

TOWN of BIG LAKE
“Sherburne County’s First 5-Member Township Board”
21960 County Road 5 ~ PO Box 75, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309

MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 2017

The Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors met in regular session, at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday August 9, 2017, at the Town of Big Lake Town Hall, located in the Big Lake Township, Lions Park Community Center, 21960 County Road 5, Big Lake Township, Sherburne County, State of Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hofer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chair Bob Hofer, Supervisors Larry Alford, Bruce Aubol, Norm Leslie, Steve Pflieger, Treasurer Kenneth Warneke, Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Deputy Clerk Jayme Swenson, Town Engineer Ross Abel, Sheriff Commander Doran and four (4) audience members were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion/Second to accept Agenda as presented by: Leslie/Alford. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.
The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: a) Approval of the Minutes: Regular Monthly Meeting 07/26/2017. d) Approve list of Claims (Disbursement list provided in meeting packet).

Motion/Second to approve presented Consent Agenda by: Pflieger/Aubol. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

APPROVAL OF JOINT POWERS BOARD MINUTES

Motion/Second to approve presented July 26, 2017 Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes by: Pflieger/Aubol. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

SHERIFF’S REPORT

Commander Doran gave the Sheriff Report to the Board. The Township had 265 calls for service in the month of July, up from the same time period in 2016. Commander Doran reported there has been an increase of break-ins to homes and storage units, recently.

OPEN FORUM

No business brought forth.

BUSINESS FROM CLERK

Clerk Kimberly-Maas introduced Troop 93’s Life Scout Sam Hart, who is interested in constructing and installing benches in the Township’s Lions Community Park. Sam told the Board he would like to build and install five (5) benches in the park, to earn his Eagle Scout status. His plan is to place three around the playground and two in the dog park area. The benches will be built using metal frames and green treated wood. The benches will be cemented in place. Sam will work with his Pack Leaders and Supervisor Leslie on the construction and installation. Sam also informed the Board he has a fairly large balance in his Scout Finance Account, which he will use for this project. Board members offered to lend a financial hand to the project, should Sam need assistance funding his project. Motion/Second to approve Sam Hart’s Eagle Scout project for the construction and installation of five (5) benches in Big Lake Township Lions Community Park and financially assist the project, if needed by: Leslie/Pflieger. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

Clerk Kimberly-Maas introduced Troop 93’s Life Scout Joey Fussy, who is planning on constructing and installing two (2) free little libraries in the area, to earn his Eagle Scout status. His plan is to place build a little library where the public could borrow and donate books. Joey told the Board he would like to install a free little library, at the park. The libraries would be constructed with ½” plywood,

which will be waterproofed and re-enforced. He will be reaching out to family members, who are in construction, for donation of materials. Joey will work with his Pack Leaders and Supervisor Leslie on the construction, placement and installation, at the park. Board members offered to lend a financial hand to the project, should Joey need assistance funding his project. Motion/Second to approve Joey Fussy's Eagle Scout project for the construction and installation of a free little library in Big Lake Township Lions Community Park and financially assist the project, if needed by: Pflughhaar/Aubol. All Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

Clerk Kimberly-Maas informed the Board of the upcoming Big Lake Block Party and their ability to donate financially. The Board did not wish to donate to the event.

Clerk Kimberly-Maas informed the Board of the information in their packet, for the upcoming Joint Power Board meeting. The information contains a memo and TIF plan for the sale of property in the OAA.

Clerk Kimberly-Maas called for a Joint Powers Meeting to be held, at 4:30 PM on Wednesday August 23, 2017, in the City of Big Lake Council Chambers. The purpose for the meeting is a Public Hearing – Simple Plat Big Lake Industrial Park East / Plat Six (6).

For the purpose of information, the Board received a quote from Olson & Son's Electric to replace ballasts and bulbs with LED style, at the maintenance building. The cost of installation, less the energy rebate, is higher than repairing the existing equipment. No further action required.

BOARD BUSINESS. UPDATES. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Hofer had no updates for the Board this evening.

Supervisor Alfords informed the Board, crack filling, mowing and shouldering is being done in the Township.

Supervisor Aubol noted there may be a new tenant in the Industrial Park before the end of 2017, the Fire Board will meet on August 29th to continue discussion of the Fire Department JPA.

Supervisor Leslie announced construction on the dog park is underway.

Supervisor Pflughhaar informed the Board of Sherburne County's purchase of new software, for use by the EDA. The software will be used to show what the economic impact will be for businesses in the County.

TOWN ROADS

Town Engineer Ross Abel updated the Board. He noted the culvert work done on 187th was looking very good, the silt fence was removed and the necessary paperwork was submitted from ML. Schendzielos, Inc. The final pay claim for this work, was submitted and paid with this meeting's Consent Agenda. Park Construction is scheduled to return on 8/14/2017, to complete their 2017 road projects, within the Township. Ross also noted a resident had come in to their office, the prior week. She was interested in what could be done to alleviate the rising water of a large beaver pond, next to her house. Ross visited the location and noted some man-made and beaver constructed damming on the outlet from the pond. Supervisor Alfords told Ross this lady had been into the Township earlier in 2017 with the same concerns. He noted both structures are beyond the Township's road right of way

and are not jeopardizing the road or culvert. The resident was advised she needed to install a berm or other means to protect her home from flooding.

TREASURER BUSINESS

Treasurer Warneke advised the Board the current total balance with investments is \$1.4 Million. Motion/Second to approve the Treasurer’s report by: Pflughaar/Leslie. All Supervisors approved.

Motion Prevailed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAT District 7 Meeting and Elections are on August 30, 2017 at 7:00PM, at the Anoka Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus.

Big Lake Fire Fighter Dance will be held August 12, 2017. The event will be at the Fire Department and will run from 8:00PM – Midnight.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second to adjourn the Wednesday August 9, 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:47PM by: Leslie/Pflughaar. All Supervisors Approved. Motion Prevailed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Kimberly-Maas
Town of Big Lake, Clerk

Accepted this 23rd day of August 2017, by the Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors.

Robert Hofer, Chairman

Attest: _____
Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Clerk