



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2015 7:00PM

The Orrock Township Board met in regular session, on Wednesday December 30, 2015 at 7:00PM, at the Orrock Town Hall, 26401 – 180th St. NW, Big Lake, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gotzian, at 7:00PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisors Bryan Adams, Charles Gotzian, Bob Hassett and Eric Peterson, Treasurer Laura Jones and Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas were in attendance. Town Engineer Mike Nielson, a number of residents and observers were also present. Supervisor Corrie Silverberg was absent.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Supervisor Hassett requested the addition of Big Lake Fire Board as letter ‘g’ under New Business.

Motion/Second to accept the November Agenda with the addition by: Adams/Gotzian

Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Peterson

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Carries

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES:

Motion/Second to accept the November Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented by: Gotzian/Hassett

Approved: Adams, Gotzian and Hassett

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: Peterson

Motion Carries

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Bryan Adams noted the need to make the addition of Greg Russell to the minutes.

Motion/Second to accept the Special Meeting Minutes, with correction by: Adams/Hassett

Approved: Adams, Hassett and Peterson

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: Gotzian

Motion Carries

SHERIFF’S REPORT:

Commander Steve Doran and Deputy Joe Schanen were present to update the Board. Cmdr. Doran gave the statistic information of 90 ICRs, for the month.

Deputy Schanen spoke about overweight concerns on 255th and 233rd. Deputy Schanen had contact with one trucker who stated the 5-ton restriction made it financially difficult for him as the cost to move the product to Bemidji was more than he made on a load. Deputy Schanen and State Patrol Sargeant Borner had contact with some haulers and clarified to them the weight restrictions, as well as the fact that the timber was not exempt as it is not a agricultural product. They also educated the drivers on the fact that the winter weight increase has not been put into effect, to date. Dpty. Schanen noted the stopping of a Sylvan truck in Zimmerman, which was traveling over the 30MPH speed limit. The driver was issued a warning.

NEW BUSINESS:

KURTZ COMBINED LOT REVIEW

The Board reviewed the mylar copies for the consolidation of Eagle Lake Shores Block 1, Unit 3 Lots 1 & 2, Eagle Lake Shores Block 7, Unit 1, Lots 14 & 15 and the previously vacated portion of Chestnut Street.

Motion/Second to sign the mylar copies presented; thereby approving the consolidation of Eagle Lake Shores Block 1, Unit 3 Lots 1 & 2, Eagle Lake Shores Block 7, Unit 1, Lots 14 & 15 and the previously vacated portion of Chestnut Street by: Adams/Hassett

Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Peterson

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Carries

ROW ORDINANCES:

Supervisor Adams felt some of the language would make it difficult to administrate and asked to be able to contact Bob Ruppe to review and modify the language.

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BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION:

Currently Supervisors Gotzian and Silverberg are certified as completing the appeals and equalization training. Supervisors Adams and Hassett will also take the online training program prior to the February 1, 2016 deadline. The Board approved the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization date as Wednesday April 13. The meeting will be held at the Orrock Township Hall at 4:00PM.

JOINT COMMUNITY MEETING:

Motion/Second to approve any interested Board member attend the Joint Community meeting to be held at the Big Lake City Council Chambers on Thursday January 21, 2016 at 6:00PM by: Adams/Gotzian

Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Peterson

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Carries

SHERBURNE COUNTY AREA TOWNSHIP MEETING (SCAT):

Motion/Second to approve any interested Board member attend the SCAT meeting to be held at the Big Lake City Council Chambers on Wednesday January 20, 2016 at 6:30PM by: Gotzian/Adams

Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Peterson

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Carries

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIPS ANNUAL MEETING:

Supervisor Adams attended the Friday sessions and found them very informative. He told the Board there was good information shared about ROWs and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety goals of zero deaths on Minnesota roads, by 2020.

BIG LAKE FIRE BOARD:

Supervisor Hassett reported on the Big Lake Fire Board meeting. The budget was reviewed during the meeting. Of note was the moving of the ambulance service to the commercial building behind the Big Lake Holiday Gas Station. There is a question on an easement to the alley, but that should be resolved soon. The other item of note was the implementation of a Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for the Fire Dept. personnel.

ROADS

LOGGING TRUCKS USE OF ROADS

Supervisor Hassett reported the harvest in the Sand Dunes which uses 233rd Ave. to remove the logs is almost completed. The other timber harvested will be removed using a DNR road onto CSAH1.

The use of 255th Ave for USFWS harvests in the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge is also almost complete. Further harvested trees will be moved so the trucks will only use county roads.

The Board requested Clerk Kimberly-Maas update the township website be updated with links to the USFWS information on the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge and the DNRs Sand Dunes State Forest Plan.

WEIGHT RESTRICTION RESOLUTION:

The Board reviewed the revised resolution and chose to add a number of roads to Appendix A.

Motion/Second adopting the revised Resolution Posting Weight Restrictions Resolution# R- 20151230 by:
Gotzian/Hassett
Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Peterson
Opposed by: None
Abstaining: None
Motion Carries

Motion/Second to have Bob Ruppe provide a quote to perform an O&E of properties laying next to roads which travel through, in or next to Public Lands by: Gotzian/Hassett
Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Peterson
Opposed by: None
Abstaining: None
Motion Carries

POT HOLE REPAIR UPDATE:

Charlie noted there are a few potholes on 233rd Ave. NW. and some he needs to check to see if they were repaired before the roads were snow covered.

There is also one on 255th Ave, which had started prior to the logging truck use of the road. The contractor has been advised to have his drivers go around it as much as possible.

FOLLOW-UP IN JANUARY.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS UPDATE:

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SIGN RETRO-REFLECTIVITY STANDARDS – SIGN REPLACEMENT POLICY:

Supervisor Hassett had been in contact with Big Lake Township and Sherburne County on the retro reflectivity portion of their policy. Both entities replace signs on a schedule without performing the study. Hassett also contacted Sherburne County gave Bob information on alternative mapping software applications. However we should be able to use the current mapping system Bob has put in place.

The policy will be updated to remove the retro-reflectivity portion and be presented to the Board in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAKE ANN AGREEMENT:

Pat O’Hern from the Lake Ann Association was present to update the Board on the status of the Club’s progress on approving the Use Agreement. The Club has retained a lawyer to review the Agreement on their behalf. Their legal counsel will contact the Town’s counsel with regard to the language, with which the Club has concern.

Motion/Second allowing Bob Ruppe, Town’s Counsel, to work with Lake Association Counsel at Hess Law firm, on Agreement language by: Gotzian/Adams
Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Peterson
Opposed by: None
Abstaining: None
Motion Carries

NEW ELECTION EQUIPMENT:

Sherburne County Board approved the purchase of election equipment. The County is allowing us to break out the cost of the new equipment into payments.

NO FURTHER ACTION NEEDED AT THIS TIME

TREASURER'S BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There were a couple of changes to the claims which had been mailed. There was a revision to the Tax Notices.

Motion/Second to approve the December Consent Agenda, with the changes presented by Treasurer Jones
by: Peterson/Gotzian
Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Peterson
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Motion Carries

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jones reported the Bank Balance as end of December: \$862,356.98.

General Fund: \$ 49,149.04	Road & Bridge: \$ 337,061.52
Fire: \$35,490.46	Capital Reserve: \$139,253.24
Escrows:	
Heritage Hills: \$0	Pine Cone: \$1,066.25
Woodlands of Livonia: \$4,653.75	Savannah Meadows: \$6,612.61
Shores of Eagle Lake: \$95,567.19	Woods of Eagle Lake: \$506.82
Pine Point: \$4,500.00	Lonesome Oak: \$500.00
Thunderbuck: \$4,182.50	Horseshoe Estates: \$20,700.00
Timberquest: \$20,160.00	Deer Crossing: \$1,000.00
Donahue Estates: \$3,161.25	Jacob's Ridge: <\$11.25>
Harmony Village: \$0.00	

Motion/Second to accept the Treasurer's Report date ending 12/31/2015 by: Peterson/Gotzian
Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Peterson
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Motion Carries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Kimberly-Maas noted Affidavits of Candidacy could be filed beginning on 12/29/15. Supervisor seats C & D and the Clerk seat are up for election.

LAST CALL FOR BUSINESS

NO FURTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORTH

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second to adjourn the December Monthly Meeting at 8:05PM, on Wednesday, December 30, 2015:
Gotzian/Hassett
Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Peterson
Abstaining: None
Opposed: None
Motion carried adjourning the December Monthly Meeting, on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 8:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Kimberly-Maas
Orrock Township Clerk

Accepted this 27th day of January, 2016, by the Orrock Township Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson

Attest: _____
Town Clerk