

LENT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

July 21, 2009

Official Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Gene Olson. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Also in attendance were Supervisor Lyle Johnson, Supervisor Mike Olson, Treasurer Pam Olson, and Clerk Laura LeVasseur.

Public in attendance were Patricia Noha, Jim Berneche, Jerry Schroeder, Ron Chelberg, John Stewart, Bernice Woods, Robert Kravitz, and Jonn Olson.

Lyle Johnson moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented by the clerk. Mike Olson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Mike Olson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented by the clerk and treasurer. Lyle Johnson seconds with discussion. Lyle noted that the claims list amount seems high due to the semi annual fire department pay off and the employee withholding taxes to the state. All in favor, motion carried.

1. Net Pay for Payroll Ending 6/27/09 (3 checks) \$ 2,635.90
2. Net Pay for Payroll Ending 7/11/09 (3 checks) \$ 2,477.84
3. Net Pay for Regular June Payroll (4 checks) \$ 1,622.20
4. Claims List for Approval (36 checks) \$ 129,436.20

Total: \$ 136,172.14

Lyle Johnson moved to approve the June 16, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes as presented by the clerk with one correction: on page two the sentence that reads Lyle Johnson reported that he would not be able to attend the Staff meeting on June 6, 2009, should be Lyle Johnson reported that he would not be able to attend the Staff meeting on July 6, 2009. Mike Olson seconds with the correction. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING AND ZONING

John Stewart from Planning and Zoning commented on the Review of Draft Report from the University of Minnesota RTC project.

John also noted that Kim Marie Granger is working on writing the protocol for enforcing ordinances for zoning violations. Draft should be finished by the next Planning and Zoning meeting in August. Planning and Zoning will bring it to the board for approval.

PARKS

Lyle Johnson commented on Parks. Jim Berneche noted that there was a meeting on June 30, Lyle Johnson did not attend. Lyle asked about the hockey rinks at the Doyle Field. Jerry Schroeder and Jim Berneche commented that the plans are that two outside rinks and a warming house will be done by this fall.

ROAD REPORT

Lyle Johnson commented on roads. Lyle noted that the roads are in good shape. Ivywood near County Road 80 is rough and dry as well as Jewel Lane. There is a sign missing on the intersection of 344th and Kale. 320th Street west of Hemingway, there is erosion on the shoulder and a refrigerator in the ditch. Lyle asked about the construction on Lyons Street.

Gene Olson moved to pursue buying an 80 gallon, 150 psi air tank, for the Maintenance department at a cost of \$409. Lyle Johnson seconds. All in favor, motion carried. The tank will be used to clean out the cracks in the road prior to crack sealing them.

Gene Olson asked the Board to look into getting a grinder/router for the maintenance department.

OLD BUSINESS

CURA- at the June Board Meeting, it was decided that two checks would be issued to the CURA Program, one to Kate Aitchison and one to Andy Guthrie for their work on the CURA project. Gene Olson moved to amend the original motion from the June 16, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes that originally stated a monetary stipend of \$300 from the Planning and Zoning Fund, one check for \$150 to Andy Guthrie and one for \$150 to Kate Aitchison for their work on the CURA project, and instead, one check will be written to the CURA Program. Mike Olson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Lent Township Hats-Laura ordered 5 dozen hats from Abbey at Prism Design. The hats will be ready for Stacy Daze. The hats may be sold for \$15 with the proceeds going to the Park Fund and dispersed at Stacy Daze.

NEW BUSINESS

Stacy Lions-Approval to sell alcohol at Stacy Daze- Gene Olson moved to allow the Stacy Lions to sell alcohol at Stacy Daze July 31- August 1, 2009. Lyle Johnson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

“The Wall That Heals” Donation –September 10-13- Gene Olson suggested giving a small donation since there is no contract for services.

Dust Treatment-email from Kale Avenue- Lyle Johnson asked that the clerk send an email back to the sender stating that there will not be any more roads treated this year with dust control.

Mike Olson commented on an anonymous letter that was sent to residents on Kale stating that the residents can have their road treated with dust control at no cost. Mike Olson did talk to a resident on Kale and explained this letter was not sent by the Township.

Temporary power to Reiger Ball Field- Gene Olson was asked to have temporary power at Reiger Field for Stacy Daze. A generator will be placed at the field on Friday July 31, 2009.

Letter from WSB & Associates- The Board recommends waiting until after the July 22 Informational Meeting before responding to WSB & Associates for consulting purposes.

Order loader discussion- Mike Olson moved to allow the maintenance department to purchase a new front end loader from Ziegler Caterpillar and pay for it out of the general fund and road and bridge equipment fund. Lyle Johnson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

July 22, 2009 Public Meeting- The purpose of the meeting is to focus on the issues directly related to the town's role in the proposed power plant project. For example; site, sound, lighting, and traffic.

Treasurer's Comments

- Pam Olson gave the supervisors a Schedule 1 report.
- Pam also noted that the Property Tax settlement was received as well as the 2009 Annexation settlement check in the amount of \$2400.
- Pam commented on the State Aid unallotment. The Township will be receiving almost \$12,000 less this year.
- Pam asked about sending out a newsletter. Gene Olson suggested waiting till early October to send out a newsletter.
- Pam purchased a new digital recorder with the money that was from the ink cartridge donations. There was enough money in ink cartridge donations to pay for the digital recorder. The township had to pay the tax only.

Clerk's Comments

- Laura LeVasseur commented on an email that was sent from the Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. Gene Olson noted that no one would be able to attend the FLACC Governmental Affairs Committee on July 28, 2009.
- Laura also showed the Supervisors some flyers for the 2nd annual Stacy Lent Fire Department Bash and Stacy Daze. Mike Olson noted that these events should be posted on the website. Gene Olson moved to have Lyle Johnson work with the web master to keep the website up to date. Lyle Johnson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor's Comments

- Mike Olson commented on the KGM fish pond property. Mike found that there is no violation and that Steve is not trespassing on personal property to access his pond.
- Mike and Kerry are going to meet with Ron Chelberg to learn about driveway permits.

- Lyle commented on the July 22, 2009 Informational Meeting.

Public Comments

- Ron Chelberg asked about an article that was in the paper about the Stacy Lent Fire Department. Gene Olson noted that the matter has been taken care of.

Lyle Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Gene Olson seconds. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Board Chair Signature

Clerk Signature