

Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
October 8, 2014

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

On Wednesday, October 8, 2014 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 9 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken.

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

Supervisor Aubol motioned to approve the consent agenda consisting of: a) Approval of Minutes: Regular Monthly Board Meeting 9-10-14; and, Second Monthly Board Meeting 9-24-14. b) Approve List of Claims (Disbursement List Received at Meeting). Supervisor Pflieghaar seconded. All were in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

a) Bryan Kodet/Oversized Driveway Request – Bryan and Christine Kodet appeared before the Board to request approval for an oversized driveway for the purpose of accessing an existing pole building on their property with a tractor/trailer. Bryan Kodet advised he has one (1) tractor and two (2) trailers, which are a 2014 liquid fertilizer tank and a 2015 grain hopper. The truck and one trailer are connected at all times. The truck will not run overnight. The second trailer would be parked alongside the pole building. Several neighbors were present to express concern about the appearance and impact a truck and trailers will have on the neighborhood. The location of the property is 21323-205th Street NW, Wild Run, Big Lake Township. Paul Perovich, 21500-203rd Street NW requested screening, such as a fast growing balsam fir be planted to minimize the visibility of the trailer. John Wojack, 20443-213th Avenue NW noted he was comfortable

with one tractor and one trailer, but not a second parked trailer, due to the visibility of it in the neighborhood. There was lengthy discussion regarding conversations Kodet's had with Sherburne County Zoning Officials to confirm one tractor and two trailers were permitted under the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance prior to purchasing the property. It was noted it is considered to be the same as a person who brings a work van home from work and leaves the next morning with it. Neighbors in the audience requested the second trailer be parked on the West side of the pole building. Parking the tractor and trailer in the pole building would not be possible; because, the building has a loft inside of it and is therefore not long enough. There was continued discussion about screening the pole building and area around it. In the interest of being a good neighbor, it was strongly recommended by the Board that Kodet's do what they can to screen the parked trailer. Supervisor Alfords noted during the next few spring and fall town road tours, the road committee will check the curb appearance of the property. Supervisor Alfords motioned to approve a commercial size driveway up to 35 feet in width; and, screening to minimize the visual impact in the neighborhood. Supervisor Pflieghaar seconded. All were in favor.

b) Other-Updates-Meetings – Clerk Hayes advised October 19-25, 2014 is Minnesota Manufacturers Week. The City of Big Lake is hosting a luncheon and tour on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. Supervisor's Leslie and Pflieghaar will be attending. Anyone else interested in attending should contact Clerk Hayes.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

Township Engineer, Ross Abel advised he had nothing to report at this time. He noted the 215th Avenue overlay needs to be worked into the schedule. Supervisor Alfords advised the road tour started today. Chairman Hofer noticed recycled concrete was used for shouldering material and inquired when the Township changed to that material. Ross Abel advised it is considered a class 5 material and works very well for packing and for areas where the overlay is 1 ½ inches. Treasurer Warneke mowing is going well. Crack sealed areas look good. Supervisor Alfords advised there is a lot of tree trimming to do this fall. Treasurer Warneke advised crack seal material has been delivered. He further noted Plaisted's have offered a quote for salt/sand mix at \$42. per ton. This is a 24% increase which will equate to a \$10,000. to \$20,000. increase if the same amount of material is used 2014-2015 snow season.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hofer advised John Pfaff has provided an example of the bench he would like to place at the Birch Lake Beach access area. There was discussion about the construction material and its ability to withstand potential vandalism. It was noted John Pfaff should be advised he would be responsible for the maintenance of the bench and removal if it becomes damaged beyond reasonable keeping. Supervisor Pflieghaar motioned to approve the placement of the bench upon review by the Town Board; and, to accept the donation of the park bench. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Leslie advised he and Supervisor Alfords attended the EDA meeting Monday October 6. The main discussion was in regard to Ultra Powder Coating expansion and purchase of 2.5 acres. There was discussion and a vote regarding setting a selling price for the property.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

a) Monthly Report –Treasurer Warneke advised the clerk's balance as of tonight's claims was approximately \$1,386,000. There was no unusual fund activity. The November/December Settlement will arrive at the end of 2014. The fund transfer approved at the last meeting has not been done yet. Supervisor Alfords motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Pflughhaar seconded. All present were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Leslie to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pflughhaar seconded. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk

Bob Hofer, Chairman