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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

September 19, 2023 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 875 3508 5795 Passcode: 414722

Town Hall 33155 Hemingway Avenue, 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 T. Nelson, Supervisor J. Barrett, Supervisor B. Seekon, Supervisor Carolyn Cagle

Members absent: None

Others present: Clerk T. Smolke, Treasurer S. Aker, Planning Commission member D. Stiers, and 4 members of the public signed in/ attended via Zoom

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by R. Keller. R. Keller added item "I" office access and under "Roads" batteries for single axel. **Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15, 2023

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from August 15, 2023. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

T. Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by B. Seekon. R. Keller explained that the shouldering was \$40K. B. Seekon referenced the patching trailer but T. Nelson said the city of Stacy is paying for a portion. **Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

TREASURER COMMENTS

S. Aker said she will send the city a bill the following day for the trailer.

Post Merger Bank Accounts

S. Aker said she is working with the bank and the account will remain open but the name will be changed. To keep the accounts separate, she suggested the name, "City of Stacy - 2". The bank needs to see motions in meeting minutes. J. Barrett reminded the Board that separate books align with the Orderly Annexation Agreement. The bank could inform the Township of the steps needed to take, then execute them on December 29th. S. Aker said everything is taken care of and the Board needs to make motions. T. Nelson said the Board will not be around after December 29th. C. Cagle said resolutions are not needed and the account belongs to Lent until the annexations. She said if this is the time of year we renew our signers, we can do that. She directed S. Aker to discuss this with the bank. S. Aker said she has completed discussions with the bank and again, requested motions. **R. Keller made a motion to remove R. Keller, B. Seekon, C. Cagle, K. Wood, and A. Nekowitsch from the Lent Township checking account, ending in 3921, effective December 29, 2023. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried. R. Keller made a motion to remove R. Keller and K. Wood**



from the Sherco bank account, ending in [REDACTED] effective December 29, 2023. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried. J. Barrett asked who are signers on this account after December 29th and R. Keller said S. Aker only. **B. Seekon made a motion to remove R. Keller and K. Wood from the Lent Township decommissioning escrow CDs, ending in [REDACTED] effective December 29, 2023. Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.** S. Aker said the name on the account has to change since Lent will be no more. **R. Keller made a motion to change the checking account to Stacy – 2, effective December 29, 2023. Second by B. Seekon.** J. Barrett verified with S. Aker this name change was requested by the bank. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

M. Fehrman employment discussion

R. Keller said M. Fehrman has turned in his two-week notice contingent on him taking another job. The Clerk will post the job. His last day is September 29th. **R. Keller made a motion to post the maintenance job. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.** **R. Keller made a motion to allow the HR Committee to post jobs. Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.** The Board will remain the final say in hiring.

Posting for Maintenance Worker

R. Keller would like this position to be posted at \$25/ hour and this rate can go up, depending on qualifications. J. Barrett proposed a sliding scale and R. Keller said it could go to \$35/ hour, or the top of the scale. **B. Seekon made a motion to post for a maintenance worker at \$25 up to \$30 per hour. Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

Lions LG555 - \$500 Parks and Rec (Resolution 2023-41)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve \$500 from the Lions LG555 for Parks and Rec (Resolution 2023-41). Second by T. Nelson. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

Amended North Branch OAA (Resolution 2023-42)

R. Keller said they missed something in the agreement and have to approve it. **J. Barrett made a motion to accept the edits as presented to the North Branch Orderly Annexation Agreement (Resolution 2023-42). Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

MATIT Insurance Review

J. Barrett made a motion to pay the additional \$958 to MATIT following T. Smolke's insurance audit. Second by R. Keller. R. Keller said the City of Stacy is working on combining insurance and T. Smolke mentioned a meeting that has been set up with the City to get quotes thirty days prior to the annexation. **Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

City FTE/ Township HR

T. Smolke clarified there is a new city maintenance worker that serves on the Township Board. T. Nelson asked if it is a conflict of interest and questioned the legality of it. C. Cagle offered to step back into the Township HR role. **R. Keller made a motion to remove T. Nelson from the HR Committee and add C. Cagle. Second by J. Barrett. T. Nelson abstained from voting. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**



New Sander for Plow Truck

T. Smolke explained that the quote is for the sander, without the auger, is \$6990. **T. Nelson made a motion to purchase a new sander for \$6990. Second by R. Keller. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

Plow Quotes

R. Keller said one of the plows is his, so he is staying out of it. The Board discussed possibly purchasing a new loader and how feasible it would be to make the old attachments work. **T. Nelson made a motion to purchase the plow that was \$2,000 less than the others. Second by J. Barrett. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

Office Access

The Board will send passwords to B. Seekon to obtain access to the Clerk's office.

OLD BUSINESS

Loader Repairs

R. Keller said the Township is at \$17,000 in repairs, with \$26,000 to make all repairs. He thinks we should do the repairs. Rent on the current machine is at half price, since ours is in their shop. C. Cagle said rent should be Board approved but was not brought to them. J. Barrett compared risk and repair and agrees with fixing it. **J. Barrett made a motion to fix the loader at \$26,000. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

C. Cagle said there have been standard infractions and code enforcements. Chisago County has taken over the Runnings' property enforcement. The fence has been completed at Countryview and there is a civil matter with the neighboring property. Station on 17 sent a letter regarding equipment and they need a new IUP due to the sale of the business. A letter has been sent to them by the Township. OLO Junk Removal will be added to the code enforcements again. T. Nelson noted some issues regarding the mining done by Forest Lake Contracting on 340th. A neighboring property is having issues with their well. R. Keller said it is illegal to have a shallow point well. T. Nelson said this is on the Township.

Roads

There was a discussion regarding the upcoming snow plow season. If a new maintenance worker is not hired, it may need to be hired out. The supervisor of maintenance at Stacy is leaving the position on November 27th. The Board discussed the position the City will hire for. **J. Barrett made a motion to have R. Keller pursue snow plow quotes and bring them to the next meeting. Second by B. Seekon. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.**

Batteries for single axle

T. Nelson made a motion to purchase batteries for the single axle. Second by B. Seekon. The batteries are around four years old. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

Parks

Richland Meadows Park

T. Nelson is aware this park is not located in Lent Township, but moving into the merger, there is \$40,000 in the park fund. He would like to dedicate the money to that park. C. Cagle said last year it was groomed for snowshoeing. T. Nelson said the quote for paths was too expensive and a park would not be placed in the low spot. He said Lent's money would not go there after the merger; he guarantees it. R.



Keller said if it is not dedicated, they could transfer it. T. Nelson said he does not want to see it go into the City's books and get lost. J. Barrett informed the Board that the City has put aside \$60,000 for parks. T. Nelson said he wanted to start the conversation today and R. Keller said would like to find out what amount was dedicated. C. Cagle said a portable bathroom needs to be placed at the disc golf course next year. T. Nelson added that maintenance is going to blow out the irrigation at Reiger Field. R. Keller said the sprinkler system is in and the pickleball area looks nice. The Board discussed adding a fence at the pickleball area to prevent people driving on the dirt like they have been.

Building

B. Seekon was called in the previous Saturday for water pressure issues. There is a restriction somewhere between the main pressure tank and the other one. He then shared the history of the problem. T. Nelson said Aquarius needs to be called in for service. T. Smolke was called in the same day for WIFI issues.

Hallway Flooring Update

J. Barrett said the inspector was out for one last test and we are waiting for the results from the flooring company's inspector.

Broadband/ County Report

J. Barrett said that Franconia Township is going wireless on towers, instead of fiber. The County said there is still around one million dollars in their ARPA fund. Sixty percent of residents in the County have library cards. He and B. Seekon went to the EDA meeting and they shared highlights.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

J. Selvog stated that he wanted to bring up unnecessary hurdles during the three years of him applying for permits in Lent. He said that he had to change things to his building after the CUP approval, he paid money for recording the CUP, had to purchase boxed eaves, added screening that blocked exposure, paid for blacktop, and a moratorium was added after he applied for a permit, which he felt was unethical. J. Selvog also noted that he heard a number of outrageous assumptions regarding his truck parking which included: riff raff, sex trafficking, and drug dealing. He stated that he was told his truck wash would bring the bird flu. He said now interest rates are more than double and his truck wash has increased to 2 million from 1.4. He was offered to store millings for the 35 project and he did not see a problem with it, but it was not allowed. He said he feels like you need to be a part of the *good old boys' club* to get things done in Lent. He said he can assure that some of the Board members will not get voted in to the new City Council because he has a loud voice. He sees some other residents getting a lot of slack and only receive warnings for years. He said he hopes that the misuse of power does not transfer to Stacy. C. Cagle said she apologizes for the sex trafficking quote, but she noted it due to the research she did and it was a legitimate concern. J. Selvog said you are comparing a truck stop to contract truck parking. C. Cagle said it is her job to ask the difficult questions and she did a lot of research. J. Selvog said that the moratorium cost the Township a lot of money as well as him. R. Keller said that the moratorium was put in place because the Township wanted to find a way to allow the truck wash. J. Barrett noted that he was not on the Board for much of the process but appreciates the feedback so that they can learn from it and take a look at how the Township operates.

D. Lennon asked about the park funds. R. Keller said that if it is dedicated now, it cannot be used for anything else. A bulk of the funds are received from permits and some of it comes from the Lions. J. Barrett asked if the designations can be changed by resolution.



D. Stiers said that millings have been stock piled at Forest Lake Contracting and asked if they need a CUP. C. Cagle said, per the Township ordinance, milling storage is not allowed. D. Stiers said that in defense of J. Selvog, if FL Contracting is storing millings and the Township does not take action, J. Selvog's comments are extremely valid.

MERGER QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

R. Keller has been attending the Stacy City Council Meetings and give an update of their September meeting. They approved the Sheriff contract for \$80k which brought a 9.2 percent increase to their levy. He said that they are going to bring S. Aker in at the same level as M. Hayes. The stormwater fee has been eliminated. They discussed polling places. J. Barrett mentioned the sheriff budget and it is believed we would have adequate coverage with two officers. R. Keller said that the Sheriff was pushing for 120 hours, but agreed on 80 hours in the end. The Planning Commissions have been working well together.

CLERK COMMENTS

None

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

T. Nelson asked if the Reiger Olson house should be given to the Fire Department prior to the merger. C. Cagle said it should be handled prior to the merger. R. Keller made a motion to, as a directive, think about giving the rental to the Fire Department. Second by B. Seekon. R. Keller rescinded his motion. T. Nelson said he was unaware the house was on the FD's property, but is now in agreeance with waiting until after the annexation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Fall Cleanup Day – Wednesday, September 20, 2023 4-7pm @Maintenance Garage
- Joint Planning – Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7pm @Stacy City Hall
- CCATO – Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 7pm @Sunrise Town Hall

ADJOURN

B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn at 10:10pm. Second by C. Cagle. Votes via roll call, ayes 5, nays 0. Motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

