.

Building

B. Seekon said he received a text from D. Benson because the refrigerator was tripping the GFI. He purchased some electrical parts to remedy the problem. He also said the office air conditioning is not working and C. Griffin cleaned out the condenser last fall. T. Nelson said he should probably do it again. B. Seekon said a urinal is not flushing and probably needs batteries.

Hallway Flooring

C. Cagle talked to the father of the business owner and hopes the message will be relayed to the son as this has to be fixed. R. Keller said this is a safety issue and someone could get hurt. He suggested a lawsuit. T. Nelson said the bathrooms are in good shape and C. Cagle reminded the board she has ten extra boxes, then informed the board there is a graduation party and a wedding during the upcoming weekend.

Broadband/ County Report



J. Barrett stated statistics of fiber optic throughout the county and C. Cagle said the township paid for a study for underserved residents. T. Nelson asked T. Smolke to find the information in previous board minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

D. Stiers stated that, with Platinum Trucking, he feels the board is trying to be nice rather than fair. The location is not right for a trucking business. C. Cagle said the board can track the business with the IUP and the parameters within it. The board told a business in the Rural Transit Center that no idling is allowed. D. Stiers asked if Grand Avenue is built for trucking and T. Nelson said there is another trucking company on the same road, allowed by the township.

CLERK COMMENTS

T. Smolke reiterated that the temporary city office structure would most likely be rectified once the new council is seated after the post annexation election.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

B. Seekon stated there will be no CCATO meeting because of the EDA meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Joint Planning Meeting Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 7pm @Stacy
- CCATO Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 7pm @Chisago Lake Township
- Chisago EDA Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 6:30pm @Chisago Lake Township

ADJOURN

T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

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