



## REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 09, 2020

6:12 pm ~ followed 2020 Reconvened Annual Meeting

The Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors met in regular session, at 6:12 PM, on Wednesday September 09, 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. In attendance were Chairman Bruce Aubol, Supervisors Larry Alford, Norm Leslie, Dean Brenteson, Scott Sandford, Treasurer Kenneth Warneke, Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Deputy Clerk Jayme Swenson, a newspaper reporter and five (5) guests were in the audience.

### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Motion/Second to accept the presented Agenda by: Leslie/Brenteson. Approved by all present Supervisors. None opposed. Motion Prevailed. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the Agenda.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda consists of; a) Approval Minutes – Regular meeting of 08/26/2020 b) Approval of the List of Claims & Payroll 09/09/2020 Motion/Second to Approve Consent Agenda by: Brenteson/Sandford. Approved by all present Supervisors. None opposed. Motion Prevailed.

### **Open Forum**

None

### **Business from the Clerk**

Little Lending Library – Karl Krueger

Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas introduced resident Karl Krueger to address the Board, regarding the request to remove his Little Lending Library from the Road Right of Way (ROW). Mr. Krueger was requesting that the Little Lending Library and cemented-in pole, be allowed to remain in the ROW. The Board shared that the Road Right of Way (ROW), stipulations are governed by Minnesota Statute 160.2715 and the safety concerns of allowing ROW obstructions. Mr. Krueger brought in photographs of other ROW violations, in his neighborhood. The Board acknowledged there are other violations, in the Township, and that Mr. Krueger was not the only resident that was asked to remove a permanent object from the ROW. The Board's decision will require Mr. Krueger to remove the Little Lending Library and cemented-in pole from the Road Right of Way (ROW).

Rusert License Variance – SSTS Mound on 182nd Av (Ridgewood Heights)

Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas presented to the Board a request for comments on an application for a variance request from Robert and Lori Rusert, the Property Owners of parcel 10-429-0310 ~ 17375 182nd Avenue NW, and legally described as Lot 2, Block 3 in Ridgewood Heights Plat. They are requesting a 10 foot variance in setback from the Right of Way (ROW) of 182nd AVE NW, for a necessary septic system upgrade. The required setback is 10 feet, thus the proposed septic drainfield will be 0 feet from ROW. Motion/Second to recommend approval of the 10 foot variance requested by Robert and Lori Rusert, the Property Owners of parcel 10-429-0310 ~ 17375 182nd Avenue NW, and legally described as Lot 2, Block 3 in Ridgewood Heights Plat, allowing a zero foot set back from Township's Right of Way (ROW) by: Sandford/Alford. Approved by all present Supervisors. None opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Resolution Authorizing Contract with Supervisor Scott Sanford

Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas presented the Board a Resolution Authorizing Contract with Supervisor Scott Sanford. Motion/Second to approve Resolution Authorizing Contract with Supervisor Scott Sanford by: Aubol/Alford. Supervisors voted by roll call; Supervisor Alford Yea, Supervisor Brenteson Yea, Supervisor Aubol Yea, Supervisor Leslie Yea, Supervisor Sandford Abstained. Motion Prevailed.

**Business from the Board – Committee Reports/Updates**

Supervisor Alford will report under Roads.

Supervisor Aubol shared he has an upcoming Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board meeting.

**Roads**

Supervisor Alford reported that Knife River is continuing work on County Road 79. The reclaiming process is planned to begin on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Other routine Town road maintenance continues to take place, however, a vendor had a team quarantined, due to COVID-19, which caused a delay in projects.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Warneke reviewed the Financial Statements and reported the cash balance of the Government Funds (excluding escrow funds) at \$1,571,555.90, Total Disbursements at \$1,555,654.88 and Receipts at \$1,892,374.45, Escrow Funds at \$478,836.48 with Total fund balance of \$2,050,392.38. He reported that the Town received its Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds of \$595,631.87. There is discussion taking place regarding dispensing the funds, and he will report as information is available. Motion/Second to accept the Treasurer’s Report by: Leslie/Brenteson. Approved by all present Supervisors. None opposed. Motion Prevailed.

**Announcement**

Dog Vaccination Clinic Saturday September 19, 2020 at the Big Lake Township’s Lions Park.

2020 Early in Person Voting starts September 18, 2020 at the Sherburne County Government Center.

The Clerk’s Office is hiring Election Judges.

**Adjournment:**

Motion/Second to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:49pm by: Sandford/Leslie. Approved by all present Supervisors. None opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Accepted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, by the Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors.

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Bruce Aubol, Chair

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