

Greenvale Town Board
Work Session & Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Board Members Present: Supervisor Charles Anderson, Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Chair Gregory Langer
Supervisor Anthony Rowan, Clerk Linus Langer

Guests Present: Mary Collins, Planning Commission Chair Bruce Paulson, Perry Collins, Ken Malecha, Dave Roehl, Buck & Christina Nelsen, Joe Kalina, Andy Anderson, Scott Norkunas, Becky Van Dyke, Victor Volkert, plus 13 call-ins through GoToMeeting.

At 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. the Board held a work session to discuss items on the monthly agenda.

At 7:00 p.m. the Board opened the regular meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Minutes – Chair Langer noted/added information on road work discussions. Langer moved to approve the minutes with additions. Anderson gave a second and motion passed by roll call x3.

Agenda – Items added to the agenda included information on rural fire, a bridge project, planning commission updates, candidate forum request, rental of township acreage, clerk’s letter to sheriff, building code adoption, assessors updates, and election judges. With additions Langer moved on the Agenda and Anderson gave a second. Motion passed by roll call x3.

Treasurer’s Report – Peterson reported from the cash control statement a beginning balance of \$125,129, receipts of \$101,841 (with investment transactions), disbursements of \$95,836, and an ending balance of \$131,134. Adding outstanding checks of \$15,958 the accounts matched our Castle Rock checking statement balance of \$147,093. Langer moved to approve the treasurer’s report and Rowan gave a second. Motion passed by roll call x3. Anderson noted assurance letter on deposits at bank.

Clerk’s Report – A roster of election judges for the March 9 annual town election was made available for approval. Training is required for proper administration and judging at each election. Head Judges Ruth Paulson and Sue Brockman have scheduled: (Greeter Judges) Zach Evenson, Mary Tennesen, Lisa Legvold, (Roster/Registration/ePollBook Judges) Mary Langer, Mary Hanks, Kari Gilomen, Carolyn Fott, Austin Malecha, Katey Langer, (Demonstration Judges) Michele Steinhoff, John Webb, Dan Chesky, (Ballot Judges) Jerry Gehler, Diane Gehler, Katy Gehler and (Counter Judges) Chuck Tennesen, Beverly Fink, and Bruce Paulson. The polls will open at 10AM and close at 8PM. And the annual town meeting will follow at 8:15PM. Anderson gave a motion to approve the election judges. There was a second from Langer and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Rural Fire Protection District Report – by Jerry Anderson & Tom Sorem – Highlighted progress in many areas of operations and areas of equipment. Included a new truck was paid for by NAFRS and Tom Sorem gave thoughts on modernizing services. Rates payable 2023 for townships will increase from \$150,000 to \$180,000, but rates will stay the same for payable 2022.

Road Work – Maintenance calls are taken care of by Road Superintendent

Jerry Bolton. Routine things are going as planned and some road signage needs were recently resolved. Rowan reported bridge work is expected to commence mid-March and could be completed late-May. There is an 18-day limit to shutting down the bridge for repairs/replacement. Langer thanked Rowan again for his work and connections with partners, whereby we have gotten savings to the township that are a “fraction of a fraction” of the costs.

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Building Permits – There were no new building permits ready for discussion.

Appointments of Committee Members – A letter of recommendation from Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton was read by Langer. Considering challenge of selecting from all the candidates who interviewed, considering the process “live” and considering future needs Langer recommended a ranked choice voting solution. Choice ballot cards were distributed for voting by the Supervisors. Pause and quiet...

Langer moved for Adam Royle and Christina Nelsen on the Road Improvement Committee. With a second by Anderson and by a roll call vote the appointment was unanimous - in favor - x3.

For the Planning Commission Rowan moved for Susan Jackson and Joel Eric Workman. With a second by Anderson and by a roll call vote the appointment was unanimous - in favor - x3.

Waterford – Dresden Avenue – shared maintenance arrangements and opportunities are in the works with leadership from neighboring Waterford Township. Langer spoke to possible agreement in writing getting developed from Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) templates. Will bring progress to next monthly meeting.

Report from recent meeting was shared by Langer on North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization (NCRWMO). Township pays an annual fee and has representation with the WMO. Currently Langer serves as Vice Chair and Peterson serves as Alternate.

St Olaf arranged brush clearing on property they own on Eveleth Avenue. Road Superintendent Bolton and Langer verified center of road and shared information with college on maintenance of right of way. College will pursue clearing on their own and replace scrub trees with pollinator plants. Anderson asked of other ditch areas and Rowan and Langer agreed it’s a future road tour topic.

7:53 Planning – Planning Commission Chair Bruce Paulson made request for a March meeting to provide orientation to new members (meet & greet, etc). Langer moved in favor of request and Anderson gave a second. The motion passed by roll call with all in favor x3.

GTPW – Greenvale Township Preservation Watch submitted a letter requesting web support on their efforts towards a town candidate forum. Rowan recalled similar idea was brought up at last years’ annual meeting, but he would abstain from a Board vote. (At 8:00* there was an outburst not on the agenda) Langer made a motion to approve Board support of GTPW efforts. The motion was not seconded; motion failed.

Land Rent – Property owned by the township (10 acres) is currently rented under an aged agreement that needs to be revisited. Langer presented a two-year proposal satisfying all parties with suggestion it could be revisited again in the future. Added to calendar. Langer moved on a new agreement and process to update FSA records. Rowan gave a second. Rent would be set at \$265/acre for 8.3 acres tillable. Motion passed by unanimous consent, by roll call x3.

Anderson moved on Clerk’s request to invite Sheriff (officer’s presence) to Annual Meeting. Rowan gave second and motion passed by roll call vote x3.

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Building Code – A letter from 2018 was recirculated questioning approval of State Building Code. Anderson moved to ask the Planning Commission (PC) about proper procedures. Langer shared PC wasn't commissioned to provide legal opinions; that attorneys are better for that purpose. The motion was not seconded; motion failed. (At 8:20* there was an outburst not on the agenda) Anderson made a motion to invite Attorney Blumhoefer to a meeting. Rowan gave a second. In discussion Langer identified irregularities of letter and missing context. With a roll call vote the motion passed with all in favor x3.

Assessors Correspondence – Information to County on building permits can get out of sync with new reporting. FAXES are not sent, etc, but each permit is shared by hard copy or PDF with the County.

Annual Meeting - Clerk asked to send voters a letter requesting a recess to the annual meeting, because of COVID concerns. Langer moved on request and Anderson gave a second. The motion passed by roll call with all in favor x3.

Bills – Langer moved to pay claims reviewed in work session. Anderson gave second. Motion passed x3.

Langer moved to adjourn (8:45PM) and Rowan gave a second. Motion passed x3.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk