



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
March 17, 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, 7 people (signed in)

**REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by B. Seekon.** R. Keller moved M. Fehrman up after roads. T. Nelson added Lions fireworks: K. under New Business and Fields under Parks (Ci). **All in favor, motion carried.**

**APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

**L. Sinna made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from February 18, 2020. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

**REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**TREASURER COMMENTS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning & Zoning**

B. Seekon said one of the issues on Elk Lane was talked about and the person living there is cleaning it up. They talked about not fining him, but they are going to continue fining until he cleans it up. They talked about the 337<sup>th</sup> complaint and they are sending a reminder letter to keep it clean. It is in better shape than it was at the time of the original complaint.



## Roads

### Road Maintenance (Report)

R. Keller said he and M. Fehrman looked at all of the roads. M. Fehrman said there is a lot of gravel and salt in the ditches. R. Keller said his road is probably the worst. There are a lot of chips and grit in the yards. He said brushing needs to be done. B. Seekon said he and M. Fehrman have talked about grinders. R. Keller said the attachment is called a forestry mulcher. T. Nelson asked if we can rent one. R. Keller said yes. The attachment is \$2500 per week. R. Keller said we should consider spraying. C. Cagle said she wonders about the wetland environment. R. Keller said the people spraying would know what they are doing. T. Nelson said to find out the timeframe. R. Keller will look into it. It will take an 8" tree down. M. Fehrman explained how it works. R. Keller said if you break the teeth, it is an extra charge. We have to do it because we are behind and should do it in the fall. R. Keller said we can rent a track machine. Knife River has no gravel. He reached out to Bjorklund and Dresel as well. We blacktopped at a good time. R. Keller said we have a quote on trap rock. We have the shouldering machine to rent, but they will not hold a date for it. M. Fehrman said they will get us a machine when we need it.

B. Borowski asked about good options for Frontier Avenue. He works for Ramsey County and they suggest using a skid loader with a box to clean up people's yards. He has piles of rock in his yard and does not think the residents should be responsible for it. R. Keller said we do not have a box scrapper. R. Keller went out with his bob cat and a leaf blower which moved it to the road really well at his property. B. Borowski said it is 8'-10' into the grass and there is no chance the grass will grow. R. Keller reminded them he used the leaf blower and a snow shovel. Generally, it has been on the homeowners to clean up. T. Nelson said the County blows stuff in his ditch and he picks it up. L. Dahl said if the Township owns the ROW, they should clean it up. B. Seekon said we are okay with it and if you do not like it, you can clean it up. B. Seekon said he cleans up in front of his property. L. Dahl asked if they are going to get T. Tyler to clean up his property. B. Seekon said we have worked with him on it. L. Dahl said nothing changed, he moved stuff around and has tires all over along with hazardous waste. L. Dahl said you said you are only going to send him *a little letter*. L. Sinna said we have to stick to the topic of roads on the agenda. L. Dahl stated that you are telling us to clean up your mess. B. Borowski asked where to get rid of it. L. Dahl said if you scuff the road, you are right down to dirt. R. Keller said let us know where you can do this at. B. Borowski said there is dirt in front of his concrete driveway where there is an inch and a half lift. R. Keller asked if everyone would be okay to get the rock in a pile for Maintenance Staff to pick up.

B. Seekon asked if there is a problem with the road. R. Keller said there is only an issue on Floral Avenue. R. Keller said to get it into a pile, M. Fehrman will pick it up and get it out of there. R. Keller said to rent a blower. B. Seekon said he apologizes, he did not know it was not blacktopped. S. Funke



said the road should have been swept and that the whole top was loose. M. Fehrman said it was fog sealed. B. Seekon said we need to look at the road. B. Borowske said that he has pictures on his phone. B. Seekon said we have other double chip roads and asked if this is happening on all of them. R. Keller said it could be shouldering. There is green grass to the road. M. Fehrman said they mow to the road. C. Cagle asked if they can look on Friday. R. Keller said they looked last Friday. S. Funke asked if there is a problem with the road. M. Fehrman said he plows the road; it is not the road itself. We need to move on from this topic. C. Cagle asked M. Fehrman to not raise his voice.

B. Borowske confirmed that he will call when he is ready for pick up. When it was a gravel road, it was not this bad. T. Nelson said it is from the Double Chip Seal, salt/sand, and shouldering. R. Keller said this road is getting plowed more often. If we did it over again, we might have swept it. B. Borowske said that on the edge of the road there is 18" that is not oiled and is just rock. R. Keller said that is your shoulder. R. Keller said we will pick up your piles and to let us know when you are ready. "That is the best I can offer". B. Borowske asked if you were cost cutting by doing DCS. R. Keller said yes and DCS holds up really well. We did research on it and it holds up 30 years. R. Keller said let us know if there are any spots and we will mark them. They will spray patch the thin spots. S. Funke asked about areas where they did not attach to the existing aprons. R. Keller said can you tie into it. S. Funke said he has been packing stuff in there. R. Keller asked if he can tie in with asphalt.

### **Plow Truck Quote**

R. Keller said the quote came in less than we thought at the Annual Meeting. M. Fehrman said he cannot guarantee the interest rate. It is with the \$15k for the trade in. B. Seekon asked for clarification on the numbers. M. Fehrman said there were truck options that were not chosen in the other quote. They now have a stainless-steel box. M. Fehrman said instead of trying to sell the old plow, it is better to trade it in. The rock guard, plow and stainless box were the upgrades.

**L. Sinna made a motion to purchase the new plow truck. Second by C. Cagle.** Under the terms presented in option 1. T. Nelson confirmed it was a 7-year lease. B. Seekon said it was a \$1 buyout at the end. **All in favor, motion carried.**

### **M. Fehrman Review**

R. Keller said he and C. Cagle had a review with M. Fehrman. B. Seekon asked if they are supposed to be doing this in public. C. Cagle said the pay is public information. L. Sinna said R. Keller is not going to talk about the contents of the meeting. M. Fehrman said he is here and he is fine with talking about it. C. Cagle said based on his review they are recommending a \$1.50 per hour raise.

**T. Nelson made a motion for a \$1.50 raise for M. Fehrman retroactive to his anniversary date. L. Sinna seconds. All in favor, motion carried.**



## **Parks**

R. Keller said we should cancel the Parks meeting. T. Nelson said with Reiger Field – the league changed the rules and sprinklers will need to be moved. It will have to be done prior to May. M. Fehrman said it should be scheduled. T. Nelson said to spray and kill all the stuff. M. Fehrman asked if we have a sod cutter. It has to be done next month. R. Keller said to get more red lime. T. Nelson said we can stock pile it for any issues. M. Fehrman said N. Fairbanks is back working.

M. Fehrman said there are very few cedar trees left on 302<sup>nd</sup>. It is dry and looks great.

R. Keller said due to Corona we need to see what meetings we will have and do not need to have. We do not need Parks.

## **Building**

C. Cagle said there are public donations in the kitchen for those in need. It is open from 5-7 M, W, F. Anything left will go to Family Pathways. People are reaching out through the Facebook page. There is a person who will deliver to those who cannot get out. She is looking for a clear Rubbermaid totes. C. Cagle said people who have set up a food pantry do not have to close.

## **Lions Easter Festival**

The Easter Festival has been canceled

There are some benefits in April and May that have to be canceled. Pickleball is canceled.

## **Broadband Report**

L. Sinna said everything is on hold including meetings.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

B. Seekon said the Planning Commission asked E. Maass to put some criteria together. If we are going to look at it or TIF; we need to have everything fair across the board. We are going to come up with a policy and a list of criteria. D. Milles said the Board will come up with a policy on the list from E. Maass.

D. Hardin said, in respect to the subsidy, as a resident, we should not subsidize. If the Board decides to proceed with this, it should get the approval of the Township residents. C. Cagle said that is fair. B. Seekon said as long as that is legal. C. Cagle said it would be on the agenda at the next Annual Meeting.



L. Sinna said she is glad that D. Hardin said that. She does not know much about it and would like much deeper conversations before making a decision. C. Cagle asked if this could be brought up with E. Maass that we want to bring it up to the citizens. L. Sinna said there a lot of factors. E. Maass is going to give us a show and tell at the next Planning Commission meeting. Tax abatement versus TIF. D. Milles said this should be part of the comp plan.

D. Stiers said we have a lopsided story here and can hardly believe what he has heard. He has lived here for 40 years and has never called the Fire Department, so by the logic he has heard we should get rid of it. R. Keller is not grasping the correlation. D. Stiers said Chisago County has been a business unfriendly place, why should we make the Township the same. He wants to work together. The Board is saying we are not going to work together. T. Nelson said he agrees with D. Stiers and D. Hardin. We have to do our due diligence to the tax payers. If we give him so many years, he is going to pay taxes after. He does not agree with the rest of the Board by waiting till the Annual Meeting. We may touch on the subject at the next Annual. D. Milles said if someone has an established business, we probably will not do it. But if a new business comes, we may. C. Cagle said we need to look at it and see what we can do and what other people have done. T. Nelson said we are not *shooting ourselves in the foot* if we are doing it the right way. L. Sinna asked about potential risk if we do it for one. We need to make sure it will not be a larger ask next time.

### **Insurance**

T. Nelson said both C. Sauro and J. Mocol were here at the same time, so they all met together. J. Mocol is going to make a spreadsheet of what is covered and send it to C. Sauro and both bid. T. Nelson made it clear to both of them that he is requiring two books; one for the Township and one for the Fire Department. They found 3-4 items that were double covered. MAT had a \$350k blanket and C. Sauro had \$160k. T. Nelson said he wants an inventory list from the Fire Department every year. There is \$60k in the dive trailer. T. Nelson said they are both going to bid and have numbers by next month.

### **Anderson Property**

R. Keller asked T. Nelson if he talked to them. T. Nelson was given incorrect information. D. Milles said we have an Urban Growth area and do not have to amend the ordinance. If they want one-acre home sites they can. R. Keller said MN State Statute 414.06: detachment states they can detach from Stacy just as easy as they did with us. D. Milles said it cannot be commercial without us redoing the plan. R. Keller said we can make a commercial area there. D. Milles said it would not be consistent with the County or comp plan. It would be illegal. T. Nelson will talk to them about one acre lots. C. Cagle said P. Carlson talked to Gordy.



## NEW BUSINESS

### **Joos Subdivision (Resolution 2020-6)**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve resolution 2020-6 approving the Joos minor subdivision. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **Lions LG555 - \$1200 – Reiger Field Lighting (Resolution 2020-7)**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve resolution 2020-7 accepting the Lions LG555 for \$1200.00 for Reiger Field lighting. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **SLFD Relief LG555 - \$10,000 – Pole Building Fund (Resolution 2020-8)**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve \$10,000 LG555 from the SLFD Relief Association for the pole building fund – Resolution 2020-8. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **Publishing Newspapers**

**B. Seekon made a motion to continue to publish in the Chisago County Press and ECM County News Review. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **Donation Requests – Contracts for Services**

**B. Seekon made a motion for \$1000 for a contract for service for Bob Gustafson. Second by R. Keller. All in favor, motion carried.**

**B. Seekon made a motion for \$500 for a contract for service with the Chisago County Fair. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

**B. Seekon made a motion for a \$500 contract for service for the Chisago County Historical Society. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

B. Seekon made a motion for a \$500 contract for service with the Seven County Senior Federation. T. Nelson. B. Woods said it is hardly in our area and it is based in Mora. All nays. Motion fails.

**B. Seekon made a motion for a \$500 contract for service with CSOAF. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

L. Sinna made a motion for a \$500 contract for service for Family Pathways. Second by B. Seekon. R. Keller said they always have their hands out, make plenty of money, have a lot of staff, nice buildings, etc. B. Seekon said they have so much money in buildings and payroll. All nays. Motion failed.



### **Office Computers**

R. Keller said Windows 10 is not that expensive. We will just buy Windows 10. B. Seekon said the computer that runs the cameras was donated and is in bad shape. A new one is \$600. The Clerk and Treasurer are running Windows 7. L. Sinna asked if they should both have laptops so they can work remotely. S. Aker had a laptop. B. Seekon thought it was a question of where their liability with the data lies. L. Sinna asked if there is a way we can work remotely and keep moving. They both have a LogMeIn account on a free trial right now.

### **LTAP Training April 27, 2020**

R. Keller said he told B. Novack he is not going to go.

### **COVID-19 Discussion**

R. Keller said HR and Staff had a safety meeting. R. Keller told everyone they are required to work. He explained who has kids and who does not. They told S. Aker she can work remotely or bring her kids to work. They still have to keep the Township running. C. Cagle said if anyone needs time off to let them know, but to be mindful of time off. She is willing to come in and help. R. Keller wanted to let them know we are there for them. L. Sinna said a lot of Counties are closing down. R. Keller said no one is coming through the window so the office is safe. B. Seekon said all doors are locked at the building of his company. L. Sinna said we should plan ahead for remote work. R. Keller said he is glad for the window.

L. Sinna said the situation is fluid. L. Sinna said to the Clerk and Treasurer, to do whatever you need and feels the best. If you do not feel good about coming in, we will have you work from home.

D. Milles asked if there is anything between the Township and County as far as emergency plans. C. Cagle said Scott Sellman does it. L. Sinna said she will cancel Better Angels for now. C. Cagle said the people with benefits she will contact. L. Sinna said we do not have a choice other than to cancel the benefits.

L. Sinna asked if we can put the cancelations on the website. K. Wood said she will.

### **Lions Fireworks**

**T. Nelson made a motion to donate \$1k for the Fireworks. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.**



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

D. Hardin said he has an observation and felt uncomfortable with the personnel matter. L. Sinna said at the County they talked about the hiring process at the meeting because it is public information.

**CLERK COMMENTS**

K. Wood said she can call the benefits and let them know they will have to reschedule because she has to talk to one of them.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

T. Nelson said he wants to talk about the pole barn at the Maintenance garage. We have money sitting out there getting ruined. R. Keller said we should wait until we get our first check.

L. Sinna said thank you for putting the employees first. They are keeping us afloat.

B. Seekon said he will deal with the computer stuff. He bought new cameras and networking equipment. A couple will go in the Birdie Woods room. They are POE cameras and installed with new Ethernet. One may go into the storage room or the Lions room. B. Seekon is going to take the two out of the window in the office and put them under the eaves. He is not sure if we want some at the shop. He has two more antennas. He will swap them out for a decent signal. He got a TV and it is hooked up to our network. He is going to figure out a separate network for it.

R. Keller: We will still have PZ, BOA and Board meeting.

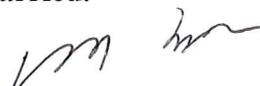
C. Cagle said if you get sick, report it right now.

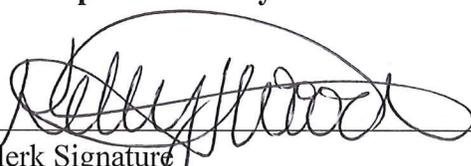
**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- ❖ CCATO Meeting – March 25, 2020 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Parks Meeting – March 31, 2020 – 6:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – April 8, 2020- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Broadband Meeting – April 13, 2020 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – April 21, 2020- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board of Appeal & Equalization – April 23, 2020 – 6:00pm

**ADJOURN**

**B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

  
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Board Chair Signature

  
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Clerk Signature

