

TOWN of BIG LAKE
“Sherburne County’s First 5-Member Township Board”
21960 County Road 5 ~ PO Box 75, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309

MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23, 2017

The Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors met in regular session, at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday August 23, 2017, at the Town of Big Lake Town Hall, located in the Big Lake Township, Lions Park Community Center, 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 Larry Alford, Bruce Aubol, Norm Leslie, Steve Pflieger, Treasurer Kenneth Warneke, Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Deputy Clerk Jayme Swenson, Town Engineer Ross Abel, Big Lake Fire Chief Nemes and five (5) audience members were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion/Second to accept Agenda as presented by: Pflieger/Leslie. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.
The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: a) Approval of the Minutes: Regular Monthly Meeting 08/09/2017. d) Approve list of Claims (Disbursement list provided in meeting packet).

Motion/Second to approve presented Consent Agenda by: Aubol/ Pflieger. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

APPROVAL OF JOINT POWERS BOARD MINUTES

Motion/Second to approve presented July 26,2017 Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes by: Pflieger/Aubol. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Nemes gave the Fire Report and updated the Board with current events at the Fire Department. The Department responded to twelve (12) calls for service in the month of July. Six of the calls were in the City of Big Lake, three were in Big Lake Township and three were in Orrock Township. The Department also provided mutual to Elk River and Monticello. Training continues with auto extrication. Smashed vehicles were provided by Bob’s Towing. The department is in the process of hiring new members. There were twenty-one applicants who, along with their spouses or significant other, were invited to orientation, on August 14th. During orientation, the prospects were given the requirements of being a member of the department and asked to return on August 21st, if they were still interested. Fifteen returned. A written test was administered to those 15. Fourteen of them passed. Those 14 will be interviewed and 8 will be selected from the interviewing process. Training of the selected new hires is slated to begin on October 1, 2017. Chief noted the Fire Department JPA continues to be refined and there will be a meeting on 8/29/2017, to address the one remaining question.

OPEN FORUM

Bret Collier was present to address the Board. He showed the Board an application he felt would be useful to show the amount of energy being generated by the Solar Garden located on HWY 25. The Board informed Bret the Garden is in the jurisdiction of the City of Big Lake. He should present the information at a City Council meeting, for their consideration.

No other business brought forth.

BUSINESS FROM CLERK

Clerk Kimberly-Maas presented to the Board, RES 2017-17 Simple Subdivision of BLIPE Plat 6. Motion/Second to adopt RES 2017-17 Simple Subdivision of BLIPE Plat 6 by: Alford/Leslie. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

Clerk Kimberly-Maas called for a Joint Powers Meeting to be held, at 4:00 PM on Wednesday September 13, 2017, in the City of Big Lake Council Chambers. The purpose for the meeting is to review Custom Turning, LLC Site and Building Plans and any other Big Lake Industrial Park business deemed necessary

Clerk Kimberly-Maas introduced Nate Scott, Co-Owner of Ice-O-Metric. Nate was present to request rezoning of PID # 10-128-1300, where the business is located. The business and site do not meet the CUP requirements, so he is hoping to get the land rezoned, rather than move the business elsewhere. Currently, the west five acres of the parcel are being used for business purposes. The east five acres are being farmed. The businesses offices, a sheet metal shop and some fabrication is done at this location. Motion/Second recommending the west five acres of the parcel, where the existing buildings are located, be from agricultural to business and industry and leave the east five acres zoned agricultural - pending Board review of Sherburne County Planning and Zoning recommendation letter to Ice-O-Metric by: Alford/Pfleghaar. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

Clint Corrow was present to address the Board with information about Rivercrest Farms – second Addition. Mr. Corrow’s most recent Plat Approval extension request was denied by the County. There are 100 developable acres in the plat. In 2007 a road right of way easement was deeded to the Township for a future road and bridge to connect through the land to County Road 5. Mr. Corrow asked if the Township Board would entertain removing the 100’ easement, to allow for more parcels in the plat. Supervisor Alford stated the project may still come to fruition, so the Board is not willing to remove the easement, but may reduce the width. The Board requested Mr. Corrow return with additional plans, for the Board to review for consideration of reducing the easement width.

Mr. Corrow will FOLLOW UP in September.

BOARD BUSINESS. UPDATES. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Hofer had no updates for the Board this evening.

Supervisor Alford informed the Board, there are additional grant funds available from SWCD, to be used for more features at Birch Lake. He would like to set a date for the fall road tour. Trimming needs will be reviewed during the tour.

Supervisor Aubol had no updates for the Board.

Supervisor Leslie announced the dog park is waiting for a commercial 4’ gate. Once it is installed the park will be ready for business.

Supervisor Pfleghaar informed the Board the new Casey’s location will be opening. The old location will be closing. Any business which occupies the building in the future, will not be able to sell fuel or food, for 15 years. The EDA met where the Custom Turning purchase was approved. The completion of the project is slated for 2018. LGI will be holding a parcel event, Saturday 9/9/2017. Anyone who is looking for a lot will line up at the beginning of the day and run to the lot they wish to purchase. LGI representatives will be on site to assist with the selection of a home style and applying to purchase the land and home.

TOWN ROADS

Town Engineer Ross Abel updated the Board. He noted the GIS mapping system through Sherburne County uses 2015 aerial views, not current views. The Park Trail map will not be updated until the aerials are current with the new ball field and dog park. Park Construction will be working on our projects in the next 2 days and through next week.

TREASURER BUSINESS

Treasurer Warneke will have the final levy numbers, for the Reconvened Annual Meeting. The plowing budget was overspent, but it is not a big concern, we have room in trimming budget – we have 79 miles of roads to trim. The fire fund is on track and there are no concerns. The annual Relief Fund support check was in this meeting’s consent agenda and the City has paid their 50% of the fire expenses. Motion/Second to approve the Treasurer’s report by: Pflieger/Aubol. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Leslie announce the committee formed to promote the Township, has begun work on the promotional brochure and a new Town logo.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second to adjourn the Wednesday August 23, 2017 Regular Meeting at 7:09PM by: Leslie/Pflieger. All Supervisors Approved. Motion Prevailed.

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

Accepted this 13th day of September 2017, by the Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors.

Robert Hofer, Chairman

Attest: _____
Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Clerk