

Second Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
June 24, 2009

TOWN of BIG LAKE
"Sherburne County's First 5-Member Township Board"
P.O. Box 75, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309

On Wednesday, June 24, 2009, the Big Lake Board of Supervisors met at the Big Lake Town Hall located in the Big Lake Lions Park at 21960 County Road #5, Big Lake Township, Sherburne County, State of Minnesota. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only.

Chairman Hofer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There was 1 person in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken by the chairperson.

Board Members Present: Bob Hofer, Chairman
 Mike Hayes, Supervisor
 Norm Leslie, Supervisor
 Jim Stahlmann, Supervisor
 Larry Alfords, Supervisor
 Ken Warneke, Treasurer
 Laura Hayes, Clerk
 Kristie Woolard, Deputy Clerk

Todd McLouth, Township Engineer

All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Supervisor Hayes motioned to approve the Second Monthly Meeting agenda. Supervisor Leslie seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda as presented.

Supervisor Stahlmann motioned to approve the list of claims & payroll. Supervisor Alfords seconded. Supervisor Hayes abstained from approval of Clerk Hayes payroll claim. All were in favor. The motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

a) Girl Scout Storage Building/Lease with Big Lake Jaycee's – Brian Levanduski, President of the Big Lake Jaycee's appeared before the Board to request that the Jaycee's be allowed to renew the lease for the storage building located on the Township property, and sign a lease with the Town of Big Lake. Mr. Levanduski cited a breakdown in communication within the Big Lake Jaycee's organization as the key reason why there was no communication with the Township; and, why the building had not been maintained or requirements met as outlined in the lease. It was determined by the Board that the letter requesting vacation of the storage building by the Jaycee's would remain in force. Supervisor Leslie advised he would be available to meet with the Jaycee's and unlock the building for the removal of their stored supplies. Mr. Levanduski agreed to call Supervisor Leslie to schedule. Supervisor Hayes motioned to extend the deadline to vacate the storage building to July 24th. Supervisor Leslie seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

1. Other-Updates-Meetings – Township Engineer, Todd McLouth advised the contracts for 2009 Seal Coat Projects and 2009 Road Improvements had been received from the contractors. The Chairman and Clerk will sign the contracts following tonight's meeting.

A preconstruction meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, at the Big Lake Town Hall with Knife River Corporation, contractor for the 2009 road improvement projects.

Supervisor Alfords and Township Engineer, Todd McLouth will be meeting with Hardrives Inc. regarding repairs to a patch Hardrives did last year to 211th Avenue. The patch area is cracking and must be repaired before the Township can release the performance bond.

Supervisor Alfords requested that the Township Engineer advise when road repairs will begin on 211th Avenue. Notice will be published in the West Sherburne Tribune that there will be partial road closure, with single lane access during repair.

Supervisor Alfords advised mowing will begin on July 1, 2009.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Other-Updates-Meetings – Chairman Hofer advised he had nothing new to report at this time.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. Other-Updates-Meetings – Supervisor Stahlmann advised he and Supervisor Leslie attended the Becker-Big Lake Ice Association (BBLIA) meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at the City of Big Lake. There was discussion regarding the failure to secure a \$500,000. bond through the State of Minnesota during the last legislative session. Senator Fobbe advised she is confident something can be done next session. The BBLIA will be asking for \$1 million in bonding next session. Supervisor Stahlmann advised the location of the arena has changed. The BBLIA is trying to sell their property and would like to move across the highway, next to the Friendly Buffalo. The BBLIA would like to share parking with the Friendly Buffalo. Legacy grant fund availability was also discussed.

- Supervisor Stahlmann reported on the Elk River Watershed meeting he attended. He advised that the Minnesota PCA, in an effort to assess water quality, have developed a method to monitor impaired waters. As part of this program, the Elk River Watershed is responsible for the development of a plan to restore and protect the impaired waters within its watershed. The PCA will be reviewing all of the 81 watersheds, which the Elk River Watershed is part of, to consider them for grant and stimulus tax funds that they can use to implement and operate their plans. The 81 watersheds are rated on how active they are and what they have accomplished. Supervisor Stahlmann noted that the Elk River Watershed is a well-organized group and is at the beginning of the list at number three.

-Supervisor Hayes advised he and Supervisor Hofer attended a meeting at the City of Monticello to discuss a bridge crossing from Monticello over the Mississippi River. Representatives from Becker Township, Big Lake Township, Otsego, Monticello City and Monticello Township were in attendance. All representatives agreed the traffic on State Highway 25 is heavy. According to MNDOT, approximately 7% of the traffic on Hwy 25 comes from St. Cloud; the rest of the traffic is from the Becker, Big Lake and areas north. The City of Monticello would like to form a coalition to seek Federal funds to build a bridge. The entire project needs lengthy study to determine the scope of the project, including traffic origination and destination and crossing site feasibility.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

- a) Other-Updates-Meetings – Treasurer Warneke advised that 70% of the first half property taxes has been received. All funds have positive balances. Property tax revenue collected has been placed at local banks in savings and 4 week CDARS have been purchased at the Bank of Elk River. The Township's auditor has prepared and emailed a draft of the Year End Financial Statement for Year Ending 12-31-08. Treasurer Warneke is in the process of reviewing the statement.

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Supervisor Stahlmann motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Supervisor Leslie seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Hayes to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Leslie seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk