



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

November 17, 2020 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members Present: (in-person): Chair R. Keller, Vice Chair B. Seekon, C. Cagle, T. Nelson, J. Eischens

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Planner K. Moen, Treasurer S. Aker, Clerk K. Wood, Deputy Clerk B. Schule, 4 members of the public (signed in)

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by C. Cagle. T. Nelson added Road Committee under Roads b1. Under E. 1 he added ISO Rating. R. Keller added chain saw under Roads b2 and lift rental under Roads b3. **All in favor, motion carried.**

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 15, 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

T. Nelson asked S. Aker about a new timecard system for Maintenance and if she was able to research it. She said she was too busy with the CARES money reporting and getting ready for the meeting, but she will check into it.

NEW BUSINESS

Jess Eischens Seat C – Oath and Certificate of Appointment

J. Eischens was sworn in and it was noted that the certificate of appointment was filed with the Clerk.



Community Survey Results

K. Moen presented the Board the community survey results and the survey that went out for the comp plan. There were 98 respondents. A lot of people said that they would like high speed Internet, parks and trails and the remaining roads paved. K. Moen went over the survey results with the Board. She noted that people said the negative things they have noticed are higher taxes, lack of high-speed Internet, increased speeding, solar panels and noise. Positive items were the paved roads, solar panels and Town Hall upgrades. Residents feel that the biggest issues the Township is facing is development, high taxes, lack of high-speed internet, road maintenance and economic development. In the future, they believe that the biggest issues the Township will face will be controlling funding/costs, the rural character of the Township being threatened, and development. The survey showed that people encouraged agriculture and recreation and discouraged professional office and light industrial.

K. Moen said people did not really want development spread out and said it should be in specific areas. C. Cagle said it seems like they still wanted to keep the acreage larger. K. Moen said most people wanted a minimum of five acres. She said residents would like to remain fiscally conservative. They seemed more receptive to service businesses than other businesses. C. Cagle said industrial is where you have the largest body of employment. K. Moen said she plans to base the comp plan off of the survey response, but she will let everyone see it first to tweak it. We will have a chance to go through updates in the comp plan before we make anything permanent. C. Cagle asked if it makes sense to have another survey sent out again to include more descriptions. T. Nelson said we have already sent it out and have already given people the chance to weigh in. He said we should let K. Moen work her magic. B. Seekon said a comp plan is a general guideline. R. Keller said let K. Moen move forward and work on this.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 SECTION 5.01 GOVERNING ENFORCEMENT OFFICE AND CITATION POWERS (Ordinance 2020-06)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve ordinance 2020-06 an ordinance amending Chapter 6 Section 5.01 Governing Enforcement Office and Citation Powers. Second by B. Seekon. B. Seekon said this refers to our fee schedule in regards to offenders who were making progress to rectify violations and are now out of compliance again. We start the fine right back to the 4th notice. **All in favor, motion carried.**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 PLATTING PROCEDURE SECTION 3.01 SKETCH PLAN AS WELL AS CHAPTER 3 SECTION 3.03 PRELIMINARY PLAT AND CHAPTER 3 SECTION 4.15 DRAINAGE OF THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE IN LENT TOWNSHIP. (Ordinance 2020-07)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve ordinance 2020-07 an ordinance amending Chapter 3 Platting Procedure Section 3.01 Sketch Plan as well as Chapter 3 Section 3.03 Preliminary Plat and Chapter 3 Section 4.14 Drainage of the Subdivision Ordinance in Lent Township. Second by B. Seekon. K. Moen said it is an ordinance removing the language of the preliminary plat to be



submitted to the Town Board before the developer's agreement was submitted. It is to streamline the process. **All in favor, motion carried.**

SLFD Relief Association LG555 -\$10,000 Pole Barn Fund (Resolution 2020-29)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-29 accepting \$10,000 from the SLFD Relief Association. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.

ISO Rating

T. Nelson said we received the ISO rating and it is a 4.

COVID Discussion

T. Nelson said he went through the COVID plan and he is wondering if we can still follow the DOH guidelines by having Maintenance work if they can be social distanced. He would like to look at options for them. If they are plowing, they can be away from each other. C. Cagle asked how the employees feel about that. T. Nelson said M. Fehrman would have rather been working. If your health care provider says you have to be quarantined then you cannot work. T. Nelson said we have to follow certain guidelines. If they are not symptomatic, they can socially distance. T. Nelson said if you were possibly exposed, you can take a test or quarantine for 14 days. Right now, we are having them sit at home. We have some scenarios where they could be at work and social distance. Not symptomatic, would be them being negative and not having symptoms. T. Nelson said if their kid gets sick, then they only get 2/3 of their wage so they would rather be working. B. Seekon said our employees can work by themselves. T. Nelson said we can set it up so that they are wiping down their vehicle. T. Nelson said if someone tests positive, it is hard to define the first day of exposure. There is a lot of guessing. If they are living with someone with symptoms or positive, they have to stay home until a negative test. We have to think about social distancing, stay in your own truck unless your health care provider says you have to stay home. C. Cagle said if the employee is comfortable with it and there is not a health risk to our residents, it is a go. J. Eischens asked how many employees there are and if all of the employees are comfortable with it. T. Nelson said they would not be allowed in the office. T. Nelson said there is no reason they cannot be plowing or grading or whatever needs to be done this time of year. J. Eischens said just as long as all of the employees are okay with it. R. Keller said he feels that it is good. T. Nelson said he would like to define it for them in the plan and will work on the changes.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

B. Seekon said a majority of the items were covered at the meeting.



Roads

R. Keller said they have had to plow and have been out brushing. We have had a few trees go down. T. Nelson asked if they are doing any patches on Double Chip Seal roads if there is a pot hole. 340th Street east of Falcon has a hole the size of basketball and as it freezes it is going to get bigger. R. Keller will let the guys know. R. Keller said the current chain saw is older and M. Fehrman found one for \$300. It was decided to purchase the saw.

Lift Rental

It is \$2200 per month to rent a lift from United Rental. They discussed rental and purchase options. They are going to get some numbers on purchasing one. They discussed options they could use one for if one was purchased.

Road Committee Meeting:

The Road Committee Meeting is set for December 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Parks

C. Cagle asked Bridgitte from the County if they would donate the land by the park and ride for a Township park in an email. Wayne's also owns a few acres that she is hoping to have donated. They are going to wait to see what the County says.

Building

C. Cagle said a wedding is booked in 2021. Some of the rentals have to go half capacity. Rentals have to clean the tables, sanitize, wear masks and make sure that they have a COVID protocol. Pickleball is canceled until after the 1st of the year. Girl Scouts and 4H has to stay as a small group. She gave them an idea with having a hybrid Zoom meeting to keep attendance low. She would like to have a contractor meeting for the Town Hall. We have to replace the flooring in the bathroom and the hallway. She is not going to replace the flooring in the kitchen. There are some events in February. Christmas décor is going up soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

S. Sinna said she welcomed J. Eischens to the Town Board. She said she is concerned to the Town Board because she is wondering why the appointment committee met in a closed meeting. She feels that the Board should have had an open meeting, but understands Townships have lesser requirements. She said it felt sneaky. K. Wood and S. Aker let her know they were having trouble hearing what she was saying for the minutes a couple times. C. Cagle said the opening was posted on the website. D. Stiers said the names were not on the website. R. Keller asked K. Wood to respond. K. Wood said the names



were announced at the meeting and minutes are not put on the website until approved the Town Board. They will be put on after this meeting. B. Seekon said the seat is an appointed seat.

CLERK COMMENTS

K. Wood said that direction from the MAT Attorney and the Town Board were followed. She thanked the public for their input.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

T. Nelson said we got a bill from Evergreen and we are going to split it 50/50 down the middle with the City of Stacy. He asked when we will get the pod. R. Keller said he would like a service door, a slider door and 4 windows in the building. He said another door can be added later.

J. Eischens said that she is looking forward to being a part of the team. R. Keller told J. Eischens that part of her position is going to the County Board meetings. L. Sinna was working on getting all of the residents Internet and explained that it is hard for some students to do school work at home or for people working for home. C. Cagle said she has L. Sinna's broadband info and she can pass them along to her. R. Keller said this all gets tied together with the comp plan. He asked her to *pick up the ball* with those things.

C. Cagle said MAT is having their virtual Annual meeting on Saturday from 11-4.

B. Seekon said they are going to Nessel Township for the next CCATO meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Parks Meeting –TBD
- ❖ CCATO Meeting – TBD
- ❖ Joint Powers – December 7, 2020 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – Wednesday, December 9, 2020- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – December 15, 2020- 7:00 pm

ADJOURN

T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

