

Vermillion Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022

Attendance:

Supervisor Chairman Larry Ring
Supervisor Bruce Lohmann
Supervisor Audrey Felty
Clerk Cindy Ladzun
Treasurer Nick Rueger
Attorney Leah Koch

Chairman Ring opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The supervisors reviewed the January meeting minutes and Lohmann motioned to accept them as written. Felty seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Rueger presented the claims to the board. Ring motioned to accept the claims as presented. Lohmann seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Rueger presented a verbal summary of the Treasurer's report, highlighting some of the larger claims. Felty motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Lohmann seconded the motion; all were favor and the motion carried.

Ring noted that additional money will be coming to the township this year due to the increased levy amount for the road and bridge that was voted on at the 2021 annual meeting. Ring also noted that the \$65,000 ARPA money came into the township account this past year and the township will receive another \$65,000 from ARPA sometime this spring. An announcement was made by the MN Assoc. of Townships in their quarterly magazine that this money can be used for road and bridge.

Deputy visit – Catalytic converter thefts are happening at all times of the day, be sure to keep your cars locked and valuables out of sight. If you see something suspicious, call. Felty noted that a neighbor notified her that people were walking in the middle of the fields behind her house with lights. She will call if it happens again.

Permits:

- Girgen - Koch provided a resolution to the board that would approve the request of Adam Girgen for clustering and the parcel split. Lohmann motioned to approve the resolution for the clustering and parcel split. Felty seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Old Business:

- Doffing Pool - Koch stated that some letters were sent to the Doffings advising them of their obligation to get a permit for their pool and deck/platform and were largely ignored. Technically the Doffings have violated the building code and the township could refer for prosecution. Koch will work with the Doffing's and let them know they have two weeks to pay their permit fee.
- Schedule of Fees – Ladzun provided the supervisors with a copy of the 2021 Schedule of Fees and possible changes that could be made to these fees. This will be discussed in greater detail at the

next regular township meeting in March.

- ARPA Money – Ladzun explained what the MN Assoc. of Townships said the ARPA money coming to the township could be used for.
- Mark Deters attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of the township to accept his 25 acre and two 20-acre parcels to be part of the Metropolitan Agricultural Preserve Covenant. Koch will review this document and let the supervisors know of her findings at a future meeting.
- Bridge off 180th – Discussion was had regarding the possibly of installing signs noting: no jumping, no diving, no soliciting, no loitering and no parking. It was noted that an ordinance would need to be created in order for the police to enforce it.
- 19731 Coates Blvd - Catherine Wimmer (sister of property owner) and William Breeggmin (friend of property owner) attended the meeting to discuss the progress being made. The flapping metal on the shed has been taken care of, multiple trees have been cut down and 30 truckloads of scrap have been removed. Koch explained that an order regarding this property was created, served and the township is now at a point that it could be filed with the courts. She further explained that the township could put a pause on it, due to the increased improvements that have been made regarding the clean-up. Lohmann stated that as long as the property owner continues making forward progress, he is okay with putting the order on hold. If the progress doesn't continue than the order will have to be reviewed again. Ring suggested that a representative for the property attend the board meetings periodically to advise the board of the updates and/or progress that is being made. Felty would like to put a pause on it, but not eliminate.

New Business:

- Empire Township is taking steps to incorporate into a city. Koch stated that a notice had to be made to other municipalities that touch that township's boundaries. It was noted that no action needs to be taken on this.
- Dream Team has been improperly running a business within the township without a conditional use permit. The supervisors recommend that Koch draft a letter to the Dream Team stating that an application for a conditional use would need to be turned into the township by, Friday, March 11th.
- Minnesota Benefits Association – The current benefit that the township provides to its employees is life insurance. It was noted that other benefits are available to the board members if they so choose.
- Board of Audit Meeting – Ring motioned to set the Board of Audit Meeting for Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm in which the levy amounts for 2023 will be discussed. This meeting will take place at: USW 662 Union Hall - 18990 Goodwin Avenue - Hastings. The alternative location would be: Vermillion Town Hall - 118 Park Avenue - Vermillion. Felty seconded the motion; all were favor and the motion carried.
- Election Judges – Felty motioned to accept Chris Haan as the head election judge and Sahrene Roberts, Joan Moes, Debra Marthaler and Denise Werner as election judges for the March 8, 2022 election. Lohmann seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- Minnesota Association of Township Insurance – Rueger and Ladzun to work together to make sure we are covered correctly for the town hall building which would also include the contents that are within the town hall. Coverage regarding the computers will also be reviewed.
- USW 662 Union Hall Consumption License - Lohmann motioned to approve the Intoxicating Liquor Consumption & Display Permit for the USW 662 Union Hall. Felty seconded the motion; all were favor and the motion carried.

Other Business:

Darold Siebenaler purchased a parcel of land between his parents and his dwelling six years ago and explained that the county believes there is a buildable lot on this parcel and thus would be the reason that the taxes have increased on this parcel by 564% over the years. Siebenaler believes there is no buildable lot on this parcel and thinks this would be reflected in the meeting minutes. He will research what year and month he believes this would be noted and will let us know.

Adjourn

At 9:41 p.m. Lohmann motioned to adjourn; Felty seconded. All were in favor and motion carried.

Cynthia Ladzun
Vermillion Township Clerk

CLAIMS (BILLS TO PAY)

YEAR	CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT	NAME	INVOICE DATE	ACCT. NUMBER	ITEM		
2022	KIMMIES ENTERPRISES	\$25,462.80	BEAVER CREEK	3/4/2022	VT-22-103	PERMITS		(\$1,053.51)
2022	BEAVER CREEK CO	\$6,031.37	CAMPBELL KNUTSON	2/28/2022	3525G	GENERAL LEGAL		(\$2,440.50)
2022	HRFA		DAKOTA CTY.	2/14/2022	P0008964	2022 VOTING EQUIP. LICENSE FEE		(\$689.05)
2022	ENVIROTECH		DAKOTA CTY.	2/16/2022	P0008964	JAN. SALT AND SAND		(\$429.50)
2022	PINE BEND PAVING		ECM	2/28/2022	494825	ADS		(\$45.50)
2022	SOLBERG AG.		KIMMIES ENTERPRISES	3/5/2022		FEBRUARY WORK		(\$8,650.90)
			VERIZON WIRELESS	3/3/2022	980631378-00001	TOWNSHIP CELL		(\$50.02)
			XCEL ENERGY	2/18/2022	51-4765961-6	TOWNSHIP UTILITY		(\$15.52)
			CHRISTINA HAAN	3/8/2022		ELECTION JUDGE (HEAD)		(\$750.21)
			DEBRA MARTHALER	3/8/2022		ELECTION JUDGE		(\$97.02)
			SAHRENE ROBERTS	3/8/2022		ELECTION JUDGE		(\$347.11)
			P SIEBENALER	3/8/2022		ELECTION JUDGE		(\$213.51)
			JOAN MOES	3/8/2022		ELECTION JUDGE		(\$294.91)
						TOTAL		(\$15,077.26)

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