

Greenvale Town Board Minutes April 21, 2015

Present: Chair Greg Langer, Supervisor Duane Fredrickson, Supervisor David Roehl, Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Clerk Linus Langer, Attorney John Ophaug.

7:00 PM meeting was called to Order and Pledge was recited.

Fredrickson moved to approve April 14th Special Meeting Minutes. Roehl seconded and motion carried all in favor.

Fredrickson offered adjustments to Agenda. Langer wanted to avoid missing things. Fredrickson moved to approve as written with understanding we try to move along. Roehl made second and motion carried with all in favor.

March meeting Board structure continuance: Fredrickson moved to reappoint Langer as Chair. Roehl made second and motion passed.

Clerk: Election results and procedures were recapped. County's recount was certified at Board of Canvass and Dave Roehl took Oath of Office on April 10th.

Septic contract and MPCA updates were tabled for a future meeting.

Roads: Dresden Avenue cost share options. Was looking like 30K but now other quotes are being considered. Waterford town board is considering the plans we are evaluating. Jerry Bolton said 4 years ago we spent 40k patching and it only lasted 3 years. Roehl asked Bolton about overlay vs patches. Overlay is other possibility for about \$77000; next option to redo is longer lasting but would be very expensive. Best option seems to be \$77k plan that would be split 50/50 with Waterford if they

agree. Decided to send letter to Waterford telling them we would revisit these questions in May.

Authority to spend a given amount of money on special road needs. To dig sink holes, cut trees, etc... Roehl asked about setting an amount. Langer moved to approve \$1000 for emergency road repairs with a Supervisor's approval. Fredrickson made second and motion passed.

Road Tour schedule was revisited. Fredrickson had lots of commitments and recommended scheduling around other's time frames. Tour was set for April 24th 7am. Langer will rent a van again this year for tour and send a notice.

Review requests for permits: Jackie and Brent Johnson were welcomed and inquired about building a house this summer in Section 10. Barb Swenson talked about past survey and easement off 292nd which is a legal township road. Wendy Bolton asked about procedures for a possible roof permit in the future. Clerk received a permit application yesterday in the mail for a roof top solar project for Gerry Gehler.

Ryan Wimbish was in attendance with a pending purchase agreement and site map. Blueprints are not yet complete. Langer explained some of process and asked if there was an attorney helping. Ryan said he did not have one. Clerk will stay in touch and share forms required for next steps.

Dean Odette was in attendance to share information on Rural Fire Board. Langer moved to appoint Dean Odette to represent Greenvale Township on the Rural Fire Board. Roehl made the second and vote was unanimous.

Old business: Tabled until after new bus.

New Business: John Fink's request for property rights transfer. Tom Wirtzfeld said there is probably a simpler solution. Fink would like to divest of 5 sites. Tom asked if meetings are recorded. (Ans: No) Tom presented a letter of concerns, and recommended a sound system. Langer acknowledged letter and explained posting procedures were met and spoke to the concerns. 6 pm meeting time was read from minutes.

Discuss attorney's recommendation on moratorium: Langer spoke about draft on policies. Hasn't heard much feedback on policies. Asked for discussion. It was asked if past transfers were valid. Langer expressed what we learned. We want to be able to be fair to everyone... Fredrickson asked about sites already transferred and thinks they should be recognized and Langer agreed. Fredrickson mentioned transfers that already occurred be validated; addressing stuff that has already happened would be different from new items going forward. Langer spoke about grant application and help received from study. Fredrickson wondered if we should ask Ophaug on these matters. Langer mentioned benefit of planning commission in dealing with ongoing property and zoning questions. Langer said it might be best money spent this year. Roehl thinks it's a good idea to get Dean Johnson involved.

Langer moved to schedule time at May meeting and invite Attorney John Ophaug and Planner Dean Johnson to discuss handling of previous site transfer concerns. Fredrickson made second, vote passed.

6 month Moratorium: Roehl explained we were advised to act on a Moratorium. Fredrickson moved we place a moratorium for six months on building site transfers. Langer made second and motion carried.

North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization (NCRWMO): Langer is current Chair and spoke about our connection to organization. This year there are no projects in Greenvale Township. It is advised we have an alternate serving on the Board and Wayne Peterson has expressed an interest. Langer moved to appoint Wayne Peterson as alternate. Roehl made second and all approved.

ROCHESTER: Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) March 17th Training. Roehl and Fredrickson could not make short course training. Darcy White and Linus Langer attended clerk/treasurer training, Greg Langer attended supervisor training and Wayne Peterson attended new officer training at a separate event in Mankato. Supervisor Langer shared from training our insurance is provided by MATIT (Insurance Trust). Kris McCullough from MATIT spoke about need for contractor's liability insurance; that anyone out on the road absolutely (due to tort caps) needs 1.5m coverage. 500k would be sufficient for some other types of work with specific requirement of Commercial General Liability, with condition Township is listed as added insured.

Dakota County Township Officer's Meeting: Duane Fredrickson and Langer attended and brought back discussion on new maps for wetlands. Fredrickson said if your parcel is affected you will be interested. We have obligation when we see work being done on wetlands and/or floodplain areas. Dee McDaniels and Brian Watson gave wetlands presentations.

Lawn mowing: Angie Minar is interested, Steve Nelson is interested and maybe others too. Last year we mailed flyers and will send them out again. \$425 paid LY.

Isle Avenue guardrail. We received a check for \$7043 from Progressive Insurance and paid attorney \$180. We talked about

putting an approach sign. Otte mentioned flashing light. Roehl moved to have Otte add flashing light to stop sign. Fredrickson seconded, motion passed.

2014 Road Improvement Committee report is now available on website.

www.greenvaletwp.org

Buildable Site Project: \$1724.18 cost is pending. Grant has \$760 +/- left.

Governor Dayton gathering at Legvold farm to listen/understand new policy questions on buffer strips. Fredrickson would like to have copy of event. Big takeaway was it doesn't need to be one size fits all. Dakota County farmers believe it can work.

Notes: Wind energy was big thing in past. Solar is coming. Gardens of Eagan is for sale but will operate thru 2015. Fredrickson would like to commend chair on timely meeting. Erwin Ulrich asked about previous septic permit?

Claims and Payroll were reviewed and paid.

8:50 Meeting Adjourned.