

Second Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
April 23, 2014

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

On Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 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 3 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken by the chairperson.

Board Members Present:

- Bob Hofer, Chairman
- Norm Leslie, Supervisor
- Steve Pflighaar, Supervisor
- Bruce Aubol, Supervisor
- Larry Alfords, Supervisor
- Ken Warneke, Treasurer
- Laura Hayes, Clerk
- LaDonna Braun, Deputy Clerk

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 as presented. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda as presented.

Supervisor Aubol motioned to approve consent agenda items: a) Adopt Resolution 2014-11 Accepting Donations to the Big Lake Fire Department. b) Approve List of Claims (disbursement list received at meeting). Supervisor Alfords seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

Clerk Hayes had nothing to report.

Commander Steve Doran, Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department was present. He provided the Board with the call report from February 22 to March 23. There were 139 calls for service.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

1) Other-Meetings-Updates – The Road Tour was held Monday and Tuesday, May 21 & 22. Results of the tour are being organized and maintenance maps will be created. Street sweeping will begin Friday and Monday, May 25 & May 28.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hofer advised Brenteson Construction is providing a back hoe for Clean Up Day, Saturday May 3.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) EDA Update – Supervisor Pflieghaar advised the EDA met Monday, May 14. Several Updates were given: Kwik-Trip is looking at lots across from Casey's at the intersection of US Highway 10 and Eagle Lake Road. Lupulin Brewing/Tap Room is planning to open in the Tire Maxx building. A hotel has inquired about locating in Big Lake. There has been discussion regarding changes to the structure of the industrial park to open it up to more business possibilities. Expansion of the Cargill building is underway. The Big Lake Ice Association has made inquiries with the City about meeting regarding the \$120,000. In delinquent taxes owed on their lot in Marketplace.

2) Fire Board Meeting – Supervisor Pflieghaar advised the Fire Board met May 17. Bob Hassett, Orrock Township resident presented information regarding a well located on 166th Street, Orrock Township and possible use of it by the Fire Department. After discussion, Big Lake Fire Chief, Paul Nemes advised the Big Lake Fire Department would most likely not use it. The DNR is interested in the well. A presentation was made by Jim Jensen and Mark Hedstrom regarding the Big Lake Fire Relief Associations interest in operating charitable gambling/pull-tabs at Tootsies in Big Lake. Interim City Administrator, Jessica Green advised the City's Attorney, Soren Mattick had reviewed the proposal and didn't see any significant legal liability concerns or investment portfolio impact. There was no action by the Fire Board on this item. It will go back to the Relief Association membership for a vote on whether or not to proceed with operating charitable gambling.

3) Township Property 11.71 Acres – Supervisor Leslie reviewed the status of the property since its purchase last fall, Verizon's proposal to construct a monopole telecommunications tower on the Township property; and, the most recent decision by the Board to table further action to create a single lot simple plat for 2.5 acres of the property. Sentence to Service, Sherburne County had been cutting trees on the property. Due to concern that there was oak wilt, the trees were inspected by Gina Hugo, SWCD. She determined there is no oak wilt present, but did notice white pine blister rust on several of the pines. She provided information regarding pruning. Supervisor Leslie did inquire with two logging companies about removal of the wood from the site. They are not interested in the wood. They would cut the trees down for a fee. Sentence to Service has been cutting the trees down and into stove length pieces and stacking the wood on site. In regard to keeping the entire 11.71

acres of property and removing the buildings; and second quote has been received for razing the buildings. The quote is nearly half of the first quote received, which was \$46,600. No new information or request for a meeting has been made by Verizon or its representative, Pyramid Network Services, LLC. Supervisor Alfords motioned to have the Park Committee handle the removal of the wood from the tree cutting. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor. Supervisor Alfords advised he would trim the pines that are affected by the blister rust.

-The Board noted that there are several bags of garbage, televisions and debris along the road, possibly from a ditch cleaning project that needs to be picked up. Clerk Hayes was directed to make arrangement to get these picked up.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

a) Other–Updates–Meetings – Treasurer Warneke advised the 102 Road Fund is \$108,000. over budget on snow/ice removal. The budget is for the calendar year of 2014; therefore, there is November and December snow removal still to come. Adjustments may need to be made to the road construction budget to cover snow removal costs. All other funds are in line with the budget. Supervisor Pflgebraar motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Supervisor Leslie seconded. All were in favor.

-The Road Committee needs to meet with the County Public Works Director regarding County Road 68 turnback. John Menter requested the Township advise him of their position regarding the proposed turnback by May 1.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Supervisor Pflgebraar reminded the Board Tiffany Determan, Sherburne County SWCD will be presenting her report on the Mississippi watershed in Monticello tomorrow afternoon from 4 to 7 pm.

Supervisor Leslie advised the Lion’s Club will be doing repairs and staining of the 30+ picnic tables at Lion’s Park. They will provide the labor and would like the Township to provide the supplies. Supervisor Leslie advised the kitchen is being looked at for replacement of the floor due to stained, cracked floor tiles. Cupboard doors are in need of refacing or replacement of the laminate. The industrial range hood and fire suppression system are also being considered for removal. Removal would provide additional cupboard space. Quotes will be presented to the Board for review and consideration. The Board Meeting table is also being looked at for repair to the laminate edging and repair to the legs.

Treasurer Warneke advised he is attending the Urban Town Short Course in Burnsville tomorrow. Anyone interested in attending can carpool with him.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Leslie to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pfleghaar seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Hayes, Clerk

Robert Hofer, Chairman