



**Minutes**  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
March 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

**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 L. Sinna, Supervisor C. Cagle, Supervisor T. Nelson

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Treasurer S. Aker, Town Clerk K. Wood, 7 people (signed in).

**REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. L. Sinna seconded the motion.** Added item I. for a tire quote from A1 for the grader and item J. for Midco Internet. Both items were added under New Business. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

**L. Sinna made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 19, 2019. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

**APPROVE WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

**T. Nelson made a motion to approve the work session minutes from February 25, 2019. C. Cagle seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**TREASURER COMMENTS**

None



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Planning & Zoning**

C. Cagle said they closed the Frontier complaint. B. Seekon said they have been talking about the solar ordinance and have been working on zoning violations as well. They would like approval from the Board to start the fining process. B. Seekon said the fines should be done administratively.

### **Roads**

J. Pelawa said quotes for double chip seal came in the office and they will be discussed at the road committee meeting.

### **Hard Surfacing Bid Acceptance**

J. Pelawa said Valley Paving is the lowest bid and recommended tabling the acceptance until after the road committee meeting. The bids are good for 60 days. T. Nelson confirmed that they bid the project road by road.

R. Keller said he did the road tour. Maintenance has been pushing back roads. Jeffery Avenue was impassable and needs to be fixed.

J. Pelawa asked about a road priority list. R. Keller said M. Fehrman has a list. C. Cagle said he is going to bring it to the road committee meeting.

R. Keller said he feels the DNR should pay for the portion of Hemingway Ave. (320<sup>th</sup> South) to be blacktopped. R. Keller said Lessard funds were available. T. Nelson said there are quite a few stipulations. T. Nelson said the local support is not there and noted that the road is not a priority right now. J. Pelawa said you have to come up with a recreational value and raise the key point of safety which will carry more weight when it comes to getting funding. R. Keller added that road was graveled not too long ago. J. Pelawa said he would check into this.

### **Parks**

None

### **Building**

C. Cagle said she attended an online course on how to plant sustainable wildlife gardens. She is having the first Lent Landscapers meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>. She explained seeding options and pricing.



She had a contractor out and they suggested bumping the front of the building out ten feet. There could be a walkway which would have a foundation. She has to have professional drawings done by an Engineer or an Architect because it is a government building. She is having Ken Johnson come out to give her a quote on drawings.

M. Fehrman is going to put the fence in as soon as he can.

The Pickleball players would like two outdoor courts in the newly paved area. The money from Pickleball would pay for them. Pickleball is interested in playing during the summer months.

She added that M. Fehrman swept the parking lot today.

#### **Nonprofit Rental Comment-David Hardin**

D. Hardin said at the Annual Meeting he learned that taxpayers are subsidizing nonprofits for Hall rentals and does not feel this is the right thing to do. R. Keller agreed and said they do profit. R. Keller said the Board has been trying to figure out where the Hall costs are at. C. Cagle said in their defense, they are compensated so that they can get more money and members. Their rent has been doubled from what they started out at. C. Cagle said the hunters are nonprofits and their rent was raised too. The Stacy Lions are able to rent the Hall for free if it benefits the community. For example: Easter Festival, Halloween, etc. B. Seekon said the Scouts use the Hall for no charge. D. Hardin suggested not giving nonprofits a break at all. C. Cagle said there is a flat fee charged to adult groups who use the Hall.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Duct Cleaning**

C. Cagle said she received a second quote for \$1,009.00 which included all of the water lines. A room air purifier was purchased for the office.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Lions LG555 (Resolution 2019-3)**

**B. Seekon made a motion to approve resolution 2019-3 accepting \$500 from the Stacy Lions for parks and rec. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

##### **Contracts for Services**

The Chisago County Recreation is asking for \$1000 instead of \$1300 this year.



**B. Seekon made a motion to renew the contract for service with Chisago County Recreation (Bob Gustafson) and donate \$1000. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

**B. Seekon made a motion to donate \$700 to Family Pathways. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.**

**B. Seekon made a motion to donate \$500 to the Chisago County Ag Society for the fair. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried.**

**B. Seekon made a motion to donate \$500 to CSOAF. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried.**

**T. Nelson made a motion to donate \$0 to the Seven County Senior Federation. Second by B. Seekon All in favor, motion carried.**

**L. Sinna made a motion to donate \$500 to the Chisago County Historical Society. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **Set publishing papers (NB Post & Chisago Press)**

**T. Nelson made a motion to set the Township publishing papers to the North Branch Post Review and Chisago County Press. Second by C. Cagle. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **Karmel Ave Fines**

B. Seekon said they are on the second fine and sixth letter. C. Cagle said the office can send the letter. She said there are too many levels touching the letters. D. Milles said it is an escalating fine and then can be fined every day. If it is not paid, it can go on their taxes. He said they talked about abatement. C. Cagle is going to talk to the City of Stacy to see what they did regarding their abatement case.

#### **Set Spring Cleanup Date (May 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-7pm)**

L. Sinna stated there are people who would like it to be all day because they cannot make it during those hours. T. Nelson said it is done twice per year and it was decided they are going to keep it at the standard hours because the Board members work.

**R. Keller made a motion to have the Spring Cleanup Day May 22, 2019 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. T. Nelson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **Broadband Update**

L. Sinna met with Nancy Hoffman and Chris DuBose, they talked about the options regarding Broadband in the Township. There is a portion of the Township on the freeway side that has Midco and



it comes to the Town Hall. L. Sinna explained that a third of the Township does not have good Internet. CTC is doing a contract with Scandia and Chisago Lakes. They are not a satellite company. They are laying fiber. There is 15 million dollars' worth of State funding. Century Link is on the north side.

L. Sinna suggested doing a survey of the Township to see if they want Broadband. It could be on Facebook or there could be a paper survey in the office. She said Fish Lake Township had a good plan. She suggested a possible special assessment for the people who are impacted.

B. Seekon asked if she has talked to Pete from Sunrise Township. L. Sinna said they brought up the concerns when they met. Frontier has fiber all over the Township. They would reach out and tell them what they are thinking. They would do an investigative report and come back with a proposal. B. Seekon said they have territories.

L. Sinna said that the Township is in a good position in the 'donut hole' because we have all three companies. She wants to get more information on this. C. DuBose is interested in helping with this. She would like to get a Broadband committee together. She would like people to be able to work from home instead of commuting to the cities. C. Cagle will put it on the Facebook page and K. Wood will put it on the website and the postcard. L. Sinna said that N. Hoffman is willing to come to the meeting.

**B. Seekon made a motion to L. Sinna to head and create the Broadband committee. Second by R. Keller. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **PZ Member**

**B. Seekon made a motion to accept B. Schule as a regular member of the Planning Commission. Second by T. Nelson.** L. Sinna said Susie Brooks is the alternate and she asked if in the future, the Planning Commission could offer the alternate the opportunity to be moved into the role of a regular member. B. Seekon asked B. Schule if he would like to be an alternate. B. Schule said he feels that it may be hard to keep up and would like to be the regular member. **All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **M. Fehrman Review**

R. Keller said he and C. Cagle met with M. Fehrman. He is doing a well and likes his job. C. Cagle said M. Fehrman does not have a problem with the road responsibility.

R. Keller said they are recommending a \$1 per hour raise.

L. Sinna made a motion to give M. Fehrman a \$1.00 per hour raise. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.

**L. Sinna made a motion to amend her motion to make the \$1.00 per hour raise retroactive to start 3/7/2019. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.**



### **Tire Quote**

There are two quotes from A1 Tire for four tires for the grader. One for \$900 and one for \$1500 per tire. The current tires have been on for four years. L. Sinna asked if they have priced out another company. C. Cagle said the Township has priced out other companies and always go back to A1. They know what they are doing and they are reasonable. R. Keller said the current tires are bald. T. Nelson suggested the Hercules tire for \$900 each because of the new blacktop.

**T. Nelson made a motion to purchase the Hercules tires from A1 for \$900 each. C. Cagle seconds. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **Midco Internet**

The price of Midco Internet has slightly increased and they are requiring a contract renewal.

**C. Cagle made a motion to continue with Midco as the Internet provider at the Town Hall and renew the contract. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

C. Leonard said he bought 20 acres on Grand Avenue on Sunday.

D. Milles said it was the best Annual Meeting he has been to and feels like the Board does a good job.

There was discussion regarding the gopher bounty and politics.

### **CLERK COMMENTS**

K. Wood said that volunteers are needed for the Spring Cleanup Day. She also noted that she will purchase and send postcards.

### **SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

L. Sinna said thought the Annual Meeting went well. She is enjoying learning the process of being a Board member.

T. Nelson: None

B. Seekon said that the big room is reserved for CCATO and a mass email was sent to everyone to let them know they will be discussing the radios. This will give everyone the opportunity to find out what the County is thinking.



C. Cagle said that she, K. Wood and L. Sinna are going to attend the Town Law Review. She and K. Wood are going to Bridging Divides on conflict management. She said there is another free seminar on June 5 and 6 that she and K. Wood are interested in. She described the premise of the seminar and L. Sinna said she may be interested as well.

**R. Keller made a motion for anyone who is interested, to attend the Summit on Government on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried.**

R. Keller: None

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ County Board Meeting – March 20, 2019 6:30 pm
- ❖ Road Committee Meeting – March 25, 2019 6:00 pm
- ❖ Parks Meeting – March 26, 2019 – 6:00 pm
- ❖ Spring Short Course – March 26, 2019
- ❖ CCATO Meeting – March 27, 2019 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – April 10, 2019- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – April 16, 2019- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Town Law Review – April 18, 2019
- ❖ Board of Appeal Meeting – April 25, 2019 – 6:00 pm

### ADJOURN

**T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Second by R. Keller. All in favor, motion carried.**

Board Chair Signature

Town Clerk Signature

