



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

October 19, 2021 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 844 0914 4456 Passcode: 038542

Town Hall: 33155 Hemingway Avenue, Stacy, MN 55079

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Treasurer S. Aker, Town Clerk K. Wood, Deputy Clerk L. Carr, Planner K. Lindquist, Planner J. Hartmann, 8 members of the public (attended virtually/in-person-listed for the record)

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

T. Nelson made motion to approve the agenda. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021 Board meeting. Second by B. Seekon. J. Eischens noted she did not attend remotely. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

T. Nelson made motion to approve the consent agenda. R. Keller seconded. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER COMMENTS

S. Aker commented that there was an additional check for the SLFD for \$6,469.27, bringing the grand total to \$279,185.97. **B. Seekon made motion to approve consent agenda with change brought by Treasurer. Second by J. Eischens. via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

CSAH County Road 17

J. Triplett and C. DuBose were in attendance to discuss the County project on the future extension of County Road 17. Borings are being done and data is being collected. They plan for a 2025 start. Taking a methodical, systematic approach and he is here to answer any questions and will be back with updates. They will have a lot of public engagement/open houses. They will resurface Lent Trail in early 2025 prior to turning it back to the Township. They will use a gas tax. Once they drill down, they can see where they are at. They will have more info as things move along and may have open house next spring. R. Keller stated he feels the extension is going to benefit our community and other communities. This has already been adopted in the 2040 comp plan. He also noted that J. Pelawa has worked on the project.



Forest Lake Contracting Complaint

The County issued the CUP prior to the Township taking over its own Planning. The complaint states that gravel and sediment are getting into the water and potentially contaminating it. C. Cagle recommended they do water testing. The neighbor stated that they are pumping water out and digging out more sand, upsetting water tables. He said the DNR should be involved. R. Keller said that the DNR has been involved in this project. The parcel is now owned by Forest Lake Contracting. C. DuBose said that he will talk to the County and let the Township know what K. Schneider says. T. Nelson said the Township does not oversee the CUP; it is the County, but they will say it is the Township. R. Keller said that if they are digging out of the approved boundaries, they need to update the CUP.

Right-of-Way Policy

K. Lindquist explained the need to implement a Right-of-Way Policy in the Township. **C. Cagle made a motion to approve the Right-of-Way Policy. T. Nelson seconded.** This is a policy to give direction for the community; the lot sizes and dimensions are in the ordinance. **Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

33555 Falcon Ave Minor Subdivision (Resolution 2021-38)

K. Lindquist said this is for the approval of a small minor subdivision. The Planning Commission recommended approval to the Board. **B. Seekon made a motion to approve the minor subdivision at 33555 Falcon Avenue – Resolution 2021-38. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Section 3, 5.06, 5.07, 5.08, 5.09, and 5.10 of the zoning ordinances regarding horse density (Ordinance 2021-09)

K. Lindquist said that this ordinance is for two mini horses or ponies (POA) to equal one regular sized horse. The approval was recommended by the Planning Commission. **B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Horse Density Ordinance (Ordinance 2021-09). Second by J. Eischens. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Road Shouldering – North Valley Paving

R. Keller stated that he is happy with the work North Valley Paving has done. T. Nelson said that he was concerned about Maintenance making decisions without consulting with R. Keller or other Supervisors. The material used was not what was expected and Maintenance is to call R. Keller in the future to approve material changes/change orders. There is leftover material.

Building Inspector

R. Keller said that J. Kramer will no longer be working with his municipalities in Chisago County at the beginning of 2022. R. Keller spoke to Kurt Schneider about having the County take over inspections. It seemed like the County could handle the Township's permits. R. Keller said the Township has two options: hire someone to do inspections or go back to the County. The County is willing to take the Township on before any other municipality because R. Keller contacted them first. The fee schedule may have to be changed and an administrative fee may have to be added. There would be a contract whether the Township went with the County or a company. K. Lindquist noted that there are two parts to some permits because the Zoning Administrator approves the permits as well and WSB charges a fee for them. Higher value permits should remain a percentage instead of a flat fee. After discussion, the Board consensus was that it was best if the County took over the building permits for Lent Township.



Everyone also agreed that Jack Kramer has been wonderful to work with and the Township is losing a good, hardworking person.

Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2021-39)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Lions LG555 for \$500 for Parks and Rec (Resolution 2021-39). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

SLFD LG555 - \$25,000 Chief Truck Fund (Resolution 2021-40)

B. Seekon made motion to approve the SLFD LG555 \$25,000.00 for the Chief Truck Fund (Resolution 2021-40). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

B. Seekon said that the meeting had bad audio. There is some interest in purchasing the Griffith Property and the Realtors have provided some concepts which include a truck stop, restaurant, hotel and more. J. Selvog and K. Lindquist also provided details on their concept plan. The Planning Commission was not in favor with the ideas they provided, but the Realtors were asked to submit a master plan so that the Planning Commission could get a better understanding of what they would like to do on the property. The Elk Lane complaint was discussed. Deputy Carroll went to the home and the property owner made an effort to clean up the property and Carroll did not cite him. R. Keller did not agree with that decision. The Planning Commission is moving forward with a criminal citation on the 318th Street complaint.

Roads

R. Keller said that the roads look good.

Pave the end of 344th Street (110 feet)

R. Keller said that M. Fehrman would like to pave the end of 344th Street and put gravel on Kable. R. Keller suggested to wait until next year. The pot holes need to be patched on 320th Street as soon as possible. T. Nelson said that he received an email from a resident regarding the counter on Karmel Avenue. He asked if the counter and borings were done. R. Keller will talk to Maintenance Staff about getting those items done. B. Seekon said that he had cleared out all data from the counters and showed him what to do with the hose. R. Keller noted that you do not lay down fresh gravel right before the freeze up.

Mower Deck Quotes

The Board discussed the feasibility of repairing the deck, but after discussion, it was decided to purchase a new deck out of the equipment fund. **B. Seekon made motion to purchase the deck for \$2900.00. Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Cutoff Tool

R. Keller said that Maintenance has been borrowing his and he would like the Township to have its own. It is expensive to rent a cutoff tool. **T. Nelson made a motion to purchase the cutoff tool with the quote Maintenance provided. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.**



Parks

R. Keller and T. Nelson said the parks are all cleaned out and things are put away.

Building

C. Cagle said that she called Lloyds due to toilet issues. She has not heard back from C. Hardy from Generik. She has been discussing an office set up with a counter for 2022 and is going to get a quote from Leibke.

Broadband

J. Eischens said the County is trying to figure out how to get fiber to everyone. She explained that the Township would need two or three towers with Genesis. The towers are \$53k. Midco has been adding fiber in the Township and she will check on their coverage. She also discussed Starlink Internet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

D. Stiers commented on the mower deck and suggested lowering the blades to prolong the life of them. Fahrner did not fix the corner of road as promised. He is concerned about the road getting worse in the winter. R. Keller will ask Fahrner about repairing the road.

CLERK COMMENTS

K. Wood asked J. Eischens to email her the Broadband paperwork she passed out at the Board meeting to add to the packet. J. Kramer gets 75% of permits.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

T. Nelson requested a new conference chair. J. Eischens – none, C. Cagle – none, B. Seekon said he put up a new TV and it is having connection issues, but he is working on it. R. Keller read the upcoming meetings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ CCATO Meeting Chisago County-wide Economic Growth Meeting- Wednesday, October 27, 2021 - 7:00 pm – Lent Township
- ❖ Planning Commission – Wednesday, November 10, 2021- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 16, 2021- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Joint Powers Meeting – Monday, December 6, 2021 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Parks Meeting –TBD

ADJOURN

T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

