

**Greenvale Town Board
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

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

Guests: Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton, George Heinrich, son-in-law Tom Robey, Ken Malecha, Victor Volkert, Dakota County Deputy Reiner, Mike & Bronson Jones, Erv Ulrich, Eric Christianson, Dick Moore, Maynard Bolton, Tony Rowan, Bruce Paulson.

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

November Minutes

Langer moved to approve November minutes. White gave second and motion passed.

Approve agenda

White moved to approve the agenda. Langer gave second and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Peterson reported from the cash control statement a November beginning balance of \$207,011, receipts of \$15,298, and disbursements of \$20,617, giving an ending balance of \$201,693. Outstanding checks were \$18,543, with the bank statement balance at \$220,236. Taxes have come in from the county since month-end so they are not included with this November report. Langer moved to approve the report. Roehl gave a second and the motion passed.

Clerks Report

Upcoming election dates were shared. March 13, 2018 will be township day in Minnesota which is when we hold our election and annual (citizens) town meeting. Filing for office is posted and published according to state statute. The period for filing is January 2nd to January 16th, ending at 5:00 p.m. at the town hall. We have two offices that will be on the ballot: one Supervisor position for a 3-year term, and one Clerk position for a 2-year term.

Shared and explained Certificate of Occupancy for one of our recent new houses. Explained an over-payment error, and reimbursement correction, on dust control invoicing. Clerk erred, and system corrected... thanks given to Jerry Bolton and Wayne Peterson!

Road Concerns

Bolton: easy going this month/applied chips a few times, got about 1" of snow with 4 foot drifts on some roads. Friday will do some more wood cutting... the Isle Avenue projects were completed and will be put in the annual road report.

White asked about safety signs discussed last month? Bolton has some research but needs to check with clerk on previous years costs... 4 were straightened up... Langer: some should be under warranty but we'd have to pay for labor... they were new in 2013.

Citizen Business

Any comments or questions not on agenda? Moore: when we did voting for the school levy a number people from neighboring townships did not vote because they did not know where the town hall was. Could we get signs? White suggested we could get a few sandwich board signs for certain areas... Eric Christianson knows someone on the school board...

Victor Volkert: We are probably only township that doesn't have a woman on our planning commission. What kind of politics was there? Langer: there was no politics at all... it was very open and very carefully transparent... White: there were multiple qualified people and I personally chose on qualifications, diversity and experiences. Langer: some applicants signed a petition opposing the formation of a planning commission and that helped in my voting. See November minutes for procedures and voting results.

Public Hearing

Mike and Natasha Jones asked for a variance to locate a driveway closer than the allowed 200 ft. We posted and published a public hearing for the request and had a good public turnout. Langer moved to approve the December 11th public hearing minutes as written. White gave a second and minutes were approved by all. Langer then moved to approve the request for a variance and Roehl gave a second with motion passing. Fees will be calculated and a reimbursement from the escrow payment will be determined in January.

George Heinrich & Tom Robey

George is seeking a demolition permit for the farm house that belonged to Melvin & Martha Heinrich on Eveleth Avenue. He would like to salvage most of the lumber, appliances will be removed, and it seems there isn't any hazardous materials as far as we know... concrete needs to be hauled away and septic needs to be dug up...

Langer moved to approve the demolition permit request provided work be done in such a way that code requires. Roehl gave a second and the motion passed.

Planning Commission Organizational Meeting

Supervisors reviewed a contact sheet with planning commission members, including non-voting ex-officio member Gregory Langer. Board favored putting list on website if approved by the planning commission members themselves and will review drafts/minutes as available.

Break – Sheriff Reiners

Gravel pits have been getting hit. Sciota had an irrigator system vandalized. Keep eyes out, call 911 if suspicious of activity. Victor had a bale fire and saw fire department at work and they did

terrific job... had to get bulldozer to push bales... drive sober always and especially during holidays. Peterson got scam e-mail to wire money. Odd e-mails: when in doubt, throw it out!

8:45 – Continue Planning Commission Organizational Meeting

called to order, pledge, discussed application of open meeting laws (OML), members voted Bruce Paulson as Chair, discussed some of duties, referred to past meetings, shared ideas for training, information channels (e-mail, text, phone...), and future meeting dates. This Commission is out in the open, so feel free to contact members with questions.

Thinking 2nd Monday's at 6:00 p.m. which would need board approval. Fott requested keeping to 2 hrs. Board agreed 4x per year, then also as needed. December, March, June, September and as needed. Next meeting possibly on January 8th at 6:00 p.m. and would need to be posted.

Dean Johnson has offered to host a training meeting for the planning commission at no charge. Johnson notes by state law the planning commission would have to conduct the public hearing. White likes offer/great to get it going...

Paulson: Fantastic opportunity that Dean is willing to spend time with us...

Langer: moved board approve offer to provide training on February 12th, White gave second and motion passed. Paulson notes he will be out of the country 31st to 15th ... lets hold off then...

White moved to amend/reverse date. To alternate date Wednesday April 18th. Langer made second and motion passed.

Langer moved to schedule for meetings on second Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Roehl made a second and the motion passed. Langer will get a planning commission sign for the building.

8:00 Fire Rescue Meeting on December

Dean Odette sends greetings and wishes for a good holiday season. Also regrets he can't make meeting tonight. City and NAFRS are in discussion on how to move ahead on plans... it is a project that keeps going up in costs.... latest \$200,000 for limestone exteriors... they keep bringing up partners paying "their share." Process for assessing partners is a big concern. Cost to townships will be calculated next summer. NAFRS Board has 8 members. Northfield 5, Dundas 2, Townships 1 (there are 7 townships, some with other contracts outside of NAFRS). We have 1/7 of one vote and there is risk city can cancel lease anytime.

Wayne Peterson: Will there be a vote as it is currently presented? It looks like we are on short end of the stick... so it will be glossed over or ignored? Why have they not solved it yet? White: they are trying to figure the financing options and they are trying to get buy-in... White: rural disparity... fees should be based on buildings, not the farm property...

Contract

Fire Protection Agreement – same contract we have been with for years. 2019 will go up an estimated 1-3%. Langer moved to approve for 2018 the \$24,920 agreement as presented. Roehl gave the second and the motion passed unanimously.

8:20 Dakota County Highway Department Eureka Meeting

Sharing study on future needs for principal arterial roads (=capability to serve trips?) Now studying 86, 42, 23 Foliage, Hwy 3, et. al. they held two gatherings. Langer attended meeting on 13th led by Doug Abere, Brian Sorenson, Scott Peters, and Mark Krebsbach... Langer handed out road improvement project planning maps for review and reference.

Langer moved to approve reserving the town hall for Wednesday, February 21st for the county transportation open house meeting. White made a second and the motion passed.

Open house will review paving shoulders and by-pass turn lane, drainage, bridge south of 290th will remain, some new easements will be required...

8:30 Comprehensive Plan Work: Planner Dean Johnson would like to schedule meeting at April 18th. Langer moved to approve scheduling of comprehensive plan hearing for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 of 2018. White made a second and the motion passed.

Langer shared items/story on recycling items... Bolton & Langer provided hauling...\$10 florescent tubes, two large fire extinguishers, 5 paint pails, bag of electronics, drywall compound...

Eric Christianson: Inquired about Co Rd 86 and Co Rd 46 roundabout this year? Have heard talk... Darcy knows Scott County Road Superintendent and will check on plans... Eric: just curiosity...

8:45 – Claims. Clerk explained Road Invoices buried in e-mail. Board looked at each for clarity.

Langer moved to approve the bills. White gave a second and all approved.

8:58 Peterson asked if we should consider buying another CD? After discussion Langer moved to authorize Treasurer and Clerk to purchase CD as deemed beneficial. White gave a second and the Motion passed with all in favor.

Langer moved to adjourn, white gave second and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk