



Minutes

Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 16, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Clerk K. Wood, Treasurer S. Aker, 7 members of the public (signed in).

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. B. Seekon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes from September 18, 2018. T. Nelson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

L. Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. B. Seekon seconded. The checks to Knife River are for gravel and are to be paid. L. Johnson said the gravel was in addition to the blacktop bid. **All in favor, motion carried.**

TREASURER COMMENTS

S. Aker said she received the last check from IPS and asked if they can send the checks out to Bolton & Menk. The Board said yes.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

B. Seekon said the Planning Commission discussed the solar ordinance needing an update and the location of the transformer pad at Rockpoint. It is outside of the required setback. They talked about putting in some privacy fencing. It is going to be no more than 35 decibels. He thought there should be some testing done for ambient noise. They wanted some trees on 18 and a gate. They have security cameras and neighbors that do not like them. These items do not have anything to do with the variance. B. Seekon said when they put the transformer in the wrong spot, he was told that E. Maass said that it was okay to do it. He was wondering why they were not informed of this. R. Keller agreed. The area was in the 100-year flood plain. He feels the Board should have been informed about it. D. Milles said before the variance application came in, he, P. Carlson, and E. Maass went to the site. J. Kramer and E. Maass knew what was going on. D. Milles said they did recommend it to the Board.

B. Seekon said C. Larson from the prospective Good solar site was at the Planning Commission meeting. She had a coworker with her and he said there were not going to be any government incentives coming up and they had hoped to push this through this year.

D. Milles said there is a person in attendance who represents someone who is going to put in residential solar. B. Seekon said they did not mean to include residential in the moratorium.

R. Keller asked where they are at with the solar. D. Milles said they are going to spend the next nine months going through the ordinance. L. Johnson said the County has made changes to theirs. D. Milles said they need to define the overlay district with an actual map.

Roads

T. Nelson drove all the roads. He feels they should start looking at purchasing or making a shouldering machine because they have added over 13 miles of blacktop. T. Nelson said they need something to make it easier. R. Keller said they use the salt sander. M. Fehrman said it takes a week to do a road with that method.

T. Nelson said it is \$2700 a week to rent a machine. B. Seekon confirmed there would be one employee on the machine and one packing.



M. Fehrman said he has been shoulder discing. R. Keller asked if they have enough done this year. M. Fehrman said he feels they can get through the winter as long as the plow wing is kept up.

T. Nelson said they may want to buy one in December, January or February in order to have it for spring.

B. Seekon asked if there are available funds. L. Johnson said according to S. Aker, there is \$35k. T. Nelson said they should start pricing them out. B. Seekon asked what was put in the road and bridge fund for 2019. It was \$25k. He said money should be saved. If the grader engine goes out, it will be expensive. B. Seekon said it may be better to rent one.

T. Nelson noted the west side is a little rough. M. Fehrman said those roads have been bladed. R. Keller said keep blading them.

Parks

T. Nelson has the shades at home. They are going to wait until spring to put the shades and mats in. S. Sinna bought a sunflower and put it by the engraved bricks to draw people to the area. Maintenance is going to build a pop can cage out of the old trailer. R. Keller said the Parks Committee is not going to meet for a couple months.

Building

B. Seekon said the door in the hall is going to be installed the 23rd. He said the proposed office furniture would match the other woodwork in the hall. C. Cagle is waiting on the quote for the bathrooms.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Lot Lights

B. Seekon said he came in last Monday and switched the lights to LEDs. The light burned out by the road and needs to be reworked. He retrofitted everything that is outside and ordered six bulbs. They are 120 watt and are a huge energy savings. The office got a complaint about the lights so he adjusted the heads. The lights were accidentally were shut off. He put in a switch in so they cannot be turned off without turning off the breaker. The bulbs were \$1200 and he rented a lift from Chisago Hardware. There are two extra bulbs in case anything happens. He wants to know if he should order an LED for the post by the road. R. Keller said order it.



SLFD Hail Damage

T. Nelson said there were 180 squares and it took them two days. They found some problems and are going to talk to J. Kramer. They eliminated the ridge vents. It only cost \$500 (deductible).

NEW BUSINESS

Lions LG555 (Resolution 2018-25)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve resolution 2018-25 accepting \$500 from the Stacy Lions. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

SLFD LG555 - \$35k- Fire Equipment Fund (Resolution 2018-26)

L. Johnson made a motion to approve resolution 2018-26 for \$35k. R. Keller seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Office Furniture

B. Seekon said the office window looks professional. There was some discussion regarding the office furniture; proposed and current. L. Johnson said with the new doors, they are going to have to wait because he does not know how much money will be left in the money market account.

B. Seekon made a motion to the topic. L. Johnson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

V-Plow (\$8k cap)

M. Fehrman said they need a plow for the truck and suggested putting a cap on it.

R. Keller said the one they are looking at is *the cream of the crop*. N. Fairbanks is going to be here for a month and he can use the one ton. There is \$35k in the fund.

B. Seekon said they knew they would probably need one. They keep purchasing equipment and he worries something major will happen. He would like them to save money.

L. Johnson said they have to think long-term and that is what the budget meeting is for.

B. Seekon made a motion to have a maximum of \$8k spent for a plow. L. Johnson seconded. R. Keller said to take it out of PZ because it is a PZ truck. L. Johnson asked if it is going to include mounting. M. Fehrman said yes. B. Seekon amends to come out of PZ. L. Johnson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.



Annual Resolution Designating 2019 Polling Place (Resolution 2018-27)

L. Johnson made a motion to approve resolution 2018-27 designating a polling place. B. Seekon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Joint Resolution of the Town of Lent and the City of Stacy Amending the Stacy-Lent Area Fire Department Joint Powers Agreement (Resolution 2018-28)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve resolution 2018-28 approving the amendment to the Stacy Lent Area Fire Department Joint Powers Agreement. R. Keller seconded.

L. Johnson said they need to set up a separate fund.

B. Seekon said the Fire Department should be its own entity. L. Johnson said it is jointly owned by the Joint Powers agreement. The buildings are owned by Lent Township.

R. Keller said L. Johnson has been wanting Stacy to pay something for the building. M. Utecht called R. Keller and they did not want to pay on a building they did not own so they wanted to pay rent. He said it is a 1 million dollar, 50-year building. 2/3 is Lent and \$6k is them and they have had 10 years of free rent and that is how they got \$7500.

L. Johnson said at one point Lent offered to buy into the old Stacy fire hall and they said no.

B. Seekon said they lucked out that insurance paid for the hail damage. B. Seekon said \$7500 is better than what we have been getting. He asked if there was a time on this. L. Johnson said it should be amended so there is a five-year re-evaluation.

L. Johnson made a motion to amend the resolution for the Joint Powers to indicate that the dollar amount re-evaluate every five years by the June Joint Powers meeting for the following calendar year. T. Nelson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Moratorium Amendment (Resolution 2018-29)

L. Johnson read the updated resolution which did not include residential rooftop or ground mounted solar.

B. Seekon made a motion to approve resolution 2018-29 amending the solar moratorium to not include rooftop and ground mounted residential. L. Johnson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Rockpoint Variance (Resolution 2018-30)

L. Johnson made a motion to approve resolution 2018-30 granting the variance for Rockpoint. B. Seekon seconded. B. Seekon said E. Maass gave them the okay to move it due to



the 100-year flood plain. P. Schmitt said it will be a U shape 40'-60' and will be composite. P. Schmitt followed up with L. Sinna regarding the cameras and they view the panels, not the neighboring property. It is for the company to know what is going on in their own property. B. Seekon noted that the sound level could be an issue. P. Schmitt said there is a foot behind the wall. He wanted to add an amendment to it that the buildings on the south side are louder. B. Seekon said to take measurements before.

P. Schmitt said that was not a situation where they went to E. Maass to get it approved. B. Seekon said P. Schmitt has been great to work with and as long as the sound levels are not over what they are supposed to be, they are good. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Outdoor Storage 4th Violation Letter – Karmel Ave

T. Nelson made a motion to send the letter. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

D. Stiers asked if the farms and gardens are on private lands. L. Johnson said yes and the property owners make money on the lease. D. Stiers said it sounds like the Township is *on the hook* if they do not clean it up. B. Seekon said it goes on their taxes. L. Johnson said the Township can put an assessment on the property. D. Stiers asked why they can't put new panels on the posts. L. Johnson said the Township would have to renew the lease with the land owner.

CLERK COMMENTS

K. Wood reminded everyone that Fall Cleanup Day and the Ribbon Cutting was tomorrow and volunteers are appreciated.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

L. Johnson said he went to the L&R session and likes the new Executive Director. He feels it will be a good move going forward. Starting July of last year, they let go of the head lobbyist of 17 years and one of the head attorneys, and the Executive Director of 5 or 6 years. There were good reasons for all of it. Tuesday the 9th he went to the Lindgren hearing. The judge ordered him ten days in jail he has 30 days to report. Once he gets out, he has 60 days to clean up and become compliant. He has until 1/17/2018. The penalty can be a per day fine. Lee Charpentier wants to subdivide his lot and he has been talking to his attorney because he has less than the frontage required. E. Maass said it does not qualify. L. Johnson told the resident he can call E. Maass.



T. Nelson would like to contract out the Fire Department plowing because it changes the Maintenance Staff route. He said it wastes their time. B. Seekon asked why the City of Stacy can't plow it. R. Keller said he does not like the quality of their plowing. R. Keller said he will talk to M. Fehrman. B. Seekon said M. Fehrman is going to say they can do it. T. Nelson said they had a lot of issues last year. R. Keller said to get to Fir and 305th they have to go there anyway. It is just a matter of how he schedules his route. B. Seekon said to let the Fire Department decide. L. Johnson asked if they are going to do the Fire Department, they can catch 320th and come down. T. Nelson said it was not very efficient. B. Seekon said he wants to keep the people at the Fire Department happy. R. Keller told T. Nelson to get two quotes from plow companies and to make sure they have the proper insurance.

B. Seekon: None

R. Keller said J. Kramer was in a serious car accident. He is looking forward to tomorrow's activities.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Fall Cleanup Day & Ribbon Cutting – October 17, 2018 – 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- ❖ CCATO Meeting – November 28, 2018 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ General Election – November 6, 2018 – 7:00 am – 8:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – November 14, 2018- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – November 20, 2018- 7:00 pm

ADJOURN

B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Town Clerk Signature

