



MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

March 15, 2022 7:00 PM

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Town Hall 33155 Hemingway Avenue, Stacy, MN 55079

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

R. Keller 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, Clerk K. Wood, Deputy Clerk J. Seekon, Planner J. Hartmann, 9 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 B. Seekon. B. Seekon added H. Resolution 2022-11 Annexation of Lent Township into the City of Stacy. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2022

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from February 15, 2022. Second by C. Cagle. 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 C. Cagle. T. Nelson asked about the Custom Metal. It is for the SLFD. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

TREASURER COMMENTS

S. Aker -None

T. Nelson said he likes how the Simulator Fund is separated.

NEW BUSINESS

Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2022-9)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Lions LG555 \$500 for Parks and Rec – Resolution 2022-9. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Redistricting (Resolution 2022-10)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the redistricting resolution 2022-10. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Approve Official Newspapers

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Chisago County Press and County News Review as the official Township publishing newspapers. Second by T. Nelson. R. Keller said people would like more done with social media and said that C. Cagle does a good job with the Facebook page. The



Township could send postcards reminding people of the Annual Meeting. T. Nelson said that it is posted on the website and in the newspapers. B. Seekon explained that he got on the Board because he did not know what was going on in the Township. It costs time and money to send postcards, he said. T. Nelson said the website is always updated now. C. Cagle said there is an Annual Meeting every year, and every person is affected by paying taxes which should be a reason to send out a reminder postcard. C. Cagle said that K. Wood was emailing the Board for information for a newsletter to send out in January. T. Nelson said they could send out a postcard one time per year. D. Stiers said the person who claimed to not know what was going on was at the Annual Meeting, so they must have heard about it. T. Nelson said everything is on the website. C. Cagle said she puts what is going on at the Hall every week on the Facebook she runs. The Board asked if they could add the postcard to the official publishing motion. No, do not amend your motion, finish it and make a new motion, said K. Wood. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

C. Cagle made a motion to send out a postcard with important dates on December 31st. Second by J. Eischens. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Contract for Services

Chisago County Ag Society: **B. Seekon made a motion to approve a contract for service for \$500 with Chisago County Ag Society. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Chisago Age Well: No

Chisago County Historical Society: **B. Seekon made a motion to approve a contract for service for \$500 with Chisago County Historical Society. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Family Pathways: **B. Seekon made a motion to approve a contract for service for \$500 with Family Pathways. Second by T. Nelson.** J. Eischens said there are 52 people in Lent that it will help. B. Seekon said that it is \$10 a person. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Seven County Senior Federation: No

The Board said they are saving money for Bob Gustafson's request because he does the ballfield for the kids.

Lions Fireworks

T. Nelson said that they usually approve \$1k and last year it was \$1500. **T. Nelson made a motion to approve \$1500.00 for the Stacy Lions Fireworks. B. Seekon seconded. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Insurance Meeting Date

R. Keller said some items are not insured and SLFD items are still mixed in with the Township. R. Keller would like T. Nelson to meet with the new insurance person at MATIT. R. Keller said the dragger was sold and is still on the list. T. Nelson will talk with T. Potrament and R. Keller regarding items that are covered. T. Nelson will contact the person handling insurance at MATIT.

Matt Fehrman Review

R. Keller said that he and T. Nelson had a review with M. Fehrman. They are recommending a \$1.00 per hour raise. T. Nelson said they are happy with him and had a good discussion. He is aware that he is at the top of his pay scale and R. Keller talked about maybe adding some more vacation or PTO days. **C. Cagle made a motion for a \$1 per hour raise retroactive to M. Fehrman's start date. Second by B.**



Seekon. T. Nelson said that M. Fehrman likes C. Cagle's lists and B. Seekon said he has seen a big difference in his performance. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Stacy Lent Merger 2022-11

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the annexation of the Town of Lent into the City of Stacy – Resolution 2022-11. T. Nelson seconded. B. Seekon said we have to get *this thing rolling*. The resolution is for the annexation of Lent into the City of Stacy. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

B. Seekon said that this does not mean it is a done deal; there will be negotiation, but we need to do this sooner than later. J. Eischens said there is a committee of citizens that are working through this. C. Cagle said she was wondering if we should let people know there is a group via a letter. T. Nelson said it is time to get the lawyers involved. He said people signed up to be a part of it at the Annual Meeting. Having too many people in the group could be annoying. D. Milles said if you pass the resolution tonight, we will have a meeting Monday night and our job as the citizen group is to have the meeting and bring back information to the Board. R. Keller said the 60 day clock will start after this is filed. D. Milles said the resident community group meeting is Monday at 6:30 pm at the Hall. He assumes that once they know what they want, they will let the public know. T. Nelson said they will have a public meeting when everything is sorted out. C. Cagle said it is important to clarify the reasons so people understand why the merger needs to happen. P. Tiede talked about the process and future at the Annual Meeting. The residents understood why this had to be done after his explanation at the Annual Meeting. T. Nelson said someone is always going to complain. The Board discussed those who did not attend the Annual Meeting and why the merger conversation could be confusing to them. S. Sinna said to clarify with the timeline, it is important to file with the court before the other cities get in there. R. Keller said a judge will make a decision regarding annexation. T. Nelson said P. Tiede will do the paperwork for the Township. C. DuBose said you can have Lent exist inside of Stacy which will benefit Lent. It can be set up in districts and two Board members can be added to the City Council. Chisago City and North Branch can challenge and prove that they can do a better job. T. Nelson said to get it moving and get our request in. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.** R. Keller stated he is calling P. Tiede regarding this.

OLD BUSINESS

Stacy Lent Merger

See above

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

C. Cagle said the last meeting was quick. Bolton and Menk is working with the property on Karmel Avenue to make it buildable. They are working on changing the slope requirements. R. Keller said he has talked to J. Pelawa regarding the 18 percent slope and it is great for a walkout and bring it up to a 30 percent.

C. Cagle said the dogs at the kennel permit home are not going near the property line. The two complaint properties are getting fines and one is bank owned.

Roads

R. Keller said at the time of his road report, all of the roads were free of ice and snow. Maintenance is going to do some brushing again. No frost boils. Have to set up road tour. They are going to sweep mid-



April. R. Keller said it rained April 20th last year. There are some items that Maintenance would like to sell at the shop. B. Seekon explained that they can be listed at Fleet Services. The Board discussed the equipment list Maintenance provided and would like to see a better list. There are bleachers and other items to add. T. Nelson was instructed to get together with M. Fehrman to formulate a better list.

Parks

R. Keller said they should have an April meeting. Mike Peterson is going to do the dugouts. Reiger is going to be done in the fall. C. Cagle is going to get nets for the outdoor pickleball courts. T. Nelson said Maintenance is going to smooth dirt and seed. There is a divot and the Pickleball players would like it cut out. T. Nelson will make a call tomorrow. S. Sinna said there were burrs on the ground and the benches were broken which could give splinters (at Swanberg Park). R. Keller said they cleaned the park up. They are going to put some new woodchips there. Both parks need new chips.

Building

B. Seekon said he got the handicap doors installed, but they are not powered yet. He was able to get the shop taken care of. T. Nelson said he likes the lights in the shop. B. Seekon has automated a lot of the lights in the Hall, but the kitchen lights have to be pushed to be turned on. He discussed the smell in the fridge, asked if a smaller fridge could be purchased and asked if the current one has to run all of the time. C. Cagle said the large fridge is needed and a small one would not be able to accommodate large events. B. Seekon said he got a voicemail today from the County regarding the people renting the rental house. He said the Township is going to be in the process of evicting them due to them not paying rent. R. Keller said that he would like to demo the building. C. Cagle said she was told that we were supposed to give someone a low-income opportunity to live there. B. Seekon said K. Olson told him that anyone who was involved in that is long gone. C. Cagle said it should be available for the SLFD for classrooms. C. Cagle said the air exchange has not been plugged in at the Hall. B. Seekon said it is on his to do list. R. Keller said that B. Seekon has done a lot of work at the Township.

Broadband

J. Eischens said that she hopes C. DuBose has the report the County has been waiting on. He said they are still waiting for it. J. Eischens said there is a rural community meeting on the 22nd.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

D. Stiers said that when we have an Annual Meeting in the Hall, the acoustics are terrible. B. Seekon said the speakers are in the Birdie Woods Room. D. Stiers said some people were harder to hear than others. D. Stiers also stated that he would have liked to have said something prior to the resolution (2022-11). He thought it was called a merger as opposed to an annexation. He said that there was a paper that explained the merger and he noted that P. Tiede did an A+ job explaining it at the Annual Meeting. R. Keller put the paperwork together regarding the merger/annexation. D. Stiers said he would like people to see that paperwork because it could benefit them by understanding more. He noted that we do not want the public to hear they are annoying; we cannot be saying that.

B. Woods said that she reads the newspaper and sees the notices, but also likes the idea of a postcard because some people do not *do* the Internet or get the papers.

S. Sinna said since we are talking about the Annual Meeting, there were a bunch of words up there on the screen and the slideshow should be printed. B. Seekon said they got a new larger screen. S. Sinna said she has vision challenges. *Clerks Note:* The Township of Lent makes every effort to accommodate everyone's ability. Meeting materials are printed for meeting attendees by contacting the Clerk.



B. Kietzman said she would like additional communication and asked what is the official Facebook of the Township. C. Cagle said there is not an official Township Facebook, it is a community page. She said, when she posts on it there's a link to the website. B. Kietzman said someone took the time to post a meme and you are expecting residents to pull information from the website. People sign up for Facebook for information and do not want to have to pull information. B. Kietzman said that the page is listed as a government organization. She did some research and found that the page and the Stacy Happenings page have many followers and said she would like information to be posted on both. C. Cagle said she posts on both and thanked her for her comments.

CLERK COMMENTS

K. Wood would like to send the Spring Cleanup Day postcard out and asked the Board if they had anything to add.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Letter to citizens about coalition group for possible merger with the City of Stacy

Already discussed

B. Seekon said CCATO will be at Rushseba. They had an issue with the scissor lift order because they did not receive the check, but a new check was sent.

C. Cagle thanked B. Kietzman for her comments and apologized for offending her. She said she will continue to post what is going on at the Hall on Mondays and she will add every meeting. She would prefer that people go to the website. B. Kietzman asked why office staff does not do it (community Township Facebook page). C. Cagle said she could add the office as an admin, but will make sure to post weekly.

J. Eischens asked about the County meeting redistricting. C. DuBose said the Cities and Townships create boundaries and precincts. R. Keller said that was the resolution the Township passed this evening. R. Keller said been an honor to serve with you all. We want to keep us all together.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Information meeting prior to Boards of Appeal and Equalization – NB Library - March 29, 2022 at 2:30 pm or 6:00 pm
- ❖ CCATO Meeting - Rushseba Township - Wednesday, March 30, 2022 - 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – Wednesday, April 13, 2022- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 19, 2022- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Parks Meeting –TBD

ADJOURN

B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

