

Monthly Board Meeting  
Minutes  
June 22, 2016

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

On Wednesday, June 22, 2016 the Big Lake Board of Supervisors met at the 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.

Chairman Hofer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 8 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present:      Bob Hofer, Chairman  
   Steve Pflughaar, Supervisor  
   Norm Leslie, Supervisor  
   Bruce Aubol, Supervisor  
   Larry Alfords, Supervisor  
   Ken Warneke, Treasurer  
   Laura Hayes, Clerk  
   Samantha Peterson, 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 agenda. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda as presented.

Supervisor Pflughaar motioned to approve consent agenda items. The consent agenda consisted of: a) Final Approval of CUP for Alive Lutheran Church to construct and operate a Church. b) Approve List of Claims and Payroll. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNEXATION OF 26.71 ACRES OWNED BY THE CITY OF BIG LAKE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A SOLAR GARDEN**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m. There was no one in the audience to speak to the item. Chairman Hofer advised the Public Hearing would be held open for an unspecified amount of time to allow for public comment.

#### BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

- a) Greg Pagh – Requesting a 13' Variance in Setback from the OHWL of the Elk River for a new deck. Required setback from the OHWL of the Elk River is 100' – New deck will be 87' from OHWL – Greg Pagh appeared before the Board to present the request. He advised he applied for the variance 10 year ago, but was unable to afford to put the deck on the house after building an addition. He further noted that during the past 10 years the setback from the OHWL of the Elk River has changed from 90' to 100'. He noted the deck will not make the house structure any closer to the river. The Board had no concerns regarding the request as presented. Supervisor Aubol motioned to recommend approval of the variance. Supervisor Pfliegaar seconded. All were in favor.
- b) Other-Updates-Meetings – Clerk Hayes advised she and Deputy Clerk Peterson attended the MAT Summer Short Course, Monday June 20 in St. Cloud. They both completed the 2 hours of required Election Administration Training.

#### BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### TOWN ROADS

- 1) Township Engineer, Ross Abel advised seal coating is complete and roads have been swept once. Some of the roads need paint. Patching and overlay work will begin soon.

##### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hofer advised he had nothing specific to report.

##### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Other-Updates-Meetings – Supervisor Pfliegaar advised the EDA met Monday. The Kwik Trip will be opening July 14 at 5:00 a.m. There is some interest in developing some property East of Klein Bank which requires extending the road and sewer/water service. There have been 29 single family home permits issued in the city as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. 270 total building permits totaling nearly \$12 million dollars in building value.

##### BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

- a) Monthly Report –Treasurer Warneke advised 70% of the first half property taxes has been received. The total government fund and escrow balance is \$1,579,920.45. Schlenner Wenner and Company have completed the 2015 audit field work. The preliminary draft is available for review. The state report is due June 30. Supervisor Alfords motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Supervisor Pfliegaar seconded. All were in favor.

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The Board returned to the Public Hearing at 7:28. Big Lake City Administrator, Clay Wilfahrt reviewed the contingencies requested by the Township. Contingencies are: 1. The agreement should include language prohibiting the City from annexing adjacent property unless the adjacent property or the solar garden parcel become adjacent to City limits via another parcel. 2. SolarStone will be required to meet the decommissioning language set by the County. (SolarStone has agreed to this). 3. The City will convey the solar production tax amount that would have been paid to the township as part of this agreement. Supervisor Aubol inquired if the agreement should address successors of the solar garden; and, if the letter of credit meets the same financial guarantee as stipulated by the county; and, if section 14 of the annexation resolution should include the Township. Supervisor Alfords advised SolarStone agreed to all county decommissioning requirements. Through discussion it was determined #14 should be City of Big Lake. Supervisor Leslie inquired if the township attorney should review the document before approving. Supervisor Alfords advised it would not be necessary.

Supervisor Pflighaar motioned to close the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

Supervisor Alfords motioned to adopt the resolution approving Orderly Annexation of Parcel No., 10-325-3201 to the City of Big Lake. Big Lake Township Resolution Number 2016-11. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Big Lake Fire Chief, Paul Nemes advised there were 9 calls in May and 28 so far in June. June training is on air care and setting up air care landing.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Leslie to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pflighaar seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk

Robert Hofer, Chairman