



Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday March 10, 2021 6:00 PM

The Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors met in regular session, at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday March 10, 2021 at the Town of Big Lake Town Hall, located in the Big Lake Township's Lions Park Community Center, 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. Vice-Chair Dean Brenteson, Supervisor Larry Alfords, Supervisor Norm Leslie, Supervisor Mark Hedstrom, Treasurer Kenneth Warneke, Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Deputy Clerk Jayme Swenson, Sherburne County Sgt. Aaron Sturm, Tom Westholter, Kassandra Heinrich, one audience guest, and news reporter were in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion/Second to accept the presented Agenda by: Hedstrom/Leslie. Approved by: Alfords, Aubol, Brenteson, Hedstrom, and Leslie. Motion Prevailed. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the presented Agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consists of: A) Approval of Minutes; Regular meeting of 02/24 /2021 B) Approve List of Claims & Payroll paid 03/10/2021. Motion/Second to Approve Consent Agenda by: Brenteson/Leslie. Approved by: Alfords, Aubol, Brenteson, Hedstrom, and Leslie. None Opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Sheriff's Department Report

Sergeant Aaron Sturm reported the Sheriff's Department responded to 174 calls for service in the township. That is down by 20 calls from February 2020. He noted the department has seen an increase of vehicles traveling at significantly higher speeds than the posted limit (90mph in 55mph zone).

Open Forum

NONE

Regular Business

Upcoming Cartway Establishment Public Hearing

Clerk Kimberly-Maas asked the Board if they wished to reschedule the upcoming Public Hearing. The Board discussed the matter and determined the Public Hearing will be held at the previously determined date and time of March 24, 2021 at 6PM.

SkyNet Broadband Project

Clerk Kimberly-Maas presented maps with areas where SkyNet is proposing to install cable to provide internet service to certain areas in the township. The SkyNet project includes

some of the same areas as the Midco expansion. But is significantly smaller in scope. She informed the Board the escrow which was deposited by SkyNet for its 2020 expansion, was \$5000.00 and has not been returned, as the areas still need to be inspected. The Board reviewed the maps and recommended SkyNet place in deposit \$5,000.00 escrow for the proposed 2021 project. There is the option to retain the current escrow, if SkyNet wishes to roll the amount forward from 2020. Motion/Second to require \$5000.00 in escrow from SkyNet for the proposed 2021 expansion project. The escrow is required to cover any unrepaired damages, done during SkyNet's 2021 expansion by: Aubol/Hedstrom. Approved by: Alfords, Aubol, Brenteson, Hedstrom, and Leslie. None Opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Roads

2021 Road Project bids are scheduled to be opened on Tuesday March 23, 2021 at 10AM at the town hall. Projects will be presented for consideration at the March 24, 2021 regular meeting.

Ken Warneke announced brushing and trimming work continues, the "Bump" signs were placed on 209th Ave. and spring road restrictions went into effect on Friday, March 8th.

Business from the Board – Committee Reports/Updates

Chair Aubol attended the SCAT meeting where it was brought to the attention of members, the County Board of Commissioners appointed a new member to the Board of Adjustment – a board made up of seven members, who lives in an incorporated area (city). MN Statutes require at least one member of boards of adjustment, be from unincorporated areas, but there is no language which requires a member from an incorporated area. Sherburne County Board of Adjustment serves county areas where Sherburne County Planning and Zoning is utilized as the authority. The only areas which are served Sherburne County P&Z are its townships with the exception of Becker Township, which does its own planning and zoning. The town board supervisors discussed the situation and directed the clerk send a letter to the County Board of Commissioners telling them that the Town Board is unhappy with the appointment to the Board of Adjustment, of a person who lives in an incorporated area and is unaffected by land use decisions made by Sherburne County Board of Adjustment.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Warneke reviewed the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements with the Board. The town treasury ending balance (less escrows) as of March 10, 2021 was \$1,529,732.45. *Financial Reports are retained as part of the official Minutes and available in the Clerk's Office.* Motion/Second to approve the Treasurer's report by: Leslie/Brenteson. Approved by: Aubol, Alfords, Brenteson, Hedstrom and Leslie. None opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Announcement:

- PUBLIC HEARING – Westholter Cartway ~ Wednesday March 24, 2021 6:00pm
- Local Board of Appeal and Equalization ~ Thursday April 08, 2021 ~ 9:00am
- 2021 Spring Short Courses via Zoom March 22 – 25, 2021
- Lions Community Fish Fry ~ Friday March 26, 2021 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Catholic Charities Meal Distribution to Senior Citizens ~ Monday March 29, 2021 10:00am to Noon

Adjournment:

Motion/Second to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:31 PM by: Leslie/Brenteson. All Supervisors present approved. Motion Prevailed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Accepted this 24th day of March 2021, by the Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors.

Bruce Aubol, Chair

Attest: _____

Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Town Clerk