

Second Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
October 28, 2009

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

On Wednesday, October 28, 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 were 6 people 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 – Arrived at 7:02 p.m.
- Norm Leslie, Supervisor
- Jim Stahlmann, Supervisor
- Larry Alfords, Supervisor
- Ken Warneke, Treasurer
- Laura Hayes, Clerk
- Kristie Woolard, Deputy Clerk
- John Norgren, Township Rep. Sherburne County
Planning Advisory Commission
- Todd McLouth, Township Engineer

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PARTIAL VACATION OF 191st STREET, EAGLE LAKE PARK, BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

Chairman Hofer opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. He advised the hearing would be held open for 20 minutes to allow any interested party an opportunity to address the Board.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

a) Aspen Hills Homeowner Representatives/Wastewater Treatment Facility Update – Supervisor Alfords advised there has been a change to the mechanics related to how the Township will handle the financing of the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) repair. He advised that Minnesota § 145A.04 would be used as the statute granting this authority. He further advised that as of today, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has turned authority over to the Sherburne County Board of Health, which allows them to issue a letter of nuisance. Sherburne County Commissioner, Ewald Petersen advised the County Board would consider a request on Tuesday, Nov. 3, to transfer the public health authority jurisdiction for the WWTF to the Big Lake Town Board. The Board reviewed the Resolution for the Administration of a Wastewater Treatment Facility Loan Program # 2009-13. Supervisor Alfords motioned to approve Resolution 2009-13. Supervisor Stahlmann seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried. The Board reviewed the Ordinance for the Administration of a Wastewater Treatment Facility Loan Program #2009-02. Supervisor Alfords motioned to approve Ordinance 2009-02. Supervisor Stahlmann seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried. Supervisor Alfords motioned that Supervisor Alfords and Chairman Hofer be delegated to carry out the duties of the Board of Health upon the appointment by the County Board. Supervisor Stahlmann seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

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At 7:22 p.m. Chairman Hofer called for comments under the public hearing for the consideration to vacate the East 15 feet of the platted road right-of-way from a point on the extended south lot line of lot 18 to the extended North lot line of lot 17, of 191st Street, EAGLE LAKE PARK; Section 6, Township 33, Range 27, Big Lake Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota. It was noted that the affected property owners, Vernon and Deloris Schwalbe had advised in writing they were unavailable to attend the hearing; and, requested that the meeting be postponed to either November 11th or November 25th. Victor Lish, Jr., owner of adjacent lots 19 and 20, appeared before the Board. He advised he has an interest in the vacation and advised it will affect his property. Supervisor Stahlmann motioned to continue the hearing to consider the partial vacation of 191st Street to the November 11, 2009 Town Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Big Lake Town Hall.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – The road committee advised work orders from the fall road tour and mowing has been completed. Township Engineer, Todd McLouth had nothing new to report. Chairman Hofer advised he attended a winter road maintenance workshop offered by the University of Minnesota and MNDOT. The information was interesting and informative.

a) Waste Hauling Ordinance Discussion – Treasurer Warneke advised this item would need to be delayed to a future meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Chairman Hofer advised that he had nothing to report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Supervisor Stahlmann advised he attended the community focus group on physical activity and nutrition, part of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). Attendees included elected officials, business leaders and townspeople. The workshop focus was on the subject of obesity.

-Sherburne County Commissioner, Ewald Petersen advised the SHIP program is part of a health care reform initiative passed during the 2008 Legislative session. There are grants available through the program for community health boards and tribal governments to be used to make policy and environmental changes in schools and workplaces to promote healthy behaviors.

-Commissioner Petersen advised, as part of the County's budget reduction efforts, the position of Director of Public Health has been eliminated effective November 2, 2009. This office will be combined with Social Services and will be re-titled, Health Services.

-Commissioner Petersen further advised he attended a meeting at the City of Big Lake regarding the rail park-industrial park. He advised the study is near completion and a final draft should be available within the next 2 weeks. It is anticipated the EDA will review the plan at the November meeting. He noted this project is the first and only site like it in Minnesota and it is generating some interest.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

a) Other-Updates-Meetings – Treasurer Warneke advised last Friday, October 23, 2009 the Riverview Community bank was closed by the Department of Commerce and turned over to the FDIC. The bank was sold to Central Bank. The Township has received notice from Central Bank that this was a whole bank acquisition and all deposits and assets were assumed. Therefore, no funds were or will be lost and the Township can continue to draw on its funds currently held at the bank. Treasurer Warneke further advised the township funds are on track and within budget. Supervisor Hayes 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk