



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
September 15, 2020 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Treasurer S. Aker, Town Clerk K. Wood, Maintenance Staff M. Fehrman, Planner E. Maass, Financial Advisor K. Dahl, Chisago County HRA/EDA N. Hoffman, 6 members of the public (attended virtually)

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2020

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from August 18, 2020. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

R. Keller said there were some bigger bills this month. **B. Seekon made a motion to approve the consent agenda. C. Cagle seconds.** B. Seekon was in the office signing the checks. He asked a few questions and everything made sense to him. T. Nelson thought the Fahrner bill looked higher than the initial estimate. After discussion, it was decided that T. Nelson was going to call Jason from Fahrner. **Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

TREASURER COMMENTS

S. Aker said the balance of the CARES money is \$70,688.68. She is going off of the invoices paid so far. C. Cagle explained what she is planning on purchasing for the bathrooms. C. Cagle said the 4 toilets and 4 faucets are \$4,450.00. The labor is \$6,400.00 and C. Cagle said the CARES does not cover the installation. B. Seekon asked for clarification on why she is spending the \$6,400.00 for labor. C. Cagle explained what it covers. C. Cagle said it would include taking up the floor. R. Keller said he talked to Linwood and they are using the money for highspeed Internet and are working with a private contractor. The CARES money was covering some of that. He got ahold of L. Sinna and linked her up with a guy who got better Internet for Hennepin County. Another thing is that Linwood got money to cover their turnout gear. R. Keller said it sounds like something we have not already bought.

S. Aker said we received the \$41k decommissioning check for Cornillie 2 and she needs a motion to make an escrow fund. They did CDs before.



B. Seekon made a motion for S. Aker to open an escrow account for the Cornillie 2 solar site for the decommissioning in the amount of \$41k. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A1 Tire Tax Abatement (Resolution 2020-25)

Public Hearing

T. Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-25 approving the A1 Tire Tax Abatement. Second by C. Cagle.

R. Keller opened the public hearing at 7:39pm

K. Dahl said we have had several meetings about this and A1 Tire has requested business assistance. They are looking at building a 20k square foot building; 15k is garage and 5k is office space. He is creating 2 new jobs that pay \$23 an hour plus benefits. If they do not meet the job requirements, they may have to pay it back. It would be paid over 5 years.

J. Selvog said he had a few questions. On page 2: Project: it states that there is a 20k sq foot tire shop. It is also going to be light mechanical. He would like clarification. At \$23 per hour he is going to have to see where that number comes from because some office people only make \$15/\$16 per hour. It says \$83k on January and he thought it was \$31k. K. Dahl said the \$23 came from your application. It said 12 jobs and you put \$23 plus benefits. The policy states it has to be 150 percent of state minimum wage. We are looking at future value and \$82,500 is the land value. That is the market value of the land. E. Maass said the uses are covered under your CUP. K. Dahl was just giving a general overview and said the use is controlled under your CUP. K. Dahl said they were trying to give a description of the project. It goes with the project. J. Selvog said he had a guy leave and may only be up to 10 or 11 guys when he moves in there. He may be short of the 12 people. K. Dahl said they have to have 12 people within 6 months after you receive the CO. J. Selvog noticed that on page 4 it says that he will not seek a reduction of market value. J. Selvog said if there is an assessment, I just have to pay it. K. Dahl said if you petition your tax value. The Town will pay the tax value at the agreed value. It is just putting it at a base. J. Selvog said on page 6: He is moving 10/12 jobs. He does not want a penalty if he has 11 for a while. If you do not agree on something you need to notify the County. J. Selvog noted on page 8: the admin fees and asked what are the chances we are going to spend more than the fees in the escrow account. K. Dahl said there was the \$2500 escrow fee and \$250 application fee. If that is not used, that will be refunded to you. If something else is used you will be charged. If something has to be reevaluated or if there is a tax petition. If the town lawyer has to get involved. J. Selvog asked about page 11: restrictions on use: his light mechanical is not in there and wanted to make sure that he will not be shut down. K. Dahl said that is correct because it is in your CUP.

M. Fehrman asked about a culvert in his driveway. E. Maass said the access will go through the County. He can talk to J. Pelawa.

R. Keller made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:54pm. B. Seekon seconds. Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

B. Seekon said he was looking at some of criteria and it creates a tax base for our Township but it is not generating anything beyond that. T. Nelson said B. Seekon's statement is somewhat true because the jobs are somewhat there. The jobs are no longer in the City of Stacy. B. Seekon said he has heard from some people that they do not want the business here because we are supposed to be country. They do not



want industry. T. Nelson said that is why we set up the RTC. There was discussion regarding tax abatement.

Votes via roll call. B. Seekon nay. C. Cagle yay. T. Nelson yay. R. Keller abstained. Motion carried 2 -1 by simple majority.

Comp plan Survey

E. Maass went over the survey and explained he included senior housing and a map to see where people would like development. Once residents are engaged in the process, we want to keep them engaged by requesting their email. T. Nelson said it looks really good. C. Cagle likes it and said send it. Everyone was in favor of sending it out.

Lions LG555 - \$500– Reiger Field Lighting (Resolution 2020-26)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-26 accepting Lions LG555 for \$500 for the Reiger Field lighting fund. C. Cagle seconds. Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Fire Department Contracts

T. Nelson said we were having issues with other entities and with guys getting hurt. He talked to P. Tiede and each entity/department has to provide liability, work comp and sign the contract. It has been working for a month now. If they send them right away in January, there should not be any issues.

Resolution Accepting CARES Money (Resolution 2020-24)

T. Nelson made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-24 accepting the CARES money. R. Keller seconds. Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Seat C

R. Keller said we need to have a sit-down private meeting prior to the next Board meeting at 6:30pm. The notice accepting letters of interest will be removed from the website tomorrow. The appointment committee will meet October 20th at 6:30. The new Board member will be announced at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

B. Seekon said there are active complaints and they talked about the comp plan. C. Cagle said they talked about Countryview Marine and they are working on putting up a fence. We talked about the Elk Lane complaints and E. Maass is going to take care of that. B. Seekon said we talked about the Olson CUP and it is our responsibility. Forest Lake Contracting was discussed. They are going to purchase the site and the lake is going to be left as is. T. Nelson said he and R. Keller met out there. They also wanted to get an okay to turn the road into a 9-ton. He said they want a core sample to match that capacity. R. Keller said he has not heard if that is done yet.

Roads

Road Maintenance (Report)

R. Keller said the guys are doing a great job. There is some brushing that he told M. Fehrman about. We still have not had any progress with the shouldering. M. Fehrman has had a difficult time getting the machine and gravel at the same time. The later in the year it gets, the less inclined he is to do it so it does not get shoved in the ditch. R. Keller said we could put some down with our own equipment in some of the smaller areas. B. Seekon said we should contract it out. T. Nelson agrees with contracting out if we cannot get rental equipment. R. Keller got a quote from Knife River for \$54k. He never heard back from



Dressel and Bjorklund. M. Fehrman said he will do it tomorrow. Knife River does not have any trucks. T. Nelson said we should have it bid out right away for spring. M Fehrman said it should be the newly blacktopped roads. B. Seekon asked if we are talking about using the salt spreader and asked if it was abrasive on the auger. M. Fehrman said yes. B. Seekon said we need to think about the wear on the equipment. M. Fehrman said every road is different. R. Keller said most everything is holding together and is not that detrimental. He does not know if they will still honor the quote he has and should redo the quote for next year. R. Keller said we need a road committee meeting in December. R. Keller said he will get some quotes.

Pressure Washer

R. Keller said they have a pressure washer that is not hot water, just blows stuff around and does not clean well. This is a quote is for a hot water pressure washer that cuts grease, but does not cut paint. It is about \$2,500.00 at Northern Tool. B. Seekon said he and M. Fehrman have talked about it and it is important. They discussed washing vehicles.

B. Seekon made a motion to purchase the pressure washer. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Parks

Fish Pond Park Area

R. Keller said the piece of property is selling for \$120k and it has a fish pond on it. The Parks Committee want us to buy it. Offer \$44k for donation and pay the \$80k. He asked how the Board feels. B. Seekon said it is a nice spot, but we do not have the money to spend on it nor do we have the resources to take care of another piece of land. C. Cagle said she would like to see it closer and agrees that we do not have the resources right now. There is opportunity for growth there for a farmer's market. T. Nelson said it is a terrible road for a farmer's market. T. Nelson said he agrees that the money is not there right now. We already have other land on the east side of Falcon on 327th; we have not done anything with that. You would have to do a pavilion on it and it is going to cost a lot of money. After further discussion, it was decided to bring it up to the residents at the Annual Meeting.

Building

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

D. Stiers said the decision to promote small business in the Township is a smart decision. He knows J. Selvog and said that he is an honorable guy. He said about 3 weeks ago, he was working in the woods and he looked over and on Erie Lane and saw the Township tractor mowing along at an extremely slow pace and asked if this could be explained. The Town Board said they will look into it.

CLERK COMMENTS

K. Wood said Cleanup day is the 23rd from 4-7. She stated that volunteers are needed and to please send her an email if interested.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

T. Nelson said there may be a tournament the 2nd-4th of October. He will let Maintenance and K. Wood know.

C. Cagle none



B. Seekon said CCATO is at Shafer Township this month. Some of the participants wanted to start meeting again. We want to go to different Halls to see them. We are going to have the County Recorder speak.

R. Keller said the Board meeting is October 20th and we are doing a hybrid meeting. Wear a mask. Maintain 6' apart. B. Seekon said he will broadcast it on the screen.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Parks Meeting –TBD
- ❖ CCATO Meeting –TBD
- ❖ Stacy Lent Fall Cleanup Day – September 23, 2020 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – October 14, 2020- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – October 20, 2020- 7:00 pm
- ❖ General Election – November 3, 2020

ADJOURN

B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn at 9:03pm. Second by C. Cagle. Votes via roll call Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

