



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
November 19, 2019 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, 11 people (signed in).

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by L. Sinna. T. Nelson added m. under new business new equipment scrap. n. Permit for SLFD. R. Keller added o. Lions LG555 and under Planning and Zoning ii. Chris DuBose. **All in favor, motion carried.**

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15, 2019

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2019 Board meeting. B. Seekon seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by R. Keller. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER COMMENTS

S. Aker said she received the insurance through MAT and asked if they wanted to look through it. B. Seekon said C. Sauro wanted a copy of MAT's proposal. T. Nelson said let C. Sauro look through it. R. Keller said the MATIT people said we had a lot of things that were not covered. T. Nelson said we should have C. Sauro look at it. B. Seekon said C. Sauro said they should consider using both companies. T. Nelson said C. Sauro used to do a lump sum at the SLFD. L. Sinna said the MAT folks did not match up with C. Sauro.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

B. Seekon said they ran through a lot of complaints.

32050 Elk Lane Complaint

R. Keller said they moved forward with the County and the resident was cited. R. Keller does not like how the guy is treating the neighborhood. The Planning Commission is fining them.

C. DuBose said the County is reworking their zoning. C. DuBose said there are a few Townships who would like a commercial area and they are reworking their home occupation ordinance. People either have to go into North Branch or into Wisconsin. They are looking at the findings to create a commercial/industrial area. He said it makes sense to amend the zoning ordinance to allow it. Now is a great time while they are looking at the ordinance to allow the Townships more latitude to have more commercial areas.

C. Cagle said we spent the last couple years looking at this and mapping it out. We have a pretty solid format right now. C. DuBose needs some language as to what the district would look like. C. Cagle asked if he would like to look at our comp plan. D. Milles said we are looking at expanding ours to include along 30 from 360th to 340th. C. DuBose would like input while they are in the process. C. DuBose would like to know what kind of changes we would like to see. He would like to work with the Townships. He would like to share knowledge and ideas. The next Planning Commission meeting was discussed and CCATO is the same evening. The County Planning Meeting is Thursday. R. Keller said K. Wood will talk to C. DuBose. R. Keller said in his opinion, we could not offer much to the Anderson property and that is why they left.

Roads

Blue Sign Installation (Lent Township Maintenance)

R. Keller said they should go back to shouldering. The signs are going on the County roads too. M. Fehrman is working with a locator and putting in the signs. M. Fehrman said by the time he gets his truck back to a shouldering machine; it will snow again. C. Cagle clarified that they will continue on the signs and not switch back to the shouldering. He did 51 signs in two days.



Fly Ash on 360th Street

R. Keller said we have sent letters and they have not responded. It is on 360th west of 61. They cannot pile it up and use it as a staging area. T. Nelson asked if M. Fehrman could make a phone call to the person he thinks is storing it. M. Fehrman said they are ruining the road.

Road Maintenance (Report)

R. Keller said he did the road tour and brushing needs to be done. There were some icy spots.

Parks

Parks did not meet. Meetings will resume in February.

Building

C. Cagle said the doors are ordered and should go in in December. The Hall is booking for 2020 and 2021. The profit for rentals is \$13,648.00. \$29k is the cost to keep moving along to keep it rentable. \$5400 is what she predicts will be the rental of the new room for the year. It will be around \$25k for the full construction room. They are going to wait on the drawings for the office space across the street. We are getting calls from people from the cities for rentals; residents take precedence. She is looking to advertise the room for classes. It has to be heated and cooled with a split. It will be ready to rent for 2020 and should hold 35-50 people. B. Seekon asked about it being available for residents. He asked if the rental cost would be lower for residents. C. Cagle said it is always lower for our residents and she raises the price every year. Nonprofits are going to pay what everyone else pays starting in 2020.

Broadband Report

Study

L. Sinna said the study is back. This is assuming we use the deed grant money and it would only cover these areas. It shows the underserved areas or unserved. There are 451 households. 100 percent take rate. The cost would be \$3.1 million. The more money we are willing to put in, the more they would. She is going to talk to folks in the area. She got a call from a person on 330th and he got in touch with Midco. They would put in copper if they got a 90 percent take rate. All of his neighbors are in. R. Keller said ultimately, they want to run fiberoptic. L. Sinna gave Steve from Midco a call and said she was glad he has some interest in our Township again, but was worried we are taking away from CTC who is wanting to do our area. R. Keller said he cannot see us spending that much money doing this.

L. Sinna said she is trying to find information because there are no options for some of us. B. Seekon said you can pay for Internet if you really want it. B. Seekon said if Midco wants to start working its



way in maybe they will start spreading out. Trying to get the highspeed in is expensive. The companies that want to make money at what they do, and want to make us to pay for the infrastructure on what they make money on is not right. W. Joos said he pays for 4g and once you use so much, they start slowing you down.

L. Sinna is going to follow up with North Branch and see where they are at with their project. At least we know now how many households are without.

R. Keller said he is a complainer of Frontier. His Internet is so slow and it was hard while he was in college doing online courses. US Cable came out of Stacy. They have copper in the ground and plan to replace it with fiber and move it down the street. If we wait it out a little bit, we might be okay. C. DuBose said he was at a meeting and four providers were there. Genesis said they would construct a tower for every twelve people. He feels it is a good option for rural areas. L. Sinna said they are ready to have broadband meetings again.

OLD BUSINESS

ARMER User Agreement Meeting Update

C. Cagle said the Board had their public meeting. Quite a few Fire Department members also showed up. They said \$585 and \$180 per year after that which was not accepted. There is another meeting tomorrow night and they are going to talk about numbers, etc. This is a private meeting tomorrow. T. Nelson said let them make the decision. L. Sinna asked how they come up with the \$585. C. Cagle said they pulled the \$585 *out of the air*. C. Cagle said they sectioned out the numbers and came up with \$180. We talked about paying for programming and paying for our own radios. C. Cagle said we know what we want. *Back at it again.*

NEW BUSINESS

SLFD Relief LG555 - \$10,000 – Pole Barn Fund for FD (Resolution 2019-33)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the SLFD Relief LG555 for \$10,000 for the Pole Barn Fund. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.

Golden Oaks Preliminary Plat (Resolution 2019-34)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Golden Oaks Preliminary Plat – Resolution 2019-34. Second by T. Nelson. B. Seekon said the Planning Commission went over it. D. Milles said they liked it. All in favor, motion carried.



Zoning Text Amendment to 5.06 RR-A: Conditional Uses (Ordinance 2019-06)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve zoning text amendment to 5.06 Conditional Uses to RRA – Ordinance 2019-06. Second by R. Keller. B. Seekon said it falls within the County ordinance. There was discussion had as to if it opens it up to other types of group homes. B. Seekon said it is written so it is very specific. D. Milles said the Amborella House would need a CUP. D. Hardin said he spoke against this change to the ordinance because they pay no property tax because they are a nonprofit. We are *putting up a welcome mat* to nonprofits if this is approved, in his opinion.

Clare Lillis said he talked with the assessor office and the tax burden comes out to \$1.24 per unit. He stated that it is worth a woman's life. It is more of a tax burden if you do not help these women. The tax payers end up paying the cost of litigation, cost of incarceration, HR, and all of the costs associated with human trafficking. It ends up being more of a tax burden to the tax payers if there are not places like Amborella House.

L. Sinna asked if there are any jobs being created by this. T. Hopman, Executive Director said yes, the location will be staffed around the clock with social workers, case manager, advocates, etc. C. Lillis also added that they will be purchasing stuff in the area. D. Milles reminded the Board that this is just for the amendment. Conditions were discussed for a CUP.

T. Nelson said he is not comfortable with it. He stated that it is only \$1.24 now, but it could add up if there are more nonprofits in the future. He stated that we would have to explain it to the tax payers if that happened. D. Milles said no single CUP sets a precedence for all. D. Milles said his neighbor got ordained and doesn't pay taxes so that is not relevant.

B. Klump said they have paid \$1500 to the Township so far in application fees.

B. Seekon said we pay our property taxes every year, but he sees the flipside the benefit this nonprofit brings. He wants to balance these two things. C. Cagle said if there are not places like this, we all end up paying more in social services in the long-run. She noted that there will be a public hearing to discuss the CUP guidelines.

Motion passes 4-1. T. Nelson nay.

Better Angels Workshop

L. Sinna said this is an organization that breaks down the political division by bringing the red and blue together. She feels that it would be good to do something like this at the Hall. C. Cagle is interested too. They have a leader and a moderator. 6 locals would participate. C. Cagle said she would chip in to rent the room. C. Cagle said we are trying to work together. She watched this in action on PBS and thought this was very interesting. It brings people together and she would like to show a unity. L. Sinna said she would like all of them to do it. L. Sinna explained how it worked. She participated in it and said they had



good, respectful discussion. B. Seekon said it is a good idea. **C. Cagle made a motion to have a Better Angels presentation. She and L. Sinna will head it. B. Seekon seconds. All in favor, motion carried.**

Skype Policy

B. Seekon made a motion the Township does not Skype any meetings. R. Keller seconds. There was discussion regarding technical difficulties during meetings while using Skype.

C. Cagle and L. Sinna Nay. B. Seekon, T. Nelson, R. Keller aye. **Motion carried. 3-2**

Hole at Fire Department – Quotes for Contractors for Pole Barn

T. Nelson said the hole will be filled in and the pipe will not freeze up. It was supposed to be done by tonight's meeting. They pulled some dirt out of there, but he never leveled it out. He told them he wants the water pipe fixed too. M. Fehrman said he is going to have to haul material back in there. T. Nelson said he will manage the project. Kurt did the digging. They had to get the pad set. R. Keller asked who hired Kurt. T. Nelson said he volunteered his time.

Shared Cleanup Day with the City of Stacy – May 20, 2020 & September 23, 2020

R. Keller said he and K. Wood talked about setting the dates ahead of time so that people can plan ahead. T. Nelson said it is good if it does not interfere with opening fishing. C. Cagle said the City of Stacy will go 50/50 with everything. M. Utecht said they have a big problem with trash in their area. T. Nelson said if we are paying overtime, Stacy is paying overtime. C. Cagle said she told them our maintenance is here and paid, you will have one too. They are going to ask volunteers too. They feel like they are going to have a lot of people. R. Keller said let them do their own. C. Cagle said we need to give them a chance. T. Nelson said if Spring does not work, they cannot do the Fall Cleanup Day with us. B. Seekon said they said half and half. If they do not provide help, they get half of our bill. B. Seekon asked when Evergreen comes back the next day if M. Fehrman has to help. M. Fehrman said if the steel one is full, yes. M. Fehrman is going to call Evergreen tomorrow. C. Cagle was getting calls from Stacy residents to see if they could come to the cleanup day and she told them no. M. Fehrman cleaned up stuff out of the ditch right after the last cleanup day. **B. Seekon made a motion to have cleanup day with the City of Stacy as long as they provide 2 Maintenance Staff and 6 volunteers. T. Nelson seconds. Motion carried 4-1. R. Keller nay.**

Veterans Day – November 11, 2020 (PC Meeting)

The Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020



Countryview Marine

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Countryview Marine Resolution 2019-38. L. Sinna seconds. R. Keller said they are going to clean up the area. All in favor, motion carried.

Assessment Roll

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the assessment roll for delinquent Township services. T. Nelson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Assessment Resolution (Resolution 2019-35)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve resolution 2019-35 for the Township assessments. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.

Elk Hunters Gambling Form (Resolution 2019-36)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Rocky Mountain Elk Hunters gambling form – Resolution 2019-36. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.

Blacktopping Roads

T. Nelson asked if they should look at equipment no longer needed such as the walk and roll and the tar kettle. R. Keller said we need it for crack sealing. T. Nelson said he does not know if it is worth it because he would like to see them get on a schedule. T. Nelson said it is not a safe piece of equipment to run. M. Fehrman said they put another box on it. R. Keller said T. Nelson should get together with M. Fehrman and get rid of stuff. B. Seekon said let's give the crack sealing a year or so to see where it ends up and see if it is worth paying a contractor. T. Nelson asked if it would be worth brushing and shouldering instead of crack sealing because we are behind. B. Seekon said let us keep the equipment for a year, see how the brushing and shouldering goes and at that point if Maintenance cannot get everything done, we will contract it out. T. Nelson said shouldering can be done within a month or so. B. Seekon asked if it is okay if the guys get a roll off at the shop. R. Keller said call Winick's. M. Fehrman said Winick's will not take the culverts. T. Nelson said get rid of the fabric. T. Nelson said they are going to have to start thinking about a new Zero-turn mower. We paid \$10k through the State contract for the current one. M. Fehrman said the new one has to be diesel.

Permit for the Fire Hall

T. Nelson asked why they have to go to the City of Stacy for the permit. We own the building but it is located in the City.



Lions LG555 2019-37

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Lions LG55 resolution 2019-37 for \$500 towards the Reiger Field lights. C. Cagle seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Walter Joos stated that the last time he attended a Board meeting he thought the general feeling was that everyone was in favor of waiving the park fee for a one-time lot split. He stated that he is not going to ask for it to be waived, but he is going to ask for it to be reduced. He has a lot of money into this and some yet to pay. He noted that the builders are okay with a park fee because they pass it on to the buyer. He is not making money by subdividing his property; he just wants to live close to his family.

B. Seekon said the Planning Commission said it needs to be the same for everyone. W. Joos said it was changed to a subdivision. This is a one-time split. B. Seekon said the discussion was what if the property was purchased later and it was asked if it could be split later. D. Milles said there was a lot of confusion about this. It is recorded with the County. D. Milles said you need at least 20 acres and this is a one-time split. D. Milles said he was one of the yay votes in favor of waiving the fee for the one-time split.

L. Sinna said it is absurd the Township charges this for a one-time split. R. Keller said we would have to change our ordinance. W. Joos said he has not paid the park fee yet. R. Keller said he cannot change the rule for one person because we feel like it. We have to change the rule for everyone. C. Cagle said the park fee is ridiculous for a one-time lot split. T. Nelson said that \$500 may be fair for a one-time lot split. W. Joos said he feels that may be fair too. D. Milles and C. Cagle will talk to the Planning Commission about this. They told W. Joos that it is a process. B. Seekon said that the Planning Commission is the recommending Board as far as zoning. **T. Nelson made a motion to have the Planning Commission discuss a \$500 fee instead of the \$1600 fee park fee for a one-time lot split. B. Seekon seconds. All in favor, motion carried.**

D. Stiers said that he got a call regarding the February caucus. They talked to L. Sinna and she cleared everything up. They have already talked to K. Wood and are on the Hall schedule. C. Cagle said that both parties have always been at the Hall and the party with more people gets the bigger Hall. D. Stiers said he really likes being a Midco customer because they are very helpful. They are growing and their service is unmatched.

C. DuBose is revising the solar ordinance. They want more restrictions. They are going a step further than Lent with the setbacks. They did not like the solar garden loophole that Lent has.

CLERK COMMENTS

None



SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

L. Sinna asked about the comp plan evaluation process. D. Milles said it is a ten-year thing and we have already looked at it once. He does not see anything alarming. R. Keller said he is sad they lost Anderson property. Kramer's is going in there. L. Sinna feels they should look at the comp plan and said she would look at it on her own. B. Seekon said we could all look at it. L. Sinna said things change constantly with solar, broadband, etc. D. Milles said comp plans should be updated every ten years. He suggested she join up with E. Maass in looking at it. R. Keller said let's look at it after the holidays. L. Sinna said she is going to the Annual MAT conference. L. Sinna said she has to abstain from the Medicare email from MAT.

T. Nelson: none

B. Seekon talked about the upcoming CCATO meetings.

C. Cagle said she wants to keep up on the census stuff. She asked about the Highway 8 funds and the 19 bridge. C. DuBose said they built it cheaply. It is on their radar and he got a letter about it. She asked if they could use Hwy 8 funds. He said he does not think so. D. Milles said this is an interim bridge and there is a plan for it.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Joint Powers Meeting -December 2, 2019 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Broadband Meeting – December 9, 2019 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ CCATO Meeting – December 11, 2019 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – December 11, 2019- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – December 17, 2019- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Road Committee Meeting – January 7, 2020 – 6:00 pm
- ❖ Parks Meeting – February 25, 2020 – 6:00 pm

ADJOURN

B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

