

Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
June 24, 2015

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

On Wednesday, June 24, 2015 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 11 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 Pflieghaar, Supervisor
- Larry Alfords, Supervisor
- Ken Warneke, Treasurer
- Laura Hayes, Clerk
- LaDonna Hensel, Deputy Clerk

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

Supervisor Pflieghaar motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Supervisor Leslie seconded. All were in favor.

Supervisor Alfords motioned to approve consent agenda items. The consent agenda consisted of: a) Accept grant funds from CenterPoint Energy for the purchase of fire department helmets. b) Approve the sale of Tax Forfeited Land – 2015 Sherburne County. c) Adopt Resolution 2015-11 Adopting Amendments to the Big Lake Township Comprehensive Land Use Plan & Zoning Ordinance. d) Approve Minutes from Big Lake Joint Powers Board Meeting 6-10-15. e) Approve Claims, Payroll & List of Claims & Payroll. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

OPEN FORUM

Sherburne County Sheriff's Department, Commander Doran presented the monthly call report to the Board. There were no new call trends or incidents to discuss.

Elk River Fire Department Chief, T. John Cunningham and Deputy Chief of Operations, Aaron Surratt appeared before the Board to introduce themselves to the Board Members; and, give a brief overview of the Elk River Fire Department.

Big Lake Fire Chief, Paul Nemes appeared before the Board to give monthly call updates; and, brought a set of new, department wide, turn-out equipment for the Board to see. The turn-out equipment was delivered today and will go into use immediately.

Don Deuel, 20157 170th Street appeared before the Board to request trees be trimmed/removed to improve the sight lines when driving on 170th Street and entering onto 205th Avenue. Town Treasurer, Ken Warneke advised tree trimming/removal is scheduled and planned. Trees will be removed back to the right of way.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

b) Crop Production Services Inc./Travis Froland & Andy Oedling – Requesting a 17' Height Variance for Fertilizer Building – Andy Oedling presented the request for a 17' height variance to construct an 8,500 Ton dry fertilizer building. Increasing need to provide onsite fertilizer storage from market prior to customer use has grown over the years. Retrofitting the current building is not cost effective and therefore, it will be removed and replaced with the larger, more modern storage facility. The Board had several questions regarding fire protection, product loading/unloading, and contamination containment. The building will not have a fire suppression system due to the fact that adding water to fertilizer in this volume creates an environmental issue. There is a 6" dike system inside in the building for containment. The floor will be concrete with 6' concrete walls and all metal has a protective, rust resistant sealant. Truck loading and unloading will all be done inside the new building which limits environmental exposures. Nothing combustible is stored in the building. Supervisor Aubol motioned to recommend approval of the variance request as presented. Supervisor Pfleghaar seconded. All were in favor.

c) Lee Brown; Bogart, Pederson & Assoc. Alternate Soil Standards for Development of Parcel - Lee Brown, Bogart, Pederson & Assoc. and Derold Windorski, representative for the property owner appeared before the Board to request the use of alternative soil standards in platting a 35.44 acre parcel located at 146th Street and 225th Avenue. There was discussion by the Board regarding types of septic systems that could be sustained on alternative soils. The Board briefly reviewed the soil report. It was determined by the Board that the Sherburne County Zoning Septic System Standards would need to be the guiding factor in determining if this is developable property. Supervisor Aubol motioned to grant Township approval for alternative soil standards if septic systems, meeting Sherburne County Septic System design standards can be installed on the 3 parcels, shown in the concept drawing. Supervisor Alfords seconded. All were in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

-The Road Committee will meet with the Township Engineer, Ross Abel on Tuesday June 30 at 9:30 a.m. to make the 2015 Road Improvement Plans.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Chairman Hofer had nothing specific to report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

-Supervisor Leslie presented quote information from three companies for irrigation installation on the new ballfield. The low quote was \$9,985.32 from Legacy Landscaping and Irrigation. Supervisor Leslie also presented quote information for fencing. Two quotes were received with the low quote of \$22,175.00 from Legacy Landscaping and Irrigation. Supervisor Pfleghaar motioned to award both quotes to Legacy Landscaping and Irrigation. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All were in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Warneke advised the Vanguard funds were sold today, advising it has been 4 years since there was any activity with the money market account. 70% of the first half property tax settlement has been received. He advised park improvements will be paid for from the General Capital Fund. Supervisor Leslie motioned to approve the Treasurers Report. Supervisor Pfleghaar seconded. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Treasurer Warneke recommended that a general call for bids be placed in the paper this week for 2015 Road Improvements. Supervisor Alfords advised road ditch mowing will begin the first part of July.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Leslie to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pfleghaar seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk

Robert Hofer, Chairman