

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

MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 8, 2017

The Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors met in regular session, on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7:00PM, at the Town of Big Lake Town Hall, located in the Big Lake Lions Park Community Center at 21960 County Road 5, Big Lake Township, Sherburne County, State of Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hofer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chair Bob Hofer, Supervisors Bruce Aubol, Norm Leslie, Steve Pfliegaar, Treasurer Kenneth Warneke, Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas and Deputy Clerk Jayme Swenson were in attendance. Supervisor Larry Alfords was absent. Ten residents and observers were in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Hofer requested the addition of item under “Town Roads” to discuss a beaver concern, on 211th Ave. NW.

Motion/Second to accept Amended Agenda by: Aubol/Leslie. Approved: Aubol, Hofer, Leslie, Pfliegaar. Motion Prevailed.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: a) Approval of the Minutes: Regular Monthly Meeting 02/22/2017. b) Adopt Resolution: RES 2017-05 Accepting Monticello Lions FD Donation. c) Approve list of Claims (Disbursement list provided in meeting packet).

Motion/Second to Approve Presented Consent Agenda by: Leslie/Aubol. Approved: Aubol, Hofer, Leslie, Pfliegaar. Motion Prevailed.

OPEN FORUM

Gero and Sharon Bazant were present. Gero addressed the Board with their concerns of rumor the Town may have been presented a petition to adopt the shared private driveway as a Town road. They understood the Board was going to discuss the issue of water backing up, due to the beaver activity in the area. The Board assured them the Town had not been formally approached by anyone, requesting the adoption of the driveway. The Town will be working to remove blockages within the culvert on 211th Ave. NW and will inquire on the possibility of beaver harvest/trapping in the area. The Bazant’s expressed to the Board they do NOT wish the shared, private driveway be adopted by the Township.

No other business brought forth during open forum.

CLERK BUSINESS

Jay Pomeroy from Anderson-Johnson Associates, Inc. on behalf of ISD 727 was present to discuss the IUP request on PID# 10-120-1100. The southern portion of the agricultural land is proposed to be turned into irrigated, recreational athletic fields, for the school district. The fields will not be equipped with lighting, at this time. A gravel parking area, spaces for approximately 331 vehicles, will also be built to the north of and adjacent to the field area. Drainage of the fields and parking area will flow northerly to the existing low area and be in accordance with our SWPPP model. A concrete pad will also be laid, for placement of portable restrooms. Town Engineer, Ross Abel, received copies of the drawings and stated his concerns would be addressed when Sherburne County Zoning questions were answered. IUP Application to the Town was made. Payment for the IUP in the amount of \$65 as well as \$300 in escrow money to cover any engineering cost, will be made to the Township by ISD 727. Any escrow funds remaining will be returned to ISD 727. Engineer’s comments will be sent to Sherburne County Planning and Zoning. The Board had no other concerns granting the IUP and deferred to the County.

Clint Corrow was present to request a two (2) year extension of the River Crest Farms Plat – Phase II. The Board was advised the application had been mailed to, but not received by Sherburne County offices. Clint explained the original plat drawing has 92 lots. Fifty-one of those are installed with 41 in preliminary approval. He is requesting an extension of the preliminary plat. Board members had no Town concerns. Motion/Second recommending a 2-year extension to Clint Corrow, for the River Crest Farms Plat – Phase II, be granted by Sherburne County Planning and Zoning by: Aubol/Pfleghaar. Approved: Aubol, Hofer, Leslie, Pflleghaar. Motion Prevailed.\

Deputy Clerk Swenson reported the area around the repaired culvert on 209th Ave. NW, had been cleaned up. Clerk Kimberly-Maas announced the hours for Absentee Voting: Saturday March 11, 2017 from 10AM until 12PM, Monday March 13, 2017 8AM – 5PM. Polling on Annual Election 3/14/17) day to be 10AM – 8PM, with the Annual Meeting commencing after the polls close.

All Board members felt the Chamber Expo was a success. Supervisor Pflleghaar expressed his gratitude to the Clerk and Deputy, for staffing the booth with the Supervisors.

Clerk Kimberly-Maas reported the Recycle Day Committee met and were able to firm up more details on the event. Flyers were designed and printed for distribution at the Chamber Expo. John Exner sent information of locations where residents can bring items not considered recyclables, throughout the year. This information was also made available at the Expo and will be placed on each participating community's website.

BUSINESS. UPDATES. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members had no new business to report.

TOWN ROADS

Chair Hofer addressed the Board with the concerns of beaver structures blocking the stream and possibly the culvert under 211th Ave. NW, in section 16. The blockages are raising the level of the pond to the north of 211th Ave. NW, jeopardizing the integrity of the shared driveway serving five residents and causing water to enter the basement of at least one of those residents homes. The Board discussed clearing debris from the culvert, trapping beaver and possibly destroying any dams or lodges. The Board recognizes the only area in which they can work without needing DNR approval, is the road right of way. The Board will have the culvert cleaned and Chair Hofer will contact Supervisor Alfords, to get information on the person who trapped beaver for the Township, last time this occurred. The trapper will contact the DNR, if he will need their approval to trap beaver out of the pond/stream.

Treasurer Warneke addressed the Board. He informed them there are temporary chevron signs on 201st, which will need to be permanently replaced, when the frost is out of the ground. There have been a couple of requests for driveway inspections. Treasurer Warneke and Engineer Ross Abel will be meeting to discuss 2017 repairs and budget needs.

TREASURER BUSINESS

Treasurer Warneke reported the month ending 2/28/17 balance for all funds, as \$1,124,029.97. the Road and Bridge Fund is at an all time low. The plan is to utilize unused 2016 snow/ice budget money for 2017 overlay projects.

Motion/Second to Approve Treasurer's Report dated 3/8/2017 by: Pflleghaar/Aubol. Approved: Aubol, Hofer, Leslie, Pflleghaar. Motion Prevailed

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No further business brought before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second to adjourn the Wednesday March 8, 2017 Regular Meeting at 7:39PM, on by: Leslie/Pfleghaar. Approved: Aubol, Hofer, Leslie, Pflughaar. Opposed by: None. Motion Prevailed, adjourning the Regular Monthly Meeting, on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7:39PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Kimberly-Maas
Town of Big Lake, Clerk

Accepted this 22nd day of March 2017, by the Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors.

Robert Hofer, Chairman

Attest: _____
Brenda Kimberly-Maas