



REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 7:00PM

The Orrock Township Board met in regular session, on Wednesday September 28, 2016 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, Eric Peterson, Corrie Silverberg, Treasurer Laura Jones and Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas were in attendance. Town Engineer Chris Sonmor, a number of residents and observers were also present.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING AGENDA

Gary Goldsmith requested the Annual Meeting Continuation Minutes be presented at the October meeting.

Motion/Second to accept the September Agenda with the omission of the presentation of the Annual Meeting Continuation DRAFT by: Gotzian/Peterson

Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Prevails

PUBLIC HEARING – HIDDEN PONDS EASEMENT VACATION:

Clerk Kimberly-Maas informed the Board that all of the required documents had been completed by Jeremy Barthel, for the vacation of the drainage and utility easement, between his and the Welle's property. There were no concerns brought forth by the gallery or Board. There were no damages to be paid to either property owner.

Motion/Second adopting the Resolution Approving Vacation of Utility and Drainage Easement:

Adams/Silverberg

Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Prevails

APPROVAL OF AUGUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion/Second to accept August Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented by: Peterson/Gotzian

Approved: Adams, Gotzian and Peterson

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: Hassett, Silverberg

Motion Prevails

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERAL ELECTION JUDGE APPROVAL

Clerk Kimberly-Maas presented the Board the list of trained Election Judges to serve during the General Election.

Motion/Second approving the presented Election Judges for the 2016 General Election by:

Gotzian/Peterson

Approved: Adams, Gotzian Hassett and Peterson

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: Silverberg

Motion Prevails

VARIANCE REQUESTS

Broker – Big Eagle Point – Board recommends approval.
Lofthus – Lake Ann – Board recommends approval.

PLOWING

Darryl Waletzko inquired if the Board is considering a change to the plowing policy/reducing the threshold of when the plows will be dispatched to reduce the amount of packed snow when less than 2” fall on numerous occasions. He also suggested the Board change the mailbox/plow policy. He found that most of the mailboxes which were replaced previous seasons were either non-compliant or in poor condition, where the weight of the snow took them down. The Board will think about ways to alleviate this from occurring and Clerk will research other township’s thresholds and mailbox/plow policies.

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ORROCK #1

Supervisor Peterson will give the 1-ton a once over, charging only for parts as needed.
Motion/Second authorizing Peterson to look over Orrock #1 by: Gotzian/Silverberg
Approved: Adams, Gotzian Hassett and Silverberg
Opposed by: None
Abstaining: Peterson
Motion Prevails

OLD BUSINESS

BIG LAKE COMPOST SITE – After further discussion, the Board decided to decline making a donation to assist with the cost of paving the Big Lake compost site.

ANN LAKE DRAIN GUARDS – Motion/Second authorizing Darryl Waletzko to place concrete curbing around the drains located near Lake Ann, for the amount of \$900.00 as was presented in his quote by: Adams/Silverberg
Approved: Adams, Gotzian Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg
Opposed by: None
Abstaining: None
Motion Prevails

FEE SCHEDULE – Motion/Second adopting Fee Schedule Ordinance by: Peterson/Silverberg
Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg
Opposed by: None
Abstaining: None
Motion Prevails

BIG EAGLE LAKE - 232ND AVE. SEDIMENT CONTROL – Supervisor Adams informed the Board the contract with Bogart was approved by Sherburne County SWCD, the area was surveyed and the preliminary plans with their cost will be done before the end of 2016.

STATUS OF REPAIRS TO 187TH ST. NW – Chair Gotzian updated Supervisors Hassett and Silverberg on the findings about being able to collect on costs to repair the damage done by construction vehicles, on 187th St. NW.
NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN

ANNUAL MEETING/ORGANIZED COLLECTION RECAP – Supervisor Silverberg informed the Board he and Gary Goldsmith had a meeting set up hauling companies, prior to the reconvention of the Annual Meeting. The meeting was cancelled because the haulers decided they didn’t wish to meet. Corrie asked the Board if they desired he and Gary continue to research this option. The Board decided they did not wish to formally continue the research. Both Corrie and Gary expressed as residents, they would continue research the process, because they desired to understand it. Some residents misunderstood and voiced concern. Corrie reiterated he and Gary would research as PRIVATE CITIZENS, on their own behalf and for their own education of the process.
NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN

ROADS

WINTER CLOSURE OF 253RD AVE. NW – Supervisor Hassett had inquired with DNR personnel on the possibility of moving their gate to the west on 253rd to where the Town would like to close the road. The DNR informed Bob, they no longer close the gate due to liability concerns. The Board requested legal counsel be asked if the road must be barricaded.

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POT HOLE REPAIRS - Darryl reported the patched areas look good. He also informed the Board the need for additional regulatory signs. Clerk will get the information and order needed signs.

GRADING – Charlie informed the Board all aggregate roads had been graded.

TREASURER’S BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Jones informed the Board two additional claims were presented after the list was submitted via email.

Darryl Waletzko and Park Construction (less 5% retention of original claim)

Motion/Second to approve the Claims/Consent Agenda with the two additional Claims by:

Adams/Silverberg

Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Prevails

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Jones reported the fund Balances as of August 31, 2016:

General Fund: \$ 66,025.73

Road & Bridge: \$ 321,426.80

Fire: \$ 71,967.05

Capital Reserve: \$139,373.35

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

Mystic Ridge: <\$1414.50>

Motion/Second to accept the Treasurer’s Report date ending 8/31/2016 by: Silverberg/Peterson

Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Prevails

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Supervisor Hassett updated the Board on the Sandune State Forest Stakeholders meeting. He informed them he had copies of some information/links and placed the information in their mail baskets.

Chair Gotzian asked if there were any other announcements. Resident Jennifer Jost questioned why the budget information on the Treasurer’s report seemed inaccurate and incomplete. She was informed the State’s accounting software has a glitch. The information entered for budget numbers, does not print on the reports accurately. This is outside the control of the Treasurer and Board. Jennifer asked why the General Fund budget was not itemized. The Board explained the General Fund is not budgeted on an line item basis. Jennifer did not understand why, even when the Treasurer made further efforts to explain how Township budgets are created. Jennifer also asked about the Escrow balances, the reason for balances where the development was “full”. Specifically, she wanted to know about her development, Pine Point. Again the Treasurer explained the process the Board needs to follow to release those funds, either to the developer or back into the Town’s funds. Jennifer requested she be informed of the status of Pine Point’s escrow.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second to adjourn the September Monthly Meeting at 8:20PM, on Wednesday September 30, 2016 by: Silverberg/Gotzian

Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg

Opposed by: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Prevails adjourning the September Monthly Meeting, on Wednesday September 30, 2016 at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Kimberly-Maas
Orrock Township Clerk

Accepted this 26th day of October 2016, by the Orrock Township Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson

Attest: _____
Town Clerk