

Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
January 27, 2016

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

On Wednesday, January 27, 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. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only.

Chairman Hofer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 2 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken by the Chairman.

Board Members Present: Bob Hofer, Chairman
 Norm Leslie, Supervisor
 Bruce Aubol, Supervisor
 Steve Pfliegaar, Supervisor
 Ken Warneke, Treasurer
 Laura Hayes, Clerk
 Samantha Peterson, Deputy Clerk

Board Members Absent: Larry Alford, Supervisor

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

Supervisor Pfliegaar motioned to approve the agenda. Supervisor Leslie seconded. All were in favor. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda as presented.

Supervisor Leslie motioned to approve consent agenda items. The consent agenda consisted of: a) Adopt Agreement for Animal Control Services with City of Monticello. b) Approve Big Lake Spudfest Liquor License for BLFDRA Dance, August 6, 2016. c) Approve List of Claims (Disbursement List will be Received at Meeting). Supervisor Aubol seconded. All present were in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

a) Sunrise Energy Ventures, Minnetonka, MN (SEV MN 1, LLC) / Joe Tierney, Director/Project Development – Sanford Property Cartway Discussion – There was no one present for this request. Clerk Hayes advised she has not heard back from SEV MN 1, LLC or the property owner Jim Sanford since the meeting on January 13. The next day the cartway vacation procedure was emailed to both at their request.

b) Sunrise Energy Ventures, Minnetonka, MN (SEV MN 1, LLC) / Dean Leishchow, Request to Amend Zoning Ordinance to Exempt IUP's for Solar Farms from the requirement of expiration when property is transferred or sold – Clerk Hayes advised SEV MN 1, LLC has applied for the Zoning Ordinance Amendment at Sherburne County. Through Board discussion it was noted CUP's regulate property uses and rezones properties. IUP's approve uses, but do not rezone properties. Chairman Hofer compared this scenario to windfarms, noting every 10 years, when the property changes hands, the clock on subsidies starts over. Supervisor Aubol noted it fits the Townships landuse and advised he was ambivalent regarding the request. He further noted it is the intent of our state government to have solar farms. There was brief discussion. Supervisor Pleghaar made a motion of ambivalence regarding the request as presented. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All present were in favor.

c) Clean Up Day 2016 Discussion – Clerk Hayes asked for two Supervisors to meet with her and representatives from the partnering Clean Up Day communities to discussion the 2016 clean up day event. Supervisor Leslie and Chairman Hofer advised they would be on the subcommittee.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Treasurer Warneke advised the road committee has received calls regarding 182nd Avenue, Ridgewood Heights drainage concerns. The road committee is monitoring the site and has been working to thaw the culvert ends and open the pipe. The severity of the situation has not been determined.

-Chairman Hofer advised he has met with a property owner in Meadowlands regarding mailbox damage from a snowplow. The property owner has a nonconforming mailbox (too close to the street and too low). The post is a 2.5' post with a pipe structure inside of it. Chairman Hofer inquired if the Board was open to repairing the damage to the box this time only. The Board briefly discussed and advised the Township mailbox policy and snowplowing policy should be upheld. The standardized swinger post and mailbox assembly would be offered to the resident.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Board members each received the proposed Highway 25 Corridor Coalition Joint Powers Agreement from the City of Monticello. Chairman Hofer advised the City of Monticello will be discussing this on Friday. The financial amount won't be confirmed until June/July. Members can option to leave the coalition on July 1 annually. Supervisor Alford's shared remotely that he prefers to be a member rather than not. Supervisor Leslie motion to adopt the Highway 25 Corridor Coalition JPA contingent upon the Township attorney's review and direction to the Board. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Other-Updates-Meetings – Supervisor Pflughar advised the EDA meeting was extremely short, lasting less than 10 minutes. Supervisor Aubol advised the applicants at the Planning Advisory Board meeting were mostly solar farm related.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

a) Monthly Report –Treasurer Warneke advised he had nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Leslie to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pflughar seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk

Robert Hofer, Chairman