



21960 COUNTY ROAD 5 • PO BOX 75 • BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA 55309

## **MONTHLY MEETING – WEDNESDAY MARCH 14, 2018**

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The Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors met in regular session, on Wednesday March 14, 2018, 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, at 6:00PM and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited.

Present were Chair Bob Hofer, Vice Chair Bruce Aubol, Supervisors Norm Leslie and Steve Pfliegaar, Treasurer Kenneth Warneke, Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Deputy Clerk Jayme Swenson, Town Engineer Ross Abel, news reporter and five audience members were in attendance. Absent from the meeting was Supervisor Larry Alfords.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda consisted of: Approval of Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes 02-28-18, and Approval of the List of Claims & Payroll.

Motion/Second to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by: Leslie/Pfliegaar. All present Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

### **CLERK'S BUSINESS**

Derek & Amy Wellberg – Shoreland Variance Request, inground pool: Clerk Kimberly-Maas told the Board, the Wellberg's had been before the Board in 2017, requesting a variance for moving their septic to allow space to install a detached garage. They then were going to install the inground pool where the drainfield was located. Their request was denied by Sherburne County. They have redesigned the pool and its location. However, a change in DNR legislation, which states the setback from OHWL is 150' – it was 75' in 2017. Also, a change in staff happened within the DNR and the new personnel defines the inground pool a structure. Therefore, the Wellberg's need to have a variance to construct it, to comply with current laws.

The Wellberg's were present and told the Board, they changed the location of the pool from it's original placement and the deepest part of the pool would be 10' above the water table. They are requesting a 30' variance from the OHWL of Strand Lake.

Motion to make comment the Town is in favor of granting a 30' variance to OHWL of Strand Lake, for the Wellberg's pool by: Pfliegaar/Aubol. All present Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

Board of Canvass: Clerk Kimberly-Maas presented to the Board the results of the Town election, held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. She informed the Board all ballots delivered to the Town were accounted for and there were sixteen total ballots cast – four of which were absentee ballots. Norm Leslie asked how many registered voters the Town had at the beginning of the day. There were 5021 registered voters when polls opened. No new registrants were taken.

The results of the election were Supervisor Seat #1: Steve Pfliegaar – 16 votes  
Supervisor Seat #2: Larry Alfords – 16 votes. There were no write ins on either contest and no spoiled ballots.

Motion/Second to accept the results of Town Elections Supervisor Seat #1: Steve Pfliegaar 16 votes and Supervisor Seat #2: Larry Alfords – 16 votes by: Leslie/Aubol. All present Supervisors approved. Motion Prevailed.

### **BOARD BUSINESS, UPDATES, COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Supervisor Hofer had no updates.

Supervisor Aubol informed the Board the presentation by the Community Ed. of Looney Lutherans, was well attended. He felt the Community Ed. department will be hosting more of these types of presentations in the future.

Supervisor Leslie had no updates.

Supervisor Pfliegaar reported he and Norm attended the City of Big Lake EDA meeting, at which discussion was made on relaxing down the building requirements for the Industrial Park. It is the hope by doing so, more businesses will be able to move in there. They also learned LGI only have four homes occupied and sixteen empty models, in their development. It is apparent their business model is not palatable to this region. Lastly, work has started again on the funeral home. It should be ready for business this spring.

### **ROADS**

Ross Abel brought cost estimates for the nine segments identified for a 1.5" overlay in 2018. Some areas will need patching prior to overlay and shouldering is also included in the specifications. It is the engineer's estimate the work will cost \$458,000. He noted bituminous unit cost is a bit higher than 2017 prices. 2017=\$50/ton 2018 estimate used \$55/ton

Ken Warneke requested the Board approve and authorize the specifications be let for bidding.

Motion/Second authorizing advertising for bids on the specifications and proposal Ross Abel submitted by: Aubol/Pfliegaar. All Supervisors present approved. Motion passed.

Ken informed the Board the areas of roads which are shaded most of the day, still have some snow/ice on them. But most of the roads are clear.

### **TREASURER BUSINESS**

Ken reviewed told the Board he made the Bond Payments in February and no collections had been distributed to date. He noted \$362,000 of Fire Capital Fund is invested in a CD. This money will be used toward the fire tender. The Fire Capital budget will be reviewed by the Fire Chief, City of Big Lake and himself. He also noted the City only uses state aid money for fire department capital purchases, like fire trucks. They do levy to assist in normal fire department operations. Ken also informed the Board, \$151,000 has been spent for plowing this winter season. There is no surplus which could be used for overlays in 2018.

The Board had no concerns or questions on the Treasurer's report. Motion/Second to approve the Treasurer's report by: Aubol/Pfliegaar. All Supervisors approved. Motion Passed

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sherburne County Transportation plan will be reviewed 3/15/2018. This is an open meeting taking place at Becker City Hall from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Town representatives are invited to attend.

March 24<sup>th</sup> the Sherburne County Historical Society will host a fundraiser at Carousel Works in Big Lake. The Rhythm & Brews Fundraiser will help support the work of the Sherburne History Center. Tickets are \$25 each.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sherburne County SWCD will host Small Farms Night at the Big Lake Township, Lions Park Community Center. The event will run from 5:30 – 8:30PM.

There will be a celebration of Shawn Redepenning’s retirement will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Friendly Buffalo. The party begins at 6:00PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second to adjourn the Wednesday, March 14, 2018 Regular Meeting at 6:22PM by: Leslie/Pfleghaar. All present Supervisors Approved. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Clerk

Accepted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, by the Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors.

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Bob Hofer, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Clerk