



REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 09, 2019
6:00 pm

The Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors met in regular session, at 6:00pm, on Wednesday January 09, 2019, at the Town of Big Lake Town Hall, located in the Big Lake Township's Lions Park Community Center, at 21960 County Road 5 NW, Big Lake Township, Sherburne County, State of Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Pflieghaar and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisors Norm Leslie, Steve Pflieghaar, Bob Hofer, Treasurer Kenneth Warneke, Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Deputy Clerk Jayme Swenson, Town Engineer Ross Abel, a newspaper reporter and three audience members were in attendance. Chair Bruce Aubol and Supervisor Larry Alford were absent.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion/Second to accept the presented Agenda by: Leslie/Hofer. All Present Supervisors Approved. Motion Prevailed. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the Agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consists of: a) Approval Minutes – Regular meeting of 12/12/2018. b) Approval of the List of Claims & Payroll. Motion/Second to Approve Consent Agenda by: Hofer/Leslie. All present Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

Open Forum

None

Business from the Clerk

Clerk Kimberly-Maas, presented to the Board a Developer Agreement for Two River's, between Mr. Rob Lind and the Town of Big Lake, for review and acceptance. Mr. Lind addressed the Board with questions on the insurance requirements and a request to reduce the escrow deposit amount from 1.5% to 1.25%. The Board agreed that the escrow deposit can be reduced to 1.25%, in the final Developers Agreement. The Board will research the insurance questions and Mr. Lind will be placed on a future Agenda.

Clerk Kimberly-Maas, presented to the Board a request from Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Office. They are seeking comments on their proposal to amend three (3) Zoning Ordinances. Exterior Storage of Vehicles (Section 17, Subdivision 2), Accessory Buildings and Shipping Containers (Section 17, Subdivision 8) and RVs (Section 7 Subdivision 18). The topic was TABLED for further research.

Business from the Board – Committee Reports/Updates

Supervisor Leslie reported the three (3) Eagle Scout projects at the Big Lake Township's Lions Park are complete and the Scouts have received their badges. Discussions are taking place regarding another Eagle Scout project in the park. Supervisor Leslie also mentioned that Town Chair Bruce Aubol and his wife Mary have three (3) sons that have received their Eagle Scout Badges, which is a great accomplishment.

Supervisor Pflieghaar reported he attended the Sherburne County Economic Development Authority (EDA) meeting. There was a presentation and handout provided about the Sherburne County Rail Study. One situation that called for the study was the decommissioning of the Xcel Energy's Sherburne County (Sherco) Generating Station. The station will be a great loss for the County and Becker area. There will be a large amount

of property tax revenue lost as well as elimination of jobs. Xcel Energy has reported they are seeking to provide new opportunities for future land development.

Roads

Road Committee members, Treasure Warneke and Supervisor Alfords met and discussed 229th Avenue NW, which is a joint road shared with Orrock Township. 229th Avenue NW needs maintenance and the two Towns are working on a plan to fulfill the repair needs. The repairs needed on 209th Avenue NW may be delayed, as there is discussion with the County, to turn it in to a County Road. Upon recent road inspections, Treasurer Warneke identified a drainage situation in the Birch Lake Beach Plat, which has increased the amount of ice on the road. The area has been marked as a future project. Due to the recent weather conditions, the roads in this area of the State have developed ice. The Town has been receiving multiple telephone calls and emails about ice on the road, daily. The Town and Road Committee have been diligent to address the concerns, while combating weather patterns, and lack of sun on areas of Town roads, due to shading by trees.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Warneke reviewed the Financial Statements, ending December 31, 2018. He reported the cash balance of the Government Funds (excluding the escrow funds) as \$ 1,259,734.60. Total Disbursements at \$2,201,837.41 and Receipts at \$2,106,739.36. There are a few that are over-budget in disbursements, however, they do not pose a concern. All of the 2018 road construction projects have been paid. The second portion of the property tax revenue has been received. When the Town receives the interest payment, money in funds it will be allocated between all the Town’s funds. The Town and Fire Department will have their audits take place in the upcoming months. Motion/Second to approve the Treasurer’s report by: Hofer/Leslie. All Supervisors present approved. Motion Prevailed.

Announcements

- * Ewald Petersen’s celebration for his retirement from the Sherburne County Commissioner’s Board is Saturday, January 12th, 2019 1PM-4PM at McPete’s Sports Bar and Lanes.
- * Sherburne County Association of Townships (SCAT) will hold their annual meeting Wednesday January 16th, 2019 at the Sherburne County History Center. Dinner begins at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm.
- * The Joint Community Meeting between ISD 727, The City of Big Lake, Orrock Township and Big Lake Township will take place at the Big Lake City Hall on January 17th, 2019, at 6:00pm

Adjournment:

Motion/Second to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:42pm by: Leslie/Hofer. All Supervisors present Approved. Motion Prevailed.

Accepted this 23rd day of January 2019, by the Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors.

Bruce Aubol, Chair

Attest: _____
Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Town Clerk