

Greenvale Town Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 20 2016

Present: Chairman Gregory Langer, Supervisor David Roehl, Supervisor Duane Fredrickson, Clerk Linus Langer, Treasurer Wayne Peterson.

Guests: Robert Winter, Lila Winter, Martin Gavin, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton, Tony Rowan, Maynard Bolton, Bryce Otte, Matt Rohn, David Legvold, Eric Christianson, Dean Odette, Erwin Ulrich, George Fink, Chuck Tennessen, Tim McNearney, Jennifer Welbaum, Chad Bolton.

Meeting opened at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes - draft minutes were reviewed and clarified on safety signs. "Fredrickson asked if all parties agreed we could leave it this way for the winter and look again in the spring. Everyone agreed that was a good idea." Clerk corrected permit issued... changed Drury to Schweitz.

Langer moved to approve minutes as amended. Motion passed with Fredrickson's second.

Agenda - Moved Dean Johnson (Planner) up on agenda with all supporting. Fredrickson moved and Roehl made second to approve amended agenda. Motion passed, all in favor.

Treasurer - Peterson presented two cash controls 11/30 monthly and 12/20 YTD that showed favorable ending balances. Noted \$299k is over \$250k, FDIC insured, and inquired if we might move some of it into a CD? Board decided not to act on it as Bank has a good reputation.

Langer moved to approve Treasurers report as presented. Fredrickson gave second and motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk – upcoming town election and Annual Town Meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup>. Always the second Tuesday; always Township Day. Information packets from County are available for candidates interested in serving. One Supervisor (3yr) office and Treasurer (2yr) office will be on this year's ballot. Filing will be open from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sub Surface Treatment Systems (SSTS) – "as-built" maps/records to county for easier access per public private inquiries. Our fee for new septic systems includes \$45 for county to maintain and share copies of system design (the "as-built" map) when needed.

Dean Johnson – Planner Johnson explained most townships had no provisions for solar... has written ordinances for maybe ten different projects. All different... has a formatted model ordinance for Greenvale... it describes 2 types: retail (home) and wholesale (commercial) where owner sells power back to utility company. Application has been made and we have a deadline to act on the application. Most communities listing retail solar as accessory structures and thus using regular permitting process. Wholesale solar when allowed is being done with Interim Use Permit (IUP) process... usually a 25/27 year time frame... if you adopted something like this you would have an application.... New definitions... ag section 7 performance standards: setback

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standards, property lines, landscaping... things subjective depending on community... not more than 15 ft. above the ground... proposing similar standards as existing... 50 ft. 300 ft. assuming you go with this.... currently we have no site plan review requirements so that would be a good idea...

Another item: legislative activity last spring concerning temporary family health care facilities.... new law exempts applications from local review, so this proposed/recommended option allows townships to opt out of state rules.

Copies were shared with Board. Purpose of public hearing is for everyone to offer suggestions. Johnson took a few questions: Duane asked clarification this is just a draft... Dean said there is no obligation in any community to approve these... "we're a farm community..." due process is public hearing. We need to accomplish this in the month of January.

Looked at January calendar... Johnson preferred Tuesday. Board selected Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM for hearing. Langer moved to schedule hearing for January 10th at 6 pm Roehl made second and motion passed. Martin Gavin asked if would be appropriate to offer comments... Fredrickson said he'd like input from all parties. Langer expressed board could require special meeting to discuss...

Roads – Jerry Bolton said roads were done for the year and we are staying ready for snow... Board looked at recent road and tree invoices.

Langer shared a copy of a letter delivered to Waterford Township, to clarify our understanding of snowplowing duties on Dresden Avenue.

Langer shared a copy of a letter to people with vegetable farm on north Isle Avenue to let them know of future ditch repairs.

Snow plowing – first snow plowing went well according to Ottes.

Continued – Received a quote from Cannon River Tree. Langer had a hand-written description of work needing to be done. Had quote submitted on entire job from CRT. Roehl asked to review documents. Fredrickson moved to do work performed as per quote not to exceed \$5500 with note as work is done to Road Superintendent satisfaction. Langer made second and all approved.

Jerry Bolton -- added a stop sign was hit on the north end of Eveleth Avenue and is scheduled to be replaced by Ottes.

Citizen Bus – None

Building Permits – None

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Solar Ordinance – nothing more to discuss, at this time...

Comprehensive Plan – Langer visited with Terry Holmes, Chairman of the Dakota County Township Officer's Association. We were invoiced for \$3000 for our participation. Plan will be done jointly with Bolton Menk, and Dean Johnson serving as project manager. They are going to put up a web site that should be up soon. Fredrickson recommended we should put it on our site.

Langer brought up planning commission again. There seems to be strong support for what we have... but as we are putting a new Comprehensive Plan together the three board members do not have all the skills needed. Read a draft letter: Dear Residents...

Fredrickson asked what you are proposing is? I don't know about getting an advisory group together and then having the risk of not accepting their advice... Langer said last time we did comprehensive plan citizens were not invited to be involved... we don't have a way to do that now. Fredrickson said we do... Langer spoke how other communities do it... Fredrickson said it could be done at a special meeting... now after comments at last/recent meeting he has had more communication which is good. What is point of having committee vs communicating with the board? Langer said our experience is with group projects we got good results. Thing I'm opposed to is three of us "gitt'n her done."

Irwin Ulrich wondered if people would be afraid of speaking in public. There probably are a lot of people that are reluctant... Roehl is fine with getting a group together. What if we did this that we invite the public to a special meeting... Clerk said benefit would be getting expertise out of woodwork and timing sooner would be better. Eric brought up annual meeting timing might be good with more data... Winter said 90 percent have no idea what's in plan... letter was tabled until January...

New business – discuss proposal on agreement with sheriff's department. They need written descriptions of which parts of ordinance we'd like them to enforce. We'd have to write a new ordinance agreement with sheriff. Empire township doesn't have a livestock ordinance... there are 3 state laws... one says sheriff can impound livestock. Fredrickson asked which statute? Langer responded 561-07 and 609-74, another one is 346-16 ... cattle roaming around the township. It would be like having your car towed away. Fredrickson is in contact sometimes with Sheriff's Senior Administrative Assistant Julie Eckert...

NAFRS info meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Langer has a packet with copy of agenda and minutes. There was a lively discussion which is on web. Greg's question was if approved who owns the building? City of Northfield will own the building... 7 townships have only one vote. The way the service is run is practical and makes sense... trouble I have with it is township is being asked to pay for city's building remodeling job... contribution from members would be to pay off their debt.

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We were given a resolution by NAFRS, but with conversations there is no deadline... Langer expressed he would not support paying for Northfield's building... Board agreed with assessment. Dean Odette noted we are not backing up paying for city building.... at first it sounded good, but...

Board tabled resolution and will share packet. Odette asked and Langer said we did sign contract.

North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization NCRWMO – we did approve “one watershed one plan” meeting was well attended. Grant money will pay to develop the new plan.

Minnesota Association of Townships Education Conference and Annual Meeting - wrap up speaker was Senator Amy Klobuchar. Had packet for board. Budget reserves was a concern discussed at round table sessions. We have some funds that have accumulated over the years. 2 yrs. ago we settled with Northfield on 3 annexation payments which were in arrears. Langer met with Michele Merxbauer and it was studied and brought up to date. What do we do with that money? MAT says 1.5 times annual budget. MAT recommended not to levy for less than you spend. State says 50%. What can we do with reserve funds? Anything like fix bridges, anything especially unexpected... Fredrickson said bottom line is it wouldn't be prudent to spend it. Langer mentioned how we were prepared to repair Dresden Avenue when funds were needed. Roehl said sounds good. Eric Christianson said it's interesting it's about 2/3 of road bridge fund.

Review Bills –

At 9:10 PM meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linus Langer | Clerk

Attest