



REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 24th, 2020
6:00 pm

The Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors met in regular session, at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday June 24th, 2020 at the Big Lake Township Town Hall, located at 21960 County Road 5 NW, Big Lake Township, Sherburne County, State of Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chair Bruce Aubol and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. In attendance were Chairman Bruce Aubol, Supervisors Larry Alfords, Norm Leslie, Treasurer Kenneth Warneke, Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Deputy Clerk Jayme Swenson, Sherburne County Sheriff Department's Commander Doran, Big Lake Fire Department's Assistant Chief Mark Hedstrom and seven (7) audience members, were in attendance, at roll call. During the meeting, eight (8) more attendees arrived. Supervisors Dean Brenteson and Bob Hofer were absent.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Chairman Bruce Aubol requested that the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department Report be added to the Agenda, creating a 5. A. Motion/Second to accept the presented Agenda by: Leslie/Alfords. All Supervisors present approved. None opposed. Motion Prevailed. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the Agenda, with the addition of the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department Report as Item 5.A.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of: A) Approval of Minutes: Regular Monthly Board 06/10/2020. B) Approve List of Claims & Payroll 06/24/2020. Motion/Second to Approve Consent Agenda by: Alfords/Leslie. All Supervisors present approved. None opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Sherburne County Sheriff's Department Report

Commander Doran reported that there are no concerns for the Township, from the Sheriff's Department.

Fire Department Update

Assistant Chief, Mark Hedstrom addressed the Board with an update from the month of May. During that time the Department responded to 47 calls. The breakdown was: 14 in the City of Big Lake ~ 06 in Big Lake Township ~ 06 in Orrock Township ~ 01 Mutual Aid and 21 Public Service calls. The monthly training was on wildland fires, held in small group settings and led by Officers. During the month, the Department responded to several grass fires, a tractor fire and medical calls. Girl Scout Troop 289 gifted the Department with Girl Scout Cookies. He also reported that the hiring campaign ended May 15th, produced 12 applications that led to 9 applicants attending the orientation meeting. The Department participated in the 2020 Big Lake High School graduation parade. Assistant Chief Hedstrom concluded the report with a public service announcement; that everyone should have a home escape plan and to continually practice it.

Open Forum

15 residents, from Big Lake Township and the City of Big Lake, were in attendance to share their multiple concerns regarding the proposed plan for Section 42 Tax Credit, high-density apartment complexes to be built, on City property, boarding the Township. The proposal is from CommonBond Communities, whose mission is to create affordable housing communities. The residents voiced their concerns that the proposed

location, on the East side of the City of Big Lake, near the intersection of Highway 10 and 168th Street NW, is not a good choice for the proposed high-density housing complexes.

Business from the Clerk

NONE

Business from the Board – Committee Reports/Updates

Supervisor Aubol reported that he attended, via telephone, a Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board meeting. Topics addressed were; applications for solar gardens continue to be submitted and a few housing developments, are planned in surrounding Township.

Supervisor Leslie shared that at the Big Lake Township’s Lions Park, a professional landscaper removed many limbs from a tree, eliminating a safety concern. Also, the irrigation system had new zones installed, to water the grassy area between the Town Hall building and the dog park parking lot. The area has high use, as a multi-use field, and holds two (2) large soccer nets.

Supervisor Alfords reported that the drainage project, in Meadowbrook, has been completed. Supervisor Alfords presented a quote from Matt Beck, to provide the restoration labor and materials for \$9,694.00. Motion/Second to Approve the quote, from Matt Beck, to complete the restoration project at a cost of \$9,694 by: Aubol/Leslie. All Supervisors present approved. None opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Roads

Treasurer Warneke reported that the asphalt overlay project, on the Township roads are nearing completion and the seal coating project is scheduled for the end of July. There is also a vendor out replacing and repairing road signage, throughout the Township.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Warneke reviewed the Financial Statements and reported the Cash Balance of Government Funds (excluding the escrow funds) at \$1,491,059.21, Total Disbursements at \$783,001.46, Receipts at \$1,130,524.74., and Escrow Funds at \$578,076.25 giving a Total Cash Balance of \$2,069,135.46. The Town receive their first portion, approximately 70%, of the property tax payments. All accounts are positive, and he has no concerns. Motion/Second to approve the Treasurer’s report by: Alfords/Leslie. All Supervisors present approved. None opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Adjournment:

Motion/Second to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:57 PM by: Leslie/Brenteson. All Supervisors present approved. None opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Clerk and Jayme Swenson, Deputy Clerk

Accepted this 8th day of July 2020 by the Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors.

Bruce Aubol, Chairman

Attest: _____
Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Town Clerk