

Second Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
October 22, 2014

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

On Wednesday, October 22, 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 2 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

Township Attorney, Peter Tiede, Murnane Brandt

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

Supervisor Aubol motioned to approve consent agenda items: a) Approve List of Claims & Payroll as presented, reimbursement to Charlie Stern \$619.28 and newsletter postage approximately \$600-\$700. Supervisor Pflgebraar seconded. All were in favor.

OPEN FORUM

Township Attorney, Peter Tiede, Murnane Brandt introduced himself to the Board, noting he had not been to a meeting in several years and wanted to meet the newer Board members and staff.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

a) Other-Updates-Meetings – Clerk Hayes advised the City of Big Lake will be hosting a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon event at the Friendly Buffalo on Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. The mayor inquired if any Town Board Members would be interested in attending.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

1) Treasurer Warneke advised Jeff Rhodes, Driveway Services has been working on crackfilling and roadside mowing. The 194th Avenue bituminous patching project has been completed. Sign installation and brushing will begin soon.

Supervisor Alford reviewed water control methods recommended for the 223rd Avenue area of Birch Lake Beach by SCWD specialist, Tiffany Determan. Supervisor Alford recommended having the Township Engineer calculate how much water runoff there is on 223rd Avenue following a 1" and a 2" rain. He would then like to schedule a meeting with Tiffany Determan to review these findings and determine if it is better to have the water come down the road or move across lawns potentially picking up phosphates and nitrates.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Supervisor Leslie advised he attended the Safe Routes To School (SRTS) kick off meeting. There were representatives from the County, City and Big Lake School present. Applying for funding from the SRTS program would involve a series of meetings and takes approximately one year to get all the information together for the grant application process. There is a significant amount of competition for these grants. Supervisor advised he feels the township should continue to send a representative and recommended Supervisor Aubol be the representative. Supervisor Leslie will advise when the meeting is scheduled.

-Supervisor Leslie advised he is soliciting quotes from 3 excavation companies, Clint Schendzielos, TW Hauling, and Moores Excavating for the removal of the tree stumps and grading of the proposed ballfield area on the adjacent Township property. He advised he is concerned that the work will not be able to be yet this year, noting there is only one Board meeting in November and again in December to review the quotes when they arrive. It was the consensus of the Board that the full Board review the quotes and to try to do this at the November 12 meeting, noting it would be acceptable to proceed with the work in the spring.

-Supervisor Aubol advised he attended a workshop session for Community Education to discuss possible future program offerings.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

a) Other-Updates-Meetings – Treasurer Warneke advised there was no report to present. He noted Verizon wants to stake the proposed cell tower site and do soil borings. Verizon's legal department has not provided their contract proposal yet. Township Attorney, Peter Tiede advised tonight, he has a couple of additions to recommend to the contract.

Second Monthly Board Meeting
October 22, 2014
Page 3

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 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk

Robert Hofer, Chairman