

Second Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
September 25, 2013

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

On Wednesday, September 25, 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.

Vice Chairman Alfords 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: Larry Alfords, Vice Chairman
 Bruce Aubol, Supervisor
 Steve Pflgebraar, Supervisor
 Norm Leslie, Supervisor
 Ken Warneke, Treasurer
 Laura Hayes, Clerk
 LaDonna Braun, Deputy Clerk

Board Members Absent: Bob Hofer, Chairman

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.

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 calls were down, particularly in the areas of theft and disturbances.

Supervisor Pflgebraar motioned to approve consent agenda items: a) Approve List of Claims & Payroll (disbursement list received at meeting). Supervisor Aubol seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

a) Ken Halverson, Big Lake Fire Department/General Updates – Big Lake Fire Department, Captain Ken Halverson advised the three new firefighters have been responding to calls. Two of the new personnel will be taking their Fire Fighter 2 test tomorrow night. The new extrication equipment is on Engine 1. The department is working on purchasing a snowmobile for the department. Currently the department has a 17 year old Polaris model.

Open House will be Sunday, October 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be demonstrations from the Big Lake Police Department K-9 Unit, and Big Lake Fire will conduct vehicle extrication. A helicopter will land and Fireman Pete Ahrens has grown approximately 2,000 pumpkins to give away. The open house begins a week of fire prevention education which will be conducted at the Big Lake Elementary Schools October 7 through 11. Calls for service are about the same in number as last year. Grass fire calls are down. The Big Lake Police Department conducted drill education on the topic of active shooter. Classroom video education and statistics were viewed and department personnel participated in mock rescue scenarios of a business shooting and a school shooting.

b) Sherburne SWCD Watershed Education – Thurs. October 24 @ 5:30 p.m. Elk River City Council Chambers – Clerk Hayes advised registrations are necessary. She will contact the SWCD with attendee information.

c) Other-Meetings-Updates – Clerk Hayes the Big Lake Legacy Foundation will be holding a volunteer appreciation dinner at the Friendly Buffalo on Thursday, October 10 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. hamburgers and hotdogs will be served.

Clerk Hayes advised the Sherburne County Association of Townships Quarterly Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Livonia Town Hall. Supper will be served and Secretary of State Mark Ritchie will be the featured guest.

Clerk Hayes advised a notice of meeting has been posted for the Joint Meeting of the City of Big Lake and Town of Big Lake to be held Monday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Big Lake City Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing the Joint Powers/Orderly Annexation Agreements between the two entities.

Clerk Hayes advised the City of Big Lake will be conducting interviews for the EDA Manager position on Monday, September 30 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Supervisor Leslie advised he would be able to attend on behalf of the Township.

Clerk Hayes, Chairman Hofer and Supervisor Alford attended a meeting today at the Sherburne County Public Works Department with representatives from WSB Associates regarding the continued efforts of the City of Monticello to locate a suitable location for a second river crossing across the Mississippi River. It was determined that a taskforce including representatives from Sherburne & Wright County, City of Big Lake, Town of Big Lake, City of Monticello and City of Becker would be created to study the information.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

1) Other-Meetings-Updates – Clerk Hayes advised she received a call from City of Big Lake Mayor, RaeAnne Danielowski regarding weeds and tall grass growing in the Industrial Park Expansion Area. Supervisor Alford advised the Township has taken care of the mowing each fall for the past 3 years. Jeff Rhodes will be mowing again this year in approximately 2 weeks, after he finishes township road ditch mowing.

Treasurer Warneke advised Jeff Rhodes is working on mowing and finishing up cracksealing. Allied Blacktop is finished with overlay projects and seal coating is also finished. No bills have been received yet. Striping has been ordered. Treasurer Warneke advised he will be getting a road sign order done.

Snowplowing contracts expired April 2013. Treasurer Warneke proposed contacting the two plowing companies for quotes and allowing the Road Committee the authority to review the price quotes and enter into the extended contracts if appropriate. Supervisor Pfliegerhaas motioned to allow the Road Committee the authority to request quotes and extend plowing contracts for one year. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hofer did have any information to present in his absence.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Supervisor Pfliegerhaas advised he and Chairman Hofer and Clerk Hayes attended the City of Big Lake Workshop on September 18. Discussion was mainly in regard to the Big Lake Library lease and alternate options for a location for the library. It was determined the City will continue to work with the bank, the receivership representatives and the council to work toward a negotiation on the current location.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

a) Other-Updates-Meetings – Treasurer Warneke advised claims tonight total \$22,539.46. Government Funds are approximately \$2,523,000. No bills have been received for the finished 2013 road projects. A mature CD in the amount of \$300,000. has been reinvested at 1% interest. Supervisor Leslie motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Supervisor Aubol seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Leslie to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pfliegerhaas seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk

Larry Alfords, Vice-Chairman