

Second Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
September 24, 2014

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

On Wednesday, September 24, 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 10 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 Pflgebraar, Supervisor
Larry Alfords, Supervisor
Bruce Aubol, Supervisor
Ken Warneke, Treasurer
Laura Hayes, Clerk
LaDonna Hensel, Deputy Clerk

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

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

Supervisor Leslie motioned to approve consent agenda items: a) Approve List of Claims & Payroll. (Disbursement List will be Received at Meeting). Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

OPEN FORUM

Sherburne County Sheriff Deputy, Commander Steve Doran presented the Board with the previous month call list. Supervisor Leslie noted the vandalism to a couple of the outdoor grills at Lion’s Park.

Barb Tucker, member of the Sherburne County Soil and Water Board (SWCD) invited the Big Lake Town Board members to the upcoming SWCD workshop on October 23, 2014 at the Sherburne County History Center. The topics covered will be rural residential, shoreland wetland & surface water protection, agricultural issues and road, ditch and culvert concerns.

Lori Kampa, organizer of the Riding with Rich fundraiser on Saturday, October 18 appeared before the Board to inquire if the Big Lake Town Board would waive the \$200. rental fee for

use of the Town Hall for the fundraising event. Supervisor Leslie motioned to waive the rental fee. Supervisor Pflughhaar seconded. All were in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

a) David Dickey/34' Variance in Setback from the Centerline of 205th Avenue for a Detached Garage – David Dickey appeared before the Board to request a variance for the construction of a detached garage in the same spot a garage was previously located. The new garage would not be any closer to 205th Avenue than any of the other buildings on the property or neighboring properties. It would be very difficult to build the garage farther back due to the slope of the lot and many mature trees that would have to be removed. There was discussion regarding drainage in the area and any impact constructing a garage would have on the neighboring properties. The existing ditch will be sufficient to handle the drainage; and, the closest neighbor has already advised he is in favor of the garage construction and fill being brought in. Supervisor Alfords motioned to recommend approval of the 34' variance request as presented. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

b) Patrick Wandersee/IUP for Activity Requiring Rural Isolation/Fireworks Storage Magazine – Patrick Wandersee appeared before the Board to request approval to store fireworks on his property for the Northern Lighter Pyrotechnic group. The storage containers would be two (2) 10'x48' shipping containers. When placed exactly next to each other, they are considered one storage unit according to Mr. Wandersee. Mr. Wandersee advised several time of the strict regulations set by the State and Federal Government which monitors and regulates the storage of fireworks. Mr. Wandersee advised his property abuts the City of Big Lake, city limits. The Town Board advised him he should contact the City of Big Lake, as a courtesy, to let them know his plans. It was noted the City should be receiving notice of the public hearing from Sherburne County; but, a call directly from Mr. Wandersee would be appropriate. Supervisor Pflughhaar motioned to recommend approval of the IUP request as presented. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

c) Other-Updates-Meetings – Clerk Hayes advised the Board the Sherburne County Association of Townships Meeting will be October 15 at Baldwin Town Hall; supper will be served at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

1) Treasurer Warneke advised road striping is scheduled. Members of the road committee reviewed the quote received for crackfill material. It was determined \$31,000. worth of material would be ordered. Township Engineer, Ross Abel presented information regarding patching costs for 194th Avenue. He noted there are approximately 55 spots on the road that need to be saw cut and patched. It was determined the road committee would meet to review and discuss. Ross Abel advised the project at the Jim Lindquist property needs no permits from the State. The County requires a shoreland alteration permit and fee of \$100. A quote from Steinbreker Companies for the rip-rap work was received in the amount of

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\$14,700. Supervisor Alfords motioned to approve the quote and award the project to Steinbreker Companies. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hofer advised he had nothing to report on at this time.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Supervisor Leslie advised removal of the buildings on the 11.71 acres of parkland should begin this next week. Grading will be the next step.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

a) Other-Updates-Meetings – Treasurer Warneke advised there was no report to present. The Clerk's balance for all funds as of tonight is \$1,435,320.53.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Leslie to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk

Robert Hofer, Chairman