



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
September 17, 2019 7:00 PM
Location: Town Hall 33155 Hemingway Ave., Stacy, MN 55079

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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 L. Sinna, Supervisor C. Cagle, Supervisor T. Nelson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Treasurer S. Aker, Town Clerk K. Wood, J. Pelawa 4 people (signed in).

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 2019

C. Cagle made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes from August 20, 2019. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

L. Sinna made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

B. Seekon said there are many complaints, some solar going in, and they did a road tour.

Ongoing Complaints: Nieman Comment

E. Nieman (32029 Elk Lane) asked about the Elk Lane complaint and explained what they were told by the Sheriff. She said there is junk on the property and feels they are polluting the water which violates salvage yard rules for Chisago County. B. Seekon said we need evidence that the ground water is being polluted. B. Seekon explained past experiences with the Township and the County Judges.



P. Behr (32448 Elk Court) said traffic is also a concern because they use the cul-de-sac to test out the junk cars. C. Cagle said the Township has been by the property numerous times and fines are in place. C. Cagle said the Planning Commission is currently working on escalating the fines. Multiple out of order discussions took place and someone when asked by the Clerk to state their name and address, he said, "it doesn't matter" and said the Township is not doing anything about the complaint. L. Sinna said we are following the process and are focused on getting this resolved. The same process is followed for all complaints. D. Behr (32448 Elk Court) said he feels that it should go to Chisago County. Yelling took place and B. Seekon asked P. Behr to leave. She refused. R. Keller stated Planning Commission is looking at escalating fines in October. He stated we don't have a police force and can do only so much. Charging them the fines is a part of the process. Continued discussion took place as to what takes place at the complaint property.

P. Behr reiterated that she feels the Township *needs* to turn it over to the County. B. Seekon said it does not work that way. He said all we can do is contact the County to assess their taxes with the fines. D. Behr stated the property is an eye sore and there is a house for sale there. He feels that the cars are leaking and would like the DNR out to do some sampling. E. Neiman said that the MPCA has been out there and stated they said they contacted Lent Township. L. Sinna said we have to follow a process and we understand the issues. B. Seekon said there are a set of standards we have to follow. C. Cagle said we have to keep a specific record of what we have done. It is a system of paperwork that we legally have to do. C. Cagle asked the residents to please let the Board *do our job* and stated that we are doing the best we can at this time. D. Behr asked about the homeowners suing the Township for not doing enough. C. Cagle told the residents they have the right to call the Sheriff. D. Hardin (4525 321st Street) asked if they could go to their attorney and have him review all the options and put in writing a step by step process that has taken place to this date. It was asked if people can find out the number of fines and how many letters a person has gotten. They were told this information can be provided by the Clerk.

D. Milles said we can do both civil or criminal. We are currently in the process of fining a half a dozen properties right now. We can have our lawyer write something up and send it to the County. The County Attorney would turn it to the Sheriff and they would have to go to court. D. Milles said we would need a search warrant to go out there and it would be a criminal matter. Every day the violation goes on, they can get a fine. Right now, we are doing it civilly. D. Milles said you can make a request to go criminally. We are talking about a stricter fining process. We are going to send the unpaid fines to the Assessor.

P. Behr said we *need* to be informed via email. L. Sinna said K. Wood puts all of the minutes online and they can be read. A. Nicolas suggested that the residents show up to all of the meetings to keep themselves informed. After discussion, **C. Cagle made a motion to call P. Tiede and go with this criminally. L. Sinna seconds. All in favor, motion carried.** D. Behr told the other residents to keep calling the Sheriff. B. Seekon suggested recording some evidence.

Roads

Road Project Update

R. Keller said M. Fehrman is doing some ditch mowing and shouldering.



Gravel: R. Keller contacted Bjorklund and they did not get back to him. Dresel is not interested. Knife River said it will be \$10.65 delivered to the shouldering machine. They ran out of Class 5. R. Keller said we are slated to get 1000 tons committed to us. He did not have an update on the shouldering machine. W. Joos said he thought every road was getting blacktopped. He lives on 360th which is a shared road with North Branch. R. Keller said the remaining roads will not be done in the near future.

Emily Lane

R. Keller said Emily was re-cored. R. Keller said J. Pelawa sent the pay application and felt we should not do the deduction. The rest of the Board did not agree. **T. Nelson made a motion to accept pay application 3 deducting \$5228.23. L. Sinna seconds.** T. Nelson said they did not perform the work to contract standards so the deduction is warranted. **Motion carried 4 to 1.** R. Keller nay.

Community Notice

Tabled. T. Nelson said to send the edits to J. Pelawa to review.

Road Maintenance (Report)

R. Keller stated he took members of the Board and the Clerk on a road tour.

Foxhill Driveway

This driveway did not get a bumpout when the pavers were out there. T. Nelson said we could have M. Fehrman patch it in. R. Keller agreed and said it should be done prior to winter.

Plowing

R. Keller said they talked about this and B. Seekon said a Supervisor could run the one ton. K. Wood reminded R. Keller that he was going to talk to Tanner from the City of Stacy about a backup snow plow plan.

Parks

Picnic Pavilions Pricing

T. Nelson said S. Sinna would like to cover some picnic tables and he would like the Board's thoughts on this. It would be 4 posts and a metal roof. R. Keller said it would be 12 x 12. The Board consensus was to have T. Nelson get pricing.



Building

Gregory Estimate

C. Cagle got a quote to bump out the front of the building for a larger meeting space along with redoing the bathrooms for \$250k. It would have to be brought to the Annual Meeting and we would need 3 bids. T. Nelson said we need to know what the Hall makes per year so that the public is aware that the income will pay for the renovation. R. Keller said if the public is going to pay that much to renovate a pole barn, we should just build a new one across the street. T. Nelson said then have KJ come up with some ideas for a block building across the road. C. Cagle said she will research it.

Linder Quote

C. Cagle is looking at pocket doors that go inside each other to encase the back room in the Hall. She would need a 36" door exiting into the Hall. It would be \$13k not including the HVAC and carpet. Flooring would be another \$7k. She said she would get projections to rent that room and has money in the building fund to pay for it. She is going to get a price on the HVAC. Heating and air conditioning units were discussed. T. Nelson said we should move forward on the encasement. C. Cagle said it takes 6 weeks to get the doors. L. Sinna said it is a good investment for multiple reasons.

Broadband Report

L. Sinna said the study is still going on.

OLD BUSINESS

Shouldering Machine

R. Keller said he does not have an update from M. Fehrman.

NEW BUSINESS

Amborella House Discussion

Clare Lillis from Amborella House said it is a 501(c)3 that provides shelter and recovery service for women who have been rescued from trafficking. They have an accepted purchase agreement on a home in Lent Township. T. Hopman gave a brief background on Amborella House. They have an office in Wyoming, MN, plan to service 4-5 adult women, the home will be staffed 24/7 (awake) and employ about ten people (Program Director, Case Manager, volunteers, therapists, etc.). She discussed the services they will provide at the location and noted they are a faith-based organization. The average stay is 18 months, it is a transition home, not an emergency shelter. There would be securities in place in the home and on property. The location is going to be undisclosed. Background checks will be done and



persons being serviced will be vetted at the office in Wyoming. Their plan is to set the home up this winter, set up staff and serve women in early spring. There are already privacy fences and trees.

T. Nelson asked how/where you decide where the women come from and if there is any precedence to the local area. T. Hopman said it is first come first serve. L. Sinna asked how they learn about them. T. Hopman said they are connected with law enforcement and other agencies. There is a need for this service in the area. There is one in St. Cloud with 38 women on the waiting list, they would be the second in the state. There was discussion of the safety of the women.

T. Nelson said he is behind it 100%. C. Cagle said we do not have the opportunity for this type of home in our community. They would have to approach Planning and Zoning for a consideration for an amendment to the ordinance. It is not in the comp plan. The home is in the RRA. D. Milles said we have to notify the people. This is a two-part process. There would be an amendment to the ordinance and a CUP.

R. Keller called a recess at 8:36 pm

R. Keller called the meeting back to order at 8:39 pm

Insurance – MAT

J. Mocol gave the Township a quote for liability insurance on what is currently insured. He said he compared apples to apples and the difference is \$7800. It is MATIT. They only do Townships and they are a joint-powers. C. Cagle confirmed he looked at the current policy and is offering the same exact coverage. J. Mocol said yes and more. C. Cagle said she talked to someone and the reason they split off from this insurance before was because we own our own equipment. J. Mocol said a lot of Townships own their own equipment. MATIT is very secure and has not raised rates in 3 years and is more stable. He explained how the MATIT insurance works and told the Board he is a risk manager. He said they process claims right away when turned in.

B. Seekon made a motion to change to MATIT from Country View insurance. R. Keller seconds.

L. Sinna said she wants to know why they are so much less expensive. J. Mocol said they are set by an actuary and Country View is set by a scope. He said that a Township may fix something on their own where as an individual will turn in the claim. The Township is a stakeholder in the claims. B. Seekon asked if the premiums change. No, but Lent shares with all of the Townships. R. Keller said inland machine is your tools, machines, etc. Our tools are locked up in the shop so that is why it is going to be less. T. Nelson asked if he took a look at how CV has us insured with the Fire Department. J. Mocol said yes and some of the key things we find is people forget to insure things. J. Mocol said he will come out and do a walk through and make sure everything is covered.

T. Nelson would like the Fire Department assets separate. J. Mocol said you can group it together as one big liability. T. Nelson said to make sure the Fire Department does a really good inventory. J. Mocol said the key is to have it properly listed.



T. Nelson said we went through everything with the Country View list last year. T. Nelson said he will have to redo an inventory because the grass rig was added. J. Mocol will run through it with the Fire Department too. He likes the plow individually scheduled. **All in favor, motion carried.**

L. Sinna would like to attend the inventory meeting for the Fire Department. J. Mocol said he recommends up to two supervisors come.

Solar Garden IUP and Variance – Cooperative Energy Futures (Resolution 2019-21)

B. Seekon made a motion to adopt the resolution 2019-21 for the Cooperative Energy Futures solar garden IUP and Variance. L. Sinna seconds the motion. B. Seekon said it does not affect us at all. The decommissioning was lowered to \$17,500. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Walter Joos – Park Fee

He is in the process of splitting the property and they created a minor subdivision. There is a \$1500 park fee. He has spent over \$6k and would like it to be waived. His daughter is going to live there. It is a minor subdivision. R. Keller asked D. Milles if this is something that should be addressed. C. Cagle asked if this property is able to be further subdivided. D. Milles said they can do a onetime split. D. Milles said it should be waived. W. Joos said it has been dragging out so long.

B. Seekon said he makes a motion to suspend the \$1500 park fee until it is amended. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried.

Lions LG555 - \$500 – Reiger Field Lighting (Resolution 2019-22)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve Lions LG555 for \$500.00 to be used for the Reiger Field Lighting. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution Designating a Polling Place (Resolution 2019-23)

T. Nelson made a motion to accept resolution 2019-23 designating Lent Town Hall as the polling place for 2020. Second by C. Cagle. All in favor, motion carried.

LG220 Application for Gambling Chisago Lakes Area Wrestling Foundation (Resolution 2019-24)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve resolution 2019-24 for an LG220 application for the Chisago Lakes Area Wrestling Foundation. Second by C. Cagle. All in favor, motion carried.



SLFD LG555 \$5000 – Pole Barn (Resolution 2019-25)

T. Nelson made a motion to approve resolution 2019-25 accepting \$5000.00 from the SLFD LG555 to go towards the pole barn at the Fire Department. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried.

Emergency Phones

L. Sinna said this came up at Joint Powers and she wanted to discuss one for the Township. R. Keller and C. Cagle said no. The Fire Department now has them in case of an emergency and she would like them in case of an emergency. L. Sinna asked about disaster planning. C. Cagle said the County has a plan. L. Sinna is going to get some answers. Scott Sellman is going to be at the CCATO meeting in October.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

D. Stiers said he heard “the County told us” many times from the Elk residents attending the meeting, but never identified who it was at the County.

D. Milles said the Elk Lane group is going to come to the Planning Commission meeting.

CLERK COMMENTS

None

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

L. Sinna said she attended the County Board Meeting where they talked about a potentially dangerous dog because it killed a chicken. She feels there is zero accountability for tax payers’ money. The Sheriff department is asking to replace the Kevlar vests and there were some inappropriate answers. C. DuBose is pushing to have it live streamed. She is going to do a Facebook live video. She has just been observing, not speaking. She would like to Skype next meeting because she is out of town. R. Keller said no. B. Seekon said it was annoying when M. Willcoxon did it. She was told she does not have to be here. C. Cagle said it is not smooth enough.

T. Nelson: none

B. Seekon said sorry for his shirt.

C. Cagle said tomorrow and Thursday she will be at L&R. Thursday night she will be at the ARMER meeting and the Lawyer will be. She will call the door person tomorrow to get him going on it.

R. Keller said generally speaking he allows people to have their say. That woman was out of line and B. Seekon was correct in asking her to leave. We feel just as bad as them.



C. Cagle said they as a neighborhood group, they do not walk over there (the complaint address), they come here.

T. Nelson said in the future when we know we are coming into a heated one, say you have two minutes after stating your name and address. Technically we do not have to allow them, but we want to hear them. Otherwise it just goes on and it just keeps circling. He said we could have saved 45 minutes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Parks Meeting – September 24, 2019 – 6:00 pm
- ❖ CCATO Meeting – September 25, 2019 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning & Zoning Workshop (MAT Office) – October 1, 2019 9:00 am – 4:00pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – October 9, 2019- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Broadband Meeting – October 14, 2019 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – October 15, 2019- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Fall Cleanup Day – October 23, 2019 – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

ADJOURN

B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm. Second by L. Sinna. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

