



Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday February 08, 2023 6:00 PM

The Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors met in regular session, at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday February 08, 2023 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 Norm Leslie, Supervisor Mark Hedstrom, Treasurer Kenneth Warneke, Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Deputy Clerk Jayme Cannon, resident Ron Peraro and news reporter were in attendance. Supervisor Larry Alford was absent.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion/Second to accept the presented Agenda by: Leslie/Hedstrom. Approved by: 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 01/25/2023. B) Approve List of Claims & Payroll paid 02/08/2023. C) Adopt Resolutions 2023-10 Corporate Resolution naming Old National as BLFD depository and Resolution 2023-11 Corporate Resolution naming US Bank as BLFD depository. Motion/Second to Approve consent agenda as presented by: Hedstrom/Brenteson. Approved by: Aubol, Brenteson, Hedstrom, and Leslie. None Opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Open Forum NONE

Regular Business

Redredging of holding pond on parcel 10-502-0105 Lot 1, Block 1, Meadowlands Second Addition

Mr. Ron Peraro 18124 – 221st Ave. NW, was present to request the ability to remove additional material from the existing holding pond on his property. The pond is in a wetland and drainage & utility easement. The pond was originally dug in 2004 after a letter was sent by Terry Hermann of Oliver and Associates, the town's engineer at that time. The letter included requirements that the removed soils not be placed within the road right-of-way nor in such a manner that they would cause obstruction of water within the right of way. Mr. Peraro is requesting the ability to remove additional soils and increase the depth at the center of the pond up to 6' deep. Per the Wetland Conservation Act, Mr. Peraro needs to have an updated approval from the Town Board, to remove additional soils. Supervisor Brenteson stated any work done must not affect the lot adjacent on the west side of the pond. There were no other concerns brought forth by the Board.

Motion/second to have Clerk Kimberly-Maas draft a letter approving the removal of additional soils from the existing pond. The letter will include verbiage that the removed soils will be stored in a manner as to not impede with the road right of way, and the design of the pond be such as to not affect drainage on the adjacent property by: Hedstrom/Brenteson. Approved by: Aubol, Brenteson, Hedstrom, and Leslie. None opposed. Motion prevailed.

2023 MIDCO expansion project

Clerk Kimberly-Maas informed the Board of Midco's plan to further expand services to town residents. The scope of the project includes three areas within the township. The east side of the township – Old County Road 79 area, County Road 5 between Big Lake City limits and County Road 75, and the neighborhood on the south end of Eagle Lake. She reminded the Board they had required a \$5000.00 escrow for the 2020 project, in the event the Town needed to repair any roads or ROWs due to the Midco work and inquired if the Board wanted to require the same amount for the 2023 project or increase the escrow required to be deposited. Supervisor Brenteson suggested a total escrow of \$10,000.00 be deposited with the Town for the 2023 expansion project.

Motion/Second to approve MIDCO's 2023 expansion project requiring \$10,000.00 in escrow be deposited with the Town to cover any unrepaired damages, done during MIDCO's 2023 expansion by: Brenteson/Leslie. Approved by: Alfords, Aubol, Brenteson, Hedstrom, and Leslie. None Opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Supervisor Updates

No updates.

Roads

Sealed bid opening for 2023 overlay projects, will be held at the town hall on Monday - February 27, 2023 at 10AM.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Warneke reviewed the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements with the Board. The town received its final levy payment for 2022 (period 3 settlement) and the gas tax is expected soon. Ken anticipates the gas tax to be approximately \$60,000 - \$80,000. MAT is at the State Capitol looking for additional funding for townships. They are hoping to get \$40 million and are looking at some form of taxation on electric vehicles, since they are going to be more prevalent, weigh more than gas vehicles and are will cause roads to deteriorate faster due to the increased weight. The town has yet to receive the bill for Fire District #1. He expects the fund balance to be reduced significantly once the bill is paid and the 2023 levy will be adequate to replenish the balance. He also noted the Big Lake Fire Capital fund balance will be reduced, as the department is looking to purchase three fire trucks in the next few years. ARPA funds may be an option for those purchases. The Board of Audit will occur as part of the February 22, 2023 meeting. Ken informed the Board he has roughly \$600,000 of the town's funds at Sherburne State Bank drawing 3% interest and some in 4M Term Series at 4.7% interest. He asked the Board if they wanted him to move additional funds to the 4M Term Series. The Board requested he leave \$500,000 at Sherburne State Bank. The town treasury ending balance (less escrows) as of February 07, 2023 was \$2,422,321.77. As fiscal agent for CMRP, the town holds the groups funds in escrow. Including escrows the total town treasury was \$2,939,588.49. *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: Hedstrom/Brenteson. Approved by: Aubol, Brenteson, Hedstrom and Leslie. None opposed. Motion Prevailed.

Announcement

- ~ Town Offices will be closed President's Day - Monday February 20, 2023.
- ~ Board of Audit will be held during the next Town Board meeting, on Wednesday 02/22/2023.
- ~ Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 14, 2023, commencing at 6PM, at the Town Hall.

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

Accepted this 22nd day of February 2023, by the Town of Big Lake Board of Supervisors.

Bruce Aubol, Chair

Attest: _____
Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Town Clerk