

Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
August 11, 2010

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

On Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 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 4 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
- Jim Stahlmann, Supervisor
- Mike Hayes, Supervisor
- Larry Alfords, Supervisor
- Ken Warneke, Treasurer
- Laura Hayes, Clerk
- Kristie Woolard, Deputy Clerk
- Todd McLouth, Township Engineer

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 Hayes seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda as presented.

Supervisor Stahlmann motioned to approve consent agenda items: a) Approval of Minutes: Regular Monthly Board Meeting 7-14-10, and Second Monthly Meeting 7-28-10. b) Approve List of Claims (Disbursement List Received at Meeting). Supervisor Alfords seconded. Each Supervisor abstained from approval of their payroll claim. Supervisor Hayes abstained from approval of Clerk Hayes payroll claim. All were in favor. The motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

a) Other-Updates-Meetings – Clerk Hayes advised the Primary Election went very well; and, thanked Chairman Hofer and Treasurer Warneke for their help setting up the precincts.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

- 1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Township Engineer, Todd McLouth gave several updates to the Board regarding projects. He advised work on 211th Avenue and 225th Avenue has been completed.
 - He advised the one-year warranty expired on last year's road improvements. The work has been reviewed and found to be satisfactory. Supervisor Leslie motioned to release the warranty bonds back to the contractor's as recommended by the Township Engineer. Supervisor Hayes seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.
 - He further advised the 2010 Road Improvement Projects are on schedule and going well. Paving will begin soon. Seal Coating projects will begin August 25th.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Chairman Hofer advised that he had nothing to report at this time.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

- 1) NCDA – Supervisor Leslie advised he attended the NCDA meeting in the absence of Supervisor Hayes and Supervisor Stahlmann. He advised the budget was approved at the meeting. He further advised Metro Transit is planning to offer more service for ballgames. Phase II was discussed. It was noted construction has been delayed to 2014 due to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) requesting that the expansion plan be submitted as though it were a new application for a new plan, rather than a continuation of existing services. A mid-day train from Anoka to Big Lake has been operating. Riders are coming for lunch at Russell's and then riding the train back. The Metropolitan Council is reviewing the price of fares and is considering raising the cost from Big Lake to Minneapolis from \$7. to \$8. one-way. The NCDA is opposed to this increase due to the current economic climate. Ridership continues to increase monthly.
- 2) EDA – Supervisor Hayes and Supervisor Stahlmann attended the August 9, EDA meeting. The main topic of discussion was a business located in Industrial Park East which had been a recipient of a Department of Employment and Economic Deed (DEED) loan from a grant program. The business is doing well; however, it was unable to meet some of the requirements of the loan related to the number of full time jobs that were to be added. Therefore, the loan has been called by DEED. The loan is being repaid. The City's plans for the rail park are moving along. The area beneath the Hwy 10 bridge is stilling being reviewed to determine if it feasible and cost effective to accommodate another rail line.
- 3) Other-Updates-Meetings – Supervisor Stahlmann advised the Elk River Watershed Meeting was cancelled again due to a lack of action items.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

- Treasurer Warneke addressed item 7A1 from the agenda regarding Reviewing Bids Received for Snowplowing/Ice Control. He advised a call for bids was published for two weeks in the West Sherburne Tribune. The only bids received were from the current companies used by Big Lake Township. Their quoted prices are the same as last years. TW Hauling quoted \$82.50 per hour and JME quoted \$84. per hour. Supervisor Hayes motioned to accept the bids and award the snowplowing contracts for 3-years to TW Hauling and JME with a fuel inflation and deflation clause. Supervisor Stahlmann seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

a) Monthly Report – Treasurer Warneke reviewed the cash balance statement. Government funds total \$2,303,828.19. Escrow funds total \$56,701.80. The total fund balance is \$2,360,529.99. Treasurer Warneke advised the disbursement list contains a CD purchased and the fire department payroll processed earlier this month. Tonight's claims include approximately \$9,000. in payroll and bills for a total of \$71,409. Treasurer Warneke reviewed the 101,102, 103 and 402 funds, noting all funds are on track. Supervisor Stahlmann motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Hayes seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

-Treasurer Warneke mentioned last month's discussion regarding the Elk River Fire District boundaries. As a result of the action to clarify the boundaries, the New River Medical Center ambulance service is requesting exclusive service in three sections of the Township currently served by the Elk River ambulance service. Ambulance service follows the fire districts lines. There has been an overlap between the Elk River ambulance service and the New River Medical Center ambulance service. New River Medical Center Ambulance service has contacted Elk River Ambulance Service regarding this overlap and has requested that Elk River give these sections to New River Medical Center for service. Treasurer Warneke noted concern that New River Medical Center would not be able to provide as fast of a response as Elk River is able to. John Norgren, Township resident on Ranch Road voiced concern that he has ambulance service 3 to 4 times per year at his home for his mother-in-law and has received very fast service from Elk River and would not want this to change. Treasurer Warneke noted that New River Medical Center did not contact the Township about this proposed change. Supervisor Hayes motioned to have the road committee send a letter and discuss this proposed change with New River Medical Center ambulance service representatives. Supervisor Leslie seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Alfords to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Hayes seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk