

**Greenvale Town Board
Work Session & Regular Meeting
Tuesday August 20 2019**

Work session opened at 6:00 p.m. with all Board members present, except White, on duty.

Treasurer Peterson provided some details on the 4M investment fund. Corey of 4M offering best suggestions for our pattern of spending. Conservative and thrifty... CD's delivering less return but calculations show early cashing-in would cost too much.

Rowan asked about transaction fees. Just minimal fees from Bank on ACH transactions into fund.

Studied bills/invoices... 6648, 6817, 6822, 6850, 7002 uncleared checks approved voided...

Road discussion – letter from city of Northfield noted. County Road 86 ditch work open house letter noted. Looked at Grossman and Anderson bills, Bolton talked to Envirotech about some of chloride that didn't perform for us very well... Rowan: biggest thing is get mowing done so we can better observe noxious weeds... Kuchinka promised cut before labor day... Rowan: ask Kuchinka to give me a call to address some spots of interest. Rowan had CWMA cooperative weed management area sheet.

Jason Flaa asked about grass seed for ditch repairs following tree removals.

\$535 this month on picking up trash... volunteers doing work...

Data requests... invited the attorney to share ideas. Four parties have asked for volumes of records.

Ideas pondered on text changes on the proposed zoning amendment...

Jane Kansier of Bolton-Menk had confidence everything is in order. Asked about Rowan's question? If we are not changing the housing density, and not materially changing direction, new provisions would be seen as good.

Wayne: \$10,000 needed from savings. \$42,000 rock, \$6,000 envirotech, and other recent claims.

Picnic – same people have agreed to help out... horseshoes added...

District 4 mtg attended in Glencoe. Victor Volkert asked about signs, to be alert for horses...

Lined up township resident Dan Bergeson to work with Donavon Prescott and Clerk with web updates... would be working as volunteer but has career credentials.

Ryan Wilson had map with house plans... though could not approve left plans with Clerk...

Citizen business – received a large data request from Charles Anderson.

6:45 ended work session...

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Present: Supervisor Anthony Rowan, Chairman Gregory Langer Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Clerk Linus Langer, absent for duty Supervisor Darcy White.

Guests Present: Ryan Wilson, Dave, Deb & Sarah Mittelstaedt, Scott Norkunas, Ken Malecha, Perry Collins, Steve Hansen, Todd Dobmeier, Charles Anderson, Mary, Mike, & Dave Mittelstaedt, Lauren Norkunas, Jane Dilley, John Fink, Bruce Paulson, Maynard Bolton, Dick Moore, Mike McNamara, Sara Lofgren, Thomas Lofgren, Terry Mulligan, Dan Kelley, Deputy Reiners, Bill Mueller, Ron Welbaum, Quincy Moore, Andy Collins, Bethany Ernst, Victor Volkert, Tom Wirtzfeld.

Approve July minutes. Langer moved to approve as presented. Rowan gave second. Motion passed.

Agenda – add deputy under guests. Langer moved to approve, and Rowan gave second. Motion passed.

Treasurers report – Peterson shared monthly bank balances and CTAS transactions. CTAS is \$3 higher due to a fees transaction that is pending. Checks outstanding were \$28,347, disbursements were \$103,832, and receipts were \$167,459. Beginning checking balance was \$54,553 and there was \$50,000 transferred into the (4M) Minnesota Municipal Money Market Fund Investment Account.

Rowan moved to accept the report and Langer gave a second. Motion passed.

Guests – Deputy Reiners - recently some speed complaints on 320th though probably not local people. 55mph unless otherwise posted on gravel roads. TV bandit donated 23 more tv's, costing township money... treasurer Peterson said \$535 this month alone without the volunteer time and mileage.

Clerks Report - permit activity - a demolition and a deck permit in progress at different stages. Plan review required usually and that can take 10 or more days depending on design and circumstances.

Road work concerns --- trying to control potholes and busy maintaining culverts. Dakota County is providing extra dust control and watching detoured traffic. Other note - received email from Jeanine Atchinson on a Northfield program to pick up appliances on Dresden avenue. Appreciated.

Rowan commented on Weed Control... hoping for early ditch mowing... mapped out areas last year and kept records on spots needing treatment this year. Langer noted many landowners mow their own ditches and we appreciate that work.

Jason Flaa had trees removed by Dakota Electric... inquired if township would be interested in supplying grass seed? Road Superintendent Bolton noted resident neighbor Jim Reisenger is helping with project. Langer moved to approve request for grass seed. Rowan gave second. Ayes carried motion.

Rowan checked on bridge status on Isle Ave... they (engineers) are studying Dutch Creek hydrology and will get with the DNR on findings that will guide our future proposals and possible cost shares.

Ditch mowing – Rowan moved to approve proceeding with second ditch cutting as managed in the past. Langer gave a second and the motion passed.

Rowan has joined a Dakota County committee to study noxious weeds... maybe get future funding.

New business – Attorney Bob Ruppe addressed data practices questions:

My understanding of questions on data practices act... with recent requests for documents. Answer is “no,” because Minnesota Law was enacted specifically to protect townships. Definitions make specific mention to “exempt” townships from burdens. Requests must be practical... no staff compiling info... rules for Data Practice do not apply to Greenvale Township, which helps keep local costs down.

Langer: viewing draft for zoning amendment... last page lost home (fire?) rebuild, referring to Mn law now you have 180 days to get a building permit... but now after 180 days subject also to zoning code... Ruppe recommended to let public give feedback on working document framework...

Rowan: asked how to address all kinds of possible other changes being proposed... Ruppe: no... we tried to stay consistent with what you thought you had adopted... maybe limit minutes speaking... Langer: Planning Commission will study what is learned and meet after hearing. Ruppe offered to make himself available if we want him to attend public hearing.

7:45 – Planning Commission – Planning Chair Bruce Paulson reported last meeting was 8th of July. They have not met since. The PC will be hosting a public hearing on Monday August 26th at 6:00 p.m. We don't feel technical enough... asks if Planner Alex Conzemius or Attorney Ruppe could be at hearing.

Langer moved to approve invite to Attorney Bob Ruppe or Planner Alex Conzemius to come to the public hearing on August 26th. Ayes passed motion.

Comprehensive Plan – The Metropolitan Council met recently and looked at Collaborative Planning work. There were not any mentionable snags. Probable we'd have copy to sign in September.

3rd Annual Township Picnic – Saturday September 21st – watch for post cards! Dakota County solid waste will again provide recyclable table ware and recycling receptacles... band provides good vibes, food always great, pulled pork, cake too, and fun activities for children. Langer talked to Jennifer and Tony Skalski. They would be delighted to join us at the picnic and maybe bring photos of the old town hall. Picnic driven and managed by extraordinary volunteers – chat with them if you get a chance!

On August 9th a Special Board Meeting was called to order... there was a good number of citizen guests. Langer moved to approve the Special Board minutes. Rowan gave a second and the motion passed.

Victor Volkert: asked about signage... neighbors got thrown off road from fast drivers... need to be caring and slow down... Charles Anderson: is it possible to post speed limit? Kids are walking colts and there are bicyclists... Langer offered to bring concerns to the Road Improvement Committee... like signs on Dresden... speed limits are one thing, signs are another... Maynard Bolton says Sandy rides horse often on our roads and often notices bad road etiquette.

Langer moved to authorize Treasure Peterson to transfer \$20,000 from savings to checking at Castle Rock Bank. Rowan gave second. Ayes carried it.

Langer moved to void uncashed checks. Rowan gave second. Ayes carried it.

8:25 Rowan moved on Clerks request to file newer Levy Form-D (same numbers) requested by County. Langer seconded the motion and Form-D was approved.

8:30 Langer moved to adjourn... Rowan seconded... meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer