

Summary of the August 8, 2016 bi-monthly meeting Town Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. The Town Board and Town Employees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor David Opack, second by Supervisor Jon Nelson and unanimously approved. Minutes of the July 11, 2016 and July 25, 2016 Regular Bi-monthly Town Board Meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Motion by Supervisor Nelson second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were no outstanding checks for the month.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Gravel pit complaint-The Town Board went over the "Enforcement, Penalties and Remedies listed in our Ordinance #10. The Ordinance states that the Zoning Officer shall investigate all alleged violations and direct the property owner to correct the violation within a reasonable period of time. The pit owners were notified and we have not received any more complaints. The Town Board will make a recommendation to the P&Z Board to change the wording from "The Zoning Officer shall report such violations to the Town Attorney" and change to "report to the Town Board before we proceed to take appropriate and immediate legal action on the matter."

Roof repair-Chair Franckowiak is still working on this. All contractors are very busy right now.

P&Z Violation-Our attorney, Mike Couri, will start the summons and complaint paperwork the week of August 15, 2016.

St. Louis County Ordinances 60 & 62-There will be a Public Hearing on August 11th at 10:15 a.m. in Virginia, MN seeking comments on the proposed ordinance amendments. Clerk will pass the information on to the P&Z Board.

Storm damage insurance update-Toni Blomdahl, Deputy Clerk is working with our insurance adjuster on the damage to the garage at the Community Center. She hasn't contacted anyone yet about repairing the fence around the tennis court. The dug-out damage is not covered by our insurance. At National Night Out, it was mentioned that there are some sharp corners on the dug-out and the GCC janitor will look into this. Supervisor Nelson mentioned that we should ask our adjuster if the damage done to the grass when removing the downed trees will be covered. Toni will get something set up with Dirt Works and Sentence to Serve people to repair the damages to the grass.

Reminder-DAT Meeting, Thursday, August 18th at 6:00 p.m. at Rice Lake City Hall. The meeting agenda and minutes were included in the Supervisor's packet.

Disaster Emergency Plan-Supervisor Nelson is working on this.

National Night Out recap-The Town clerk will give an update at the August 22nd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report-Tom Haller stated that this third storm brought some more trees down on the township roads, so he has gone out and cleared them off the roads. We received a request from a resident on Needle Lane and the Town Board approved the grader operator going out to touch up the wash outs. The plan is to haul some gravel onto this road later this fall. Supervisor Opack and Tom will go out on Thursday to remove the fence post sticking up out of Pioneer Road.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager report-Toni Blomdahl stated that the Summer Youth Program will be done on August 18th. We received a call from Per Mar that we need to reset the repeater for the alarm. Kurt Blegen and Toni will handle this. The Town Board is asking the residents

that if you see anyone tearing up the Community Center's lawn or the township roads, that you report it to one of the Town Board Supervisors or leave a message at the Town Hall.

GCC Newspaper-Editor Cindy Erickson stated the County extended the gravel pit drop-off site for debris from the storm for two more weeks so she corrected the end date on our website. Cindy said the website is getting a lot of use. The newspaper is going well.

District 10 Meeting notice-Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. registration, 6:00 p.m. meeting-Grand Lake Town Hall.

State of Local emergency-The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners has declared a "State of Local Emergency" for St. Louis County as a result of the devastating storms on July 5 & 21, 2016. The forms need to be filled out and returned by September 10, 2016. Supervisor Nelson asked Chair Franckowiak to get the numbers from the Volunteer Fire Department for the hours they worked clearing roads during the storms and the Town clerk will get the expenses for the township.

Future expenses-Treasurer Paul Glaesemann would like a list of what future expenses we foresee and to prioritize them; such as gym floor replacement, roof repairs at GCC, new electrical wiring at GCC, blacktop repair at the Town Hall and GCC, playground equipment updates/repairs, and the cost to equip the Community Center with a generator and etc. in the event of another disaster.

Community Center- Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, Board approved to put a threshold in the north half of the Senior's room. Cindy Erickson suggested that we have a cleaning day at the Center.

Additional claims for the August 22, 2016 meeting-We will write checks for the Fire Department, election judges, National Night Out expenses and the final paycheck for the Summer Youth Workers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

One piece of correspondence was received, from Minnesota Revenue, stating we will receive Town Aid again in 2016 & 2017.

Fourteen building permits were turned in for the month of July 2016.

Disbursements #13596 through #13628 and three Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$23,558.82 with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

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