



Minutes
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 21, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chair B. Seekon called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Vice Chair B. Seekon, Supervisor C. Cagle, Supervisor T. Nelson, Supervisor L. Johnson

Absent: Chairperson R. Keller

Others Present: Treasurer S. Aker, Town Clerk K. Wood, Deputy Clerk D. Hoppe, eighteen members of the public (signed in)

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

L. Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. T. Nelson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2017

L. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from February 21, 2017 with a couple changes. C. Cagle seconds.

Page 3 Board reorganization: T. Nelson is not the road boss, R. Keller is. T. Nelson is conducting the monthly road inspection.

G. Budget: "Funds come from each...funds not defined." L. Johnson said that is not true and that they were defined. Strike the whole sentence. There is not a surplus, they are short. **All in favor, motion carried.**

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

C. Cagle made a motion to approve the consent agenda. T. Nelson seconds.

Bi-weekly Payroll 3/3/2017	2 checks	\$1,884.58
Bi-weekly Payroll 3/17/2017	3 Checks	\$2,258.03
Monthly Payroll 3/21/2017	8 Checks	\$2,489.15
Claims List	51 Checks	\$24,826.37



Total: \$31,458.13
Add a check to W. Pennings for \$1410.00
Claims \$26,236.37

New total: \$32,868.13

Invoice \$370.00 was paid to artist Anne Hiddleston for the new paintings in the office and should be put under the building fund.

C. Cagle asked S. Aker if she received the invoice for Tesoro for the cookies for the Annual Meeting. Yes, she did. The left over cookies will be brought to the Easter Festival.

All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER COMMENTS

S. Aker said that she moved the invoice under building

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

C. Cagle said the Planning Commission met and talked about the proposed road – County Road 19. They felt that they were taking too much land and leaving little useful land for the Township. C. Cagle showed the original plan and said that people would be driving too fast on the curve and they decided to bring this up before the County makes their decisions. Roundabouts are expensive. The Planning Commission wanted the Engineer to take a look at it before they did anything else with it. There is a consensus that it is unfair for S. Anderson and her property value.

Roads

T. Nelson is going to do a tour before the next Board meeting.

Parks

S. Sinna has been trying to email T. Nelson but their emails are not communicating properly. On the March 16 meeting the County approved the two sided signs at the Township lines. They did not approve the signs along the trail because they did not fit into the guidelines.



Building

C. Cagle said that another light needs to be added over the serving area. The art is from Anne Kiddleston she lives in the area and gave the Township a generous discount. C. Cagle said that something needs to be done with the sound system. L. Johnson said cable microphones should be purchased because they always work.

T. Nelson said Kinetico has finished the Town Hall and the Fire Department. He said that all that needs to be done to maintain it is to add salt when it is low.

OLD BUSINESS

Website and Email

B. Seekon said that he has not heard back from the web company and he is going to try again. He really wants to get it soon because T. Nelson is having a lot of trouble with his email. K. Wood cannot open T. Nelson's attachments.

Office Entry Access

C. Cagle asked B. Seekon to wait until the new doors are in that G. Snelson ordered before installing the m.

Recycle Day

It will be May 17 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Volunteers are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

County Road 19

S. Nelson is the Township Engineer and he was at the meeting to talk about the proposed road. L. Johnson said the background without the blue on it is the County Engineer's initial drawing. It would cut S. Anderson's back 40 about in half. There is an ally to get into A1, not a road. It leaves two odd triangle pieces of land. They are taking a large property and making it non-useable. J. Triplett said that roundabouts are not going to be a consideration. J. Triplett said around 4,200 cars per day drive there. The speed limit is 30mph and if it is slippery you could slide off to the inside and if you are going faster (40 mph+) you could slide off the outside.



S. Nelson said the most effective thing would be to hear from the Board and learn what some of the problems are. It is often hard to be heard from upper levels of government. L. Johnson said he would like to see them make a **T** and a turn lane.

T. Nelson said they are rebuilding the road and they should do it the way that is the least invasive to taxpayers. The goal is to slow the traffic down.

C. Cagle asked S. Nelson if he could look at this without costing the Township a lot of money. They mostly just want input.

S. Nelson said the goal of the County is mobility and does not think they will go with a **T** or a stop sign. He can see why the County wants to remove the sharp corners. He asked if there would be an option to go further west through the wetland. L. Johnson said that is a parcel with a different owner and it cuts the land even more.

C. Cagle noted that the Township has not heard from S. Anderson. L. Johnson said that her two sons are in attendance. They have been in contact with the County.

T. Nelson said if they make a softer curve, people are just going to go faster.

C. Christenson: He has driven that road for many years and he feels it will be developed in the near future. It would seem that the north intersection could be straightened out and brought to a **T**. The trailer park has a playground at the end of County Road 19. L. Johnson said they need to put some guard rails.

C. Cagle asked S. Nelson if he could take a look at it and do a sketch.

L. Johnson said if there was a **T** with some turn lanes people going west would not have to stop.

C. Christianson: Have to consider turn arounds for school busses. The proposed design is really expensive right now.

L. Johnson said if the County insists on staying with the design, they should have to buy all of the land.

C. Christianson: said he feels that there has to be federal funds for installing roundabouts.

C. Cagle felt they should move on and let S. Nelson look at it.

S. Nelson will sketch up some basic ideas and type up something for the County.



Maintenance Training – Hotel

This topic was tabled until the Staff meeting.

Phones – Office and Shop

C. Cagle said they are having issues with dropped calls at the Maintenance shop. B. Seekon said that there have been some wireless cameras added and he feels that he may have too much traffic going through the router. He thinks that the cameras may have to be cable connected. L. Johnson said he can help B. Seekon with this.

Bingo – Gambling Form

C. Cagle motioned to approve the LG230 for the North Branch Area JC. T. Nelson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Station Upgrades

B. Schroeder thanked the Board for the water softener at the Fire Station. He would like to epoxy the bay floors to clean the department up. They have only been seal coated. He would like to fill in the cracks and make it easy to clean. He said it will be \$40-60k to do this and he wants to get more bids before he goes ahead with it. He would like a minimum of three bids. The countertop laminate is coming off and he would like a stainless overlay from a local machine shop.

T. Nelson said the higher price they go with, the longer warranty they get. B. Schroeder said he is going to check with other Fire Departments to see what they have used. B. Schroeder requested approval to get a committee together. L. Johnson told him to get some bids together.

B. Schroeder said the epoxy would not be done until the summer. It will take about four days. They have to position the rigs during that time. He wants to do this this year and he would like a floor scrubber too.

Black Landscaping Fabric Available to the Public

C. Cagle said there is a donated pile of landscape fabric that was donated. R. Keller had told her that it would not be used.

L. Johnson said it could be used for frost boils. You can dig down 3 feet and put this product down and it cures it. They did it on Echo and it worked well. C. Cagle said she would double check with R. Keller. L. Johnson said they may want to keep some of it. C. Cagle said the road committee should talk about it.



Menards Account

B. Seekon made a motion to add M. Fehrman to the Menards account. C. Cagle seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Planning Training

C. Cagle would like to attend on April 1st. L. Johnson has to check his schedule to see if he can join her.

Donation Requests

Chisago County Senior Center:

T. Nelson made a motion to approve a \$700 donation to the Chisago County Senior Center. C. Cagle seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob Gustafson

L. Johnson moved to donate \$1800 for their athletic support. B. Seekon seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Seven County Senior Federation

T. Nelson made a motion to donate \$500 to the Seven County Senior Federation. L. Johnson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Family Pathways

B. Seekon made a motion to donate \$750 to Family Pathways. T. Nelson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Chisago County Fair

B. Seekon made a motion to donate \$500 to the Chisago County Fair. T. Nelson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

There is \$750 for anything else that might come up.

Data Request – Carlson

J. Carlson requested data by today. S. Aker has put in extra time to compile the data for him. S. Aker did a breakdown of the general fund. C. Cagle said the records are public and he can come in and look in the book and have the Clerk go through them with him during office hours. J. Carlson said he wants to see if B. Seekon was paid above his general wages.



C. Cagle said based on information from MAT, residents can come in to the Township and look at anything that is public record. If reports are compiled, he has to be charged. He has to come in during office hours. J. Carlson said he wish he would have known this information beforehand and C. Cagle apologized.

Flail Mower

The Maintenance department found a mower they wanted to buy and it is new. They are going to have it shipped. J. Carlson asked if they got any competitive quotes. C. Cagle said yes they do. B. Seekon said they do not have to get competitive quotes if it is under \$25k. The one they found from Portland that includes shipping.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

D. Stiers said some people who signed in did not put their address on the sheet at the Annual Meeting. He does not know if these people live in the Township. The people who are going to vote need to be residents of the Township. He wants a vetting process.

J. Firkus: thought that people should receive stickers in case a friend of a person residing in the Township is attending. B. Seekon said that is a good thought because “currently we are just going on good faith”. If they don’t put an address down, they don’t vote. L. Johnson said that we could check the driver license and give them a sticker.

L. Johnson is going to ask the MAT lawyers. K. Wood is going to check with other Townships.

D. Stiers said that the entire Board was insulted by someone saying that they were doing a lousy job at the Annual Meeting. He attends a lot of meetings and does not think that it is the case. He feels that they are honorable with what they are doing for the S. Anderson property.

T. Makati said he likes the water softener and wonders where he is going to get the salt. T. Nelson is going to ask the company. T. Makati would like a couple 100 pounds on hand to store in the generator shed. J. Firkus said she gets 60lbs bags at Fleet Farm for \$5 each.

D. Hoppe lives on 320th and the road was just done yesterday. She called K. Wood at 3:40 because of a large lump on the road. K. Wood contacted Maintenance ASAP. There are potholes that are holding water. She feels something needs to be done. C. Cagle said that M. Fehrman is more efficient with grading and they are sending them to training. B. Seekon is going to go talk to Maintenance tomorrow to address this issue.



K. Firkus said that “things are set at the annual meeting”. He wants a breakdown of what is spent. He wants something posted to show what the people are paying for. The road budget was cut and he feels that may be a bad thing in the future.

L. Johnson said that every month there is a claims list at the monthly Board meeting and it is public.

C. Cagle said that it is not something to post but they could view it at the office.

T. Nelson agreed that there should be a breakdown.

J. Firkus said that she feels “the people who lowered the budget don’t attend the meetings or understand what is going on”.

T. Nelson said that it just needs to be broke down. Wages, gravel, etc.

J. Firkus wants something that when people walk into the meetings they can take a look at.

B. Seekon said that there should be something saying what is spent every year.

C. Cagle said that she is frustrated with it too. She has the exact amount of money she has been reimbursed kept in a file.

T. Nelson wanted to keep the road fund as high as possible so they can fix them and get caught up.

L. Johnson said that a lot of the roads are getting old and need another coat.

T. Nelson liked that there was the slideshow to show the numbers that need to be spent on the roads.

L. Johnson said that there is a new rescue rig coming in July. There are funds that are being set aside for it.

J. Firkus said she looked at the City of Stacy’s 2017 budget and she did not find anything for the Fire Department. She said that someone at the Annual Meeting asked the Chief if there was enough money being budgeted. In her opinion it showed her that “the public relations in that statement was wrong when other budget items were cut”. She felt that it sounded “terrible to the average citizen”.



T. Nelson said that public safety and roads are the most emphasized budgetary items.

L. Johnson said the Joint Powers sets the budget. The Fire Department has been frugal with the money. For example, if there is \$30k left over at the end of the year, it gets returned back to the Joint Powers. They always return it and it goes back into their funds.

T. Makati said that the Fire Department is still budgeting the same amount of money that they did seven years ago. He said that, “We need to keep giving the Fire Department money for public safety to save Fire Fighters lives”.

D. Stiers said they need roads to get to the calls.

T. Makati said that things are more expensive for the Fire Department than they were 7 – 10 years ago.

T. Nelson said that the public just needs to see how the money is spent.

B. Seekon asked if there was a way that more stuff could go directly through the Fire Department directly.

L. Johnson said the City of Stacy originally owned the building. They owned it and did not want to sell any to the Township. At an Annual Meeting it was approved to buy land to build the new Fire Station. He wanted to charge the Fire Department rent because the City gets to use it for no charge. The use of the building should be worth something because they have not been charged for 13/14 years.

B. Seekon was thinking about a commercial lease. Carpet, etc. should go through the joint powers so that Stacy pays their share.

C. Cagle said that the Fire Department makes donations to the Township and then it is given it back to them.

T. Nelson said it is a delicate situation and should be done before their budget and brought up at the joint powers.

CLERK COMMENTS

The office will be closed for training on April 7. It has been posted on the office door and the website for quite a while.



SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

T. Nelson said he wants to remind the Board that the Monday morning meetings are going to become a dilemma once he starts working more. There needs to be an alternate plan. *C. Cagle* said that they can have a small meeting with the staff and not have the Board meeting portion of it. It is inconvenient for the public if they work during the day. *T. Nelson* said the road committee meeting was done during the day and no one could attend. This will be addressed at the Staff meeting on April 3.

L. Johnson said he has talked to *J. Triplett* and *S. Nelson* and the current proposed plan for County Road 19 is not going to work “so they are going to see what happens”. He asked the Fire Fighters in attendance if there was an extractor or a washing machine at the Fire Hall. They said it is an extractor. He attended the MAT L&R session and they are going to do a transportation and bonding bill to hopefully get the roads back into good shape.

C. Cagle: none

B. Seekon: They might need to think about upping the Fire budget if they are in need of more vehicles. *L. Johnson* added that they are going to need to look at upping the road and bridge equipment fund because the grader needs to be replaced in the near future. They should look at leasing as an alternative.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Staff/Board Meeting- April 3, 2017 – 9:00 am
- ❖ Planning Commission- April 12, 2017- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting- April 18, 2017- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Parks Meeting- March 28, 2017 - 7:00 pm
- ❖ Lent Landscapers Meeting – April 4, 2017 – 6:30 pm
- ❖ Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting – April 27, 2017 – 6:00 pm



ADJOURN

T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:10 pm. L. Johnson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature