

Second Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
June 26, 2013

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

On Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 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 3 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken by the chairperson.

Board Members Present:

- Bob Hofer, Chairman
- Steve Pflgebraar, Supervisor
- Bruce Aubol, Supervisor
- Larry Alfords, Supervisor
- Norm Leslie, 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 Second Monthly Meeting agenda. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda as presented.

Supervisor Aubol motioned to approve consent agenda items: a) Resolution 2013-18 Accepting Donation to the Big lake Fire Department. b) Approve the Big lake Lion’s Club to hold a Raffle at Big Lake Lion’s Park, 21960 County Road 5, Big Lake, MN 55309. 2013 Date to be Determined. c) Approve Township Advertisement in Big Lake Community Guide, color 1/8 page at a cost of \$160. d) Approve List of Claims & Payroll (disbursement list received at meeting). Supervisor Pflgebraar seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried.

Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department, Commander Steve Doran – Commander Doran provided the Board with a list of call responses for the previous month. The Board had no questions for Commander Doran. He advised the Town Board Members calls received at the Sheriff’s Department have been very typical for this time of year.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

Clerk Hayes advised she had no items to report on at this time.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

1) Other-Meetings-Updates – Treasurer Warneke advised the Pre-construction meeting for 2013 Road Improvements will be held the week of July 8th. Jeff Rhodes, Driveway Services has been working on items from the spring road tour list, including pothole patching. Mowing will begin next week. Sweeping will continue when the new sweeper arrives. Supervisor Alfords advised tree trimming was been done in the NE area of the Township. Birch Lake Beach boat access is being reconstructed and is nearly finished. Rip rap will be installed soon finishing the project before the 4th of July. Supervisor Alfords he has received comments from residents regarding the crushed granite used during the 2012 seal coat projects.

-Chairman Hofer advised he has been attending County Road 15 / 211th Avenue / 201st Avenue property owner meetings with Sherburne County Public Works representatives. The County will be constructing cul de sacs next year on 211th Avenue and 201st Avenue and has requested the Township consider vacating the road right of way, turning the vacated property over to the adjacent property owners. The Township would retain utility easements. The Town Board acknowledged it is their intention to vacate the right of way in the construction areas as noted, upon completion of the project.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – The Supervisors advised they had no meetings or updates to give at this time.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

a) Other-Updates-Meetings – Treasurer Warneke advised 70% of the first half (May/June) Property Tax Settlement has been received.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Treasurer Warneke advised he, Chairman Hofer & Supervisor Alfords met with MNDoT representatives regarding 194th Avenue, a section of former Hwy 10 that provides access to two residential properties. On June 25 a letter was received from MNDoT regarding a proposed 2 lot preliminary plat, "Great Elk Subdivision". Within the letter MNDoT has advised right of way will not be released to the owner/developer, but has offered that it could be leased to the developer. The Road Committee will send a response letter and request clarification of maintenance responsibilities. Currently, the Township provides snow removal and MNDoT provides general maintenance, such as bituminous patching.

Supervisor Alford advised he would like to return the Annual Clean Up Day event to the first Saturday in May. The 2013 cleanup date was moved to the third Saturday in May (May 18) because Allied Waste advised they would not have enough packer trucks to accommodate the Big Lake Township, City & Orrock Township cleanup event. Supervisor Alford advised because this is the oldest and largest clean up event in Sherburne County; it should have priority to receive the number of packer trucks necessary for the event. Eight trucks are needed for the event. In 2012 only four were available and at times there were only two on the lot, partially due to hauling to the transfer station in St. Cloud when there were sections of Hwy 10 under construction and down to single lane traffic for a portion of the trip. For the 2013 event there were eight trucks available and they were routed to GRE in Elk River which improved trip time greatly and made those loads eligible to receive SCORE grant funding. Clerk Hayes inquired with other major waste haulers when Allied Waste suggested changing the date of the clean up event. Waste Management provided a quote three times that of Allied Waste, while Veolia and Ace chose not to provide that service. Therefore, she recommended to the Board the third Saturday date, which the Town Board agreed to on January 9, 2013. Clerk Hayes further noted that Big Lake Township and its partners, may want to meet to discuss the future of clean up day, noting Big Lake's cleanup (and lower costs) may attract residents from other jurisdictions. In order to receive the \$15,000. of SCORE Grant funding, the Township must be willing to accept items from throughout Sherburne County, not just Big Lake Township. The SCORE funding is a significant part of the \$40,000. cost of the clean up day event. Supervisor Leslie suggested reviewing the fees and increasing if necessary to be more in line with what other Township's are charging. Supervisor Alford noted it is better to keep the fees low in an effort to keep refuse out of the road ditches. The Board directed Clerk Hayes to request Allied Waste return to the first Saturday in May date noting it has been that date since it began in 1993.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Leslie to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pflieger seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk

Robert Hofer, Chairman