

**Greenvale Town Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

Present: Chair Gregory Langer, Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Supervisor David Roehl, Supervisor Darcy White, Clerk Linus Langer

Guests: Maynard Bolton, Mike & Becky McNamara, Bruce Paulson, Dick Moore, TJ Grossman, Phil White, Bob Winter, Tony Rowan, Kandis Hanson (MNSPECT), Ed Treinen, Mary Langer, Jennifer Welbaum, Eric Christianson, Victor Volkert, Tom Wirtzfeld, Kathy & Scott Bailey.

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review Minutes – Chair asked for two changes: Holyoke vs Isle, and Watershed Plan 10 years to 2028. Langer moved to approve minutes and Roehl gave second. Motion passed.

Special Meeting Minutes – meeting was to award Road Service provider contract. Roehl moved to approve minutes and Langer made second. Motion passed.

Agenda – Langer move to approve the agenda and Roehl gave second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Peterson shared beginning account balances of \$219,845, receipts were \$163,682, disbursements were \$13,348, and ending balance for August 31<sup>st</sup> was at \$370,179 with outstanding checks of \$1,590 leaving \$371,769 on our bank statement. Peterson explained we would need a motion if we wanted to incorporate savings into our cash management. We could be earning higher interest... White asked what amount we would keep in cash. It would vary with our budgeted spending and inflow. Langer moved to authorize treasurer and clerk to transfer to and from savings account as needed. Motion was approved. There was an inquiry about our savings level. TWP Association recommends we have in reserve 6 months of operating which would be roughly \$150,000, and State of MN (auditor) recommends we have a whole year of reserves.

After some financial review and discussion White moved to zero the out the escrow fund. Langer made the second and Motion passed.

Clerk's Report – school district fall voting is being planned including a request for two levy referendums. John Van Bergen is providing some assistance to neighboring precincts and he and Ruth Paulson are helping the school district prepare for rural polling to take place at our town hall.

Guests were introduced – Kandis Hanson, Scott & Kathy Bailey, Deputy Matt Lohman... Lohman reviewed incident where drunk guy on Eveleth and 300<sup>th</sup> was vandalizing area on 4-wheeler... found liquor bottles, last week by Chub Lake where there was a theft from a semi-trailer including

boxes same as items missing over previous years... 99ish GMC pickup green in color? Two white males with stuff in back end of truck. Ed Treinen asked location?

Road Work Concerns – Supervisors asked Bolton to give a report on delivery of road services and dust... completed and completed... possibly need some more this fall but don't want to disturb chloride... would like to go over areas to cut with Kuchinka... Roehl asked if he could give us quotes. Bolton: he has to charge at least \$130 because there are issues with equipment maintenance... when Dale was brushing for Waterford there was a guy who sprayed behind him... it would be a good idea to have that guy spray for us as well... Roehl would like to see what areas we are going to be doing? White in favor of not waiting... it's raining... notes from road tour where to brush the ditches, and concerned about safety... on Iran you can't even see the bridge abutments. Langer said we could post and hold another road tour. The mowing we will do anyway. It's the brushing that is of special concern. Roehl likes idea of a road tour... let's go that route... all agreed.

Bolton and Langer met with a team from MNDOT and Dakota County. Jerry arranged the meeting with Brian Torkelson and Jeff Kurch; it was Union Pacific that set it up, noting County would not do work that way (without notice). Bolton rented a large safety sign to slow traffic. Roehl noted it did slow speeding traffic. Frank Wergen and Mark Henry were there as well.

The road aggregate was tested. Jerry took sample as recommended and Langer delivered them to the lab. We received on the high side of the spec. Peterson said it seems to be separating on Holyoke... Bolton observed people drive same path and that causes the separation. Concern is for the fall. Bolton shared we will be bringing it together when we go over it again.

TJ Grossman will invoice next month... we did receive more than adequate insurance... White spoke with Bolton about dust control and it got addressed.

Scott Bailey – outside the right of way it's the land owner, but in the ditches it's for us to address. Scott has done work for Northfield Township. Please join us in welcoming Scott on options and cost.

Scott – spent 25 years working with state of MN and no won own (humor). All of LeSeur County and 8 townships. Regarding spray there are some advantages of fall spray. Less risk of crop damage... wild parsnip will die real easy. Bolton asked if we continue cutting will we have to do it again in the spring... Canada thistle early July good time to mow it off. W parsnip no later than the first of July it should be cut. Had picture of 2000 gallon tank w chemical apparatus in back and using direct injected efficiencies. Can lay some garlan with it which will kill some the brush. Mix on the go is advantage and reduces cost of chemicals with end result chemical company does not get all of money.... Langer said we have about 26.5 miles of road... some is cared for by land owners.... How would we satisfy us that this will cost a given ant of money? Shooting from the hip... in Northfield Township we sprayed everywhere way more than ever before... generally \$65 per mile both sides of road (that I have to travel) as for destination charges I have never charged it. Total cost may run \$120 per mile. Bolton went around in spring and summer and our volume is less than Northfield Township... on about 10 miles people do their own ditches.

Langer ran over options we have to take care of problems... Roehl went to meeting last Tuesday where they all said get on top of it and don't wait or it will get worse... at meeting they talked about counties not stepping up. Langer: MAT conclusion is there is not one method that works for all and take care of it sooner rather than later.

White asked if Scott would be able to include us in his schedule. There is a window of about a month and ½ where I do 3,500 miles in the spring season... early or mid September and we think we are going to do Bridgewater and Wheatland...

Moore asked if one pass deal or do it next year. Most do it every year and the bill goes down as chemical requirement is less next time... Bolton: what happens when mowing? Ans: you need foliage for the chemicals. Bolton: you need to tell me when you want to spray it so the mowing gets coordinated. Bolton would rather address spraying first. Roehl asked if there needs to be a delay after spraying before mowing. Would be nice to add chemicals before mowing... good results around bridges. Low success with cut stubble spray is labor intensive! tordon travels in water! Langer moved to authorize ("to approve funding") weed kill project to go forward with funding of and work with Bolton to move forward. Roehl gave second and it passed. Had copy of license and COI. Spray report needs to be on file for 5 years so people can look back...

Other road work concerns not covered? – Okay.

Citizen Business – any comments? Tom Wirtzfeld asked if there is a process from the citizenry? Langer: currently there is not; I support it but that has been rejected by other supervisors. This spring White and Clerk drafted letter on comprehensive plan and planning commission... it would be since then... to me the citizen committee would be the planning commission. Residents can always talk to any supervisors. Dean Johnson said when they get requests they will refer back to the board... Dean Johnson and Bolton-Menk have been hired to help guide... there have been several meetings so far.

8:05 permits – Zwolenski project is going well...

Ed Treinen looking to retire from machining business to raise chickens and turn property into monarch sanctuary. Had info that was sent by Clerk. Is there a demolition permit? Would like to do it this fall. Langer recommended working with Clerk on requirements for demolition.

Old Business – approve picnic – Jennifer Welbaum and White. Jennifer introduced... moved here four years ago... we have a small committee... Sat Sept 30<sup>th</sup> planning a pot luck at 4pm with request for sides... we'd like to... Roehl asked about word of mouth? No, post card and web site. White: music and kids stuff rain or shine. Ed asked for dunk tank with town officials.

Report on Comprehensive Plan work progress – since last meeting there have been a couple of discussions... some involve research and there will be opportunity to question items... maps will

be updated with info such as removing what was annexed into Northfield and we would not object to that type of update...

Planner Dean Johnson met with County Township collaboration group and with Bolton-Menk... they would like us to consider a couple other dates: **9/25**, 10/10, 10/12, 10/16??? Roehl was good with the 9/25 date and we will reschedule for then.

After that meeting they would work on putting together a draft comprehensive plan and then there would be a public hearing... I'm going to choose to believe it will be very similar to our current plan. Which includes just 3 districts...

If someone wants to change zoning that would be different than a change to the comprehensive plan. Bolton and Menk and Dean Johnson are making two drafts: public notice and a proposed press release for local paper. Maybe by early September... any questions?

Planning Commission – quite a bit of flexibility on forming this... clerk mailed out letter to group of people Sunday with a cover letter: Langer read letter and what duties could be included.

Langer expressed he believed we should mail out a post card to people that were not on the list. In most communities the process is to receive applications... if we had many, we'd have to just understand there's a chance that would happen... it would be September.

White can I add a few things... MAT magazine said emergency preparedness and record safe keeping and management... there are many needs/possibilities. Mailing should be the same where all are treated the same. White asked is there information on number of people and term limits? Langer: 3 yr. term limit is very typical. Some have small populations.

White: staggered? Langer: I agree with what has floated up... what they have done is tell everyone a year from now we'll look at members... over a period of about 5 years... ERIC I guess a thought in communicating terms "a limit in terms?" not only 3 yr. terms but also a max of 3 years?" Langer: I'm going to suggest a 5 member commission then there is a big enough pool of people. Eric in 3 years you are just beginning to scratch the surface... Langer recommend we have a 5 person planning commission with a 3 year term.

8:40 – Report on Northfield Area Fire and Rescue. NAFSRS. Was held on July 21<sup>st</sup> with main presenter being Glen Castore. Talked about fire station renovation. It was agreed fire station needed to be remodeled and renovated. It was hoped that the "group" would own the building. City was taken back by that. Langer: told them I am opposed to gifting city a building to do whatever they wanted... had letter from Kathleen-Norton... read letter to board. At meeting I was surprised.

City of Northfield had already made statements on participants paying "their share!" Fortunately we (GV) did not sign that document. Today NAFRS are writing a new document for Monday's

meeting. Bridgewater Township passed a resolution stating their objection. 8 a.m. Thurs. morning at Safety Center. (near Apple Chevy/new police station)

Kandice Hanson – MNSPECT relationship manager – thank you... celebrating 1 year anniversary... do attend when available... willingness of people to invest in properties on values improvements... wrote article 25 years ago as I was mowing my lawn and had hedge in back yard (story available)... neighbor made way over to speak about hedge... lesson to me as young person; to me... embedded in story he had wherewithal to come and talk to me and it brings about goodwill... wow!

IG meeting July 19... Roehl gave excellent IG meeting update.

Dist 4 meeting Clerk provided update.

NCRWMO – Wayne said it was very good meeting. Langer had brochures. Peterson: we had a great tour of beautiful part of country.

Request from Appraiser – Clerk and Chair have spent a bit of time on a vague letter wanting to know if there are buildable sites available on 6 parcels. One is easy. Ed Graff property is easy. Others were single owner but now are complicated. One was Wasner and is now Main Street Project. Roehl asked what are they asking for Greg? Langer showed Wasner properties...

When we get these who is going to do these? Us? Planning commission? Who's going to write the statements if letters come up? My answer will be come to the town board... White said it would definitely need to be done by an attorney. Can cost be passed on? Roehl would like to mention... when you get these we all three need to get these before the meeting... Langer: many communities state 10 days lead required... Roehl mentioned we aren't required to act on these.

Request to change monthly meeting. We could set up Bolton-Menk with change. Langer moved to reschedule September regular meeting to 7:00 p.m. on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Roehl gave second and motion passed. Langer will see if 5:30 p.m. is agreeable to Bolton-Menk and will have clerk report to others.

Wayne – talk a little about web site. I checked briefly with a couple developers.... One was about \$1000/year... not sure that's what we need... Donovan gets pretty busy... would be willing to allow other people to enter what we need on site... Linus sends notes for minutes and everything... it would be just as easy to send minutes to website... he'd be willing to share domain name and he'd like to be reimbursed... easy to do with Dreamweaver we could enter our own stuff... so if somebody in twp. would like to work on this and have responsibility... Langer: he served us pretty well for more than 10 years. Peterson: I think he owns the domain name. Peterson said it would be simple to buy name from him.

Phil White said it would not be high tech thing... Langer asked could we see what it would take to turn it over to twp.? Eric said 3 things involved: DNS, Domain Fee and website hosting.

Linus and Wayne will bring it in house until someone comes up... Phil: key it has to be intuitive max 2x clicks!

Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> road tour at 11:00... needs posting...

Paid Bills – Langer moved to approve claims as presented. Motion passed.

9:40 meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk