

**Greenvale Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 18 2017**

Board Present – Chair Gregory Langer, Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Supervisor David Roehl, Clerk Linus Langer, Supervisor Darcy White.

Guests Present – Lila Winter, Bob Winter, Jake Fossum, John Kuyper, John Sullivan, Jason Flaa, James Reisinger, Maynard Bolton, Phil White, Tony Rowan, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton, David Legvold, Tim McNearny, Ken Malecha, Dean Odette, Bernard Budin, John Fink, Jeff Bohlen, George Fischer, Duane Fredrickson, Bruce Mohn, Chris Casto, Victor Volkert, Becky McNamara, Mike McNamara, Jennifer Welbaum, Tom Wirtzfeld, Vicky Langer, Niel Ritchie, Julie Ristau, Craig Wasner, Linda Wasner, David Hvistendahl, Town Attorney John Ophaug.

At 7 pm meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Review Minutes – Roehl moved to accept the March regular meeting minutes, White gave the second and motion passed.

Review Agenda – added request from Jim Reisinger to make comments, added request from Jennifer Welbaum for a barn repair permit, added NCRWMO update from meeting in March.

Langer moved to approve agenda with additions, Roehl gave second and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – April 2nd shows a beginning balance of \$275,331, and ending balance \$263,178. The bank statement matches with a \$266,294 balance with \$96 deposits in transit and \$3,211 checks outstanding. Langer moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Roehl made the second with all voting in favor.

Clerk's Report – will likely send follow-up correspondence on septic pump requirements (not met) where MPCA has established rules for upkeep on rural systems. Some building permits still open past usual timelines. Contractors and/or owners not always keeping in touch as required.

Road Concerns – invoices from Otte and from Anderson Rock.... RI Committee met April 5th... they meet as needed and there are minutes available.... Committee looked at culvert that had erosion control work done but there has been new washout that needs to be repaired. Langer and Roehl and White looked at photos of past work accomplished... Roehl asked about resizing to bigger rocks and Bryce mentioned the bigger rocks are 2-3 ft in diameter.... Langer moved to approve funding to repair erosion, seconded by Roehl with unanimous vote in favor.

Bridge maintenance report from Dakota County... 2 bridges... rip rap on south abutment and delineators... White asked for clarity on delineators. Langer moved for approval on repairs and Roehl gave second with motion passing.

Jerry Bolton and Langer attended the Waterford Township meeting... there is a letter with their ideas for gravel on Dresden and maintenance costs... split on crack filling costs would be shared. North Dresden Avenue needs some gravel... Langer read letter from Liz Messner... they would like to follow recommendation from contractor.... both townships would benefit and over-all we would have a better road... Langer recommended we discuss in May and during annual road tour.

Historically we schedule our tour in late April... last year there was concern that not everyone could hear what was being said.... This year van cost would be \$190, to get a bus with PA would be \$289 or mini would be even greater. Roehl said van would be fine as long as participants can hear better, but cost wise good with the van. Set date and time: 9AM Friday April 28th.

Ditch work on north end of Isle Avenue – Jerry and Greg met with vegetable farmers (Xions) about reshaping and sculpting the ditch... (last year we ended up hauling dirt which was costly and time consuming) Asked Otte “do you think that is something we can schedule soon?”

White asked about spot work on 307th? Roehl asked how many loads did we need? 8 were delivered, with 2 on another road. Langer recapped ticket procedures and lab sampling results.

Jerry identified erosion on 305th and Isle, down by Mike’s place.... will talk to Otte about it.

Citizen Business – please keep comments to a few minutes. Jim Reisinger: came to board last month and made request... some of the comments were that there was no commercial in our township....talked to Scott County... it will be hard for Greenvale to deny kwik trip on corner... new comp plan ought to address current commercial property... would like to see the new comp plan address these commercial concerns...

Joyce Moore asked about minutes and agendas put on the web site. Also asked to be more informed by board as some mailers don’t reach everyone. Agreed Board puts out very few notices, but others are sent at sender’s expense. Everyone encouraged always to ask board members for information and provide input.

Dakota County Deputy Sheriff Timothy P. Gonder arrived – shared info on internet mail fraud and scam event at Hampton town hall... more geared to elderly people... lot of irrigators get wires stolen with thousands of dollars damage... some mail thefts lately... red flag on mailboxes seem attractive to thieves... deputy treasurer in Waterford township had building broken into... serial numbers are valuable when trying to id stolen items... crime is cyclical, and now it’s warm out... Jerry had picked up tv’s but they now drop them it right in his driveway... 911 is best number to call. dispatch is moved to Rosemount and they do whole county. 651-322-2323 is number straight into dispatch. Deputy Sheriff Tim Goner’s cell can be given out: 651-775-7147.

White asked if Sheriff’s department schedules house watches when residents are away? Yes... we log them and type them into computer system for help in monitoring and prevention.

Review requests for building permits: Wayne Peterson... presented application and information for a new pole shed. Setbacks were discussed as way beyond requirements.... Langer moved to approve request for post frame shed, Roehl seconded and motion passed with all in favor.

Jennifer Welbaum had a barn repair permit application ready for review. They had water damage to foundation that needed repair. Was former Billy Elstad farm. After discussion Langer moved to approve, Roehl made second and motion passed.

Northern Natural Gas looking to add a utility building... Roehl suggested waiting until more information is provided, as permit application was still pending ... tabled until May meeting.

Continue review request from Main Street Project – Langer explained we have been working on it for over a year... as we stated at last meeting. Owners want to assign building rights from one area to another... we can cluster, if/while still under single ownership...

Julie Ristau presented a helpful map. Ophaug explained they are asking to move rights from A to B which ordinance permits... 2nd item to subdivide into no more than two parcels subject to easement... any property not adjoining a public road (this does not) would take a change allowing an easement... not asking that tonight... sub 1 and cluster 2 is request for tonight where we prepared an agreement tonight.... what I am suggestion you can pass approving in principal and then ask chair and clerk to act later... Hvistendahl: we are working on tying up those details... we are close but not there yet... we will submit agreement within one week. Langer recapped understanding... we would approve tonight and we would in future sign after easement is prepared... Note: an excellent presentation of zoning Q & A.

Langer moved to approve request as presented and we sign after attorney has delivered satisfactory easement. Roehl made second and motion passed with all in favor.

Continue Discussion on Information letter to residents – Langer drafted one in October and again in December... White explained comprehensive plan is one issue and planning commission is different issue... Langer read Whites letter... looking for volunteers...

We can decide this is a good letter or put it off further... Clerk answered why it's important not to keep delaying... Chair elaborated on some of past discussions... Chair Langer said my thoughts are at least we should let people know and a letter is part of that.

White was at annual meeting and expressed people were interested in knowing... with this letter we are asking input... that's all we are asking... for help...

Langer moved that we print this letter and we mail it out to the township residents, White made second and all voted in favor for letter to go out. White asked if county had list of mail boxes? Vs property owners? Vs other? Will look in to it.

Progress on Comprehensive Plan(s) in the works... Langer spoke with Terry Holmes who is in touch with lead people at Bolton-Menk and Resource Strategies... To citizens: they are working on overall plan and there will be future specific township work as well...

Comments on Minnesota Association of Townships Officer Training Meetings – Chair Langer went to Rochester and Clerk Langer and Supervisor White went to training in Mankato. Langer has packet to share. Agreed, very worth our while.

Randolph NCRWMO meeting – Peterson and Langer attended. Township pays a fee to organization. Wayne did not have speech... he is committed to helping. New chair will be Carrie Jennings... White asked about money received back... we carry 19% of area? And that's why we get money back? Discussed flow of funds from good programs that benefit our area.

New Business – Request from Wiese's, presented by Supervisor Roehl. Langer asked Attorney if Roehl should be recused? Roehl joined Attorney and Langer and White reviewed application... Langer looked at items added to form document, items 3 and item 7 were added. Zoning Ordinance specifically states "parcels must include..." the person that drafted the document was also informed of question... Langer suggests if it was rewritten with those items removed it could be approved. Roehl explained he is buying the property, so he believed it would not need access. Langer explained past township experiences... to add a use that is not a permitted use... Roehl "you can't store ag products?" On access, Ophaug said ask surveyor to include an easement... then after purchase ask to release easement with quit claim... White suggests going with what Mr. Ophaug says... remove "storage language, and add in 30ft easement"

8:30 Letter from a law firm representing an unknown group of residents – after checking with our town attorney... Chair Langer read a statement and recommended we do not comment further.

"Our Town Board members, our Clerk and our attorney have received letters from attorney Jonathan Reppe regarding concerns that a number of Township residents have about the way that our Township's Annual Meeting was conducted. I have been advised by our attorney, John Ophaug and MATIT attorney, Eric Hedke, that we do not comment further on this matter until our attorney and MATIT's attorney have been able to study the matter thoroughly."

Roehl asked Ophaug if he'd let us know about any further information on received letter... John said he'd have to let us know individually.

Chair Langer passed statement to Roehl and White to review. Fredrickson asked what the letter said. Peterson asked if letter could be read. Langer said he would not comment.

Review request for quotes for lawn care – 3 quotes were opened. White asked how many were sent out? Several, but these came in: Angie Minar \$85; Steve Nelson \$120 & Hanson \$40.

Roehl made motion for Hanson (same as last year), White gave second and motion passed.

IG Meeting – group of Dundas Northfield, Greenvale, Dakota, Rice, Neighbor Townships meet tomorrow at 7pm. Everyone got notice via email... for purposes of open meeting law (OML) these gatherings are considered as training and education, where discussions are not business.

Spring Legal Short Course in near future – Chair and Clerk attended last year.

Review Monthly bills – looked at claims and approved for payment.

Langer and White discussed changes needed on Wiese split and if Roehl could get approval working thru Clerk. Langer moved to approve subdivision agreement request from Daryl and Arlys Wiese, provided item 3 is deleted and item 7 is deleted... White gave second and motion passed.

9:15 Langer moved to adjourn the meeting, White gave second and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk