

**Greenvale Town Board
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2019**

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

Guests: Dean Odette, Jerry Anderson, David Roehl, Eric Christianson, Ken Malecha, David Legvold, Mark Legvold, Erv Ulrich, Karen Workman, Jennifer Welbaum, Annette Gust, Maynard Bolton, Phil White, John Fink, Tom Wirtzfeld, Victor Volkert, Dick Moore.

With the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag the meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes - Langer moved to approve January minutes. Approved with a second from Rowan.

Agenda – Langer added to new business upcoming officer’s training. And short report on 295th Street culvert project. Moved Karen Workman request to citizen business. Langer moved to approve with changes. Rowan gave second and motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Peterson reported \$302,004 was our beginning balance, receipts were \$18,534, disbursements were \$6,384, and we had an ending balance of \$314,154. Checks outstanding were for \$491 leaving our bank statement and computer agreeing at \$314,645. Langer moved to approve the treasurer’s report. White gave second and motion carried.

Clerk – presented a report on the upcoming election, permits pending inspections, and some of the annual reports we deliver to various agencies.

Guests – Annette Gust, Karen Workman.

Roads – Langer shared the County is going to start doing truck inspections. Langer is working on road report as done over last five years. Rowan asked about discussions towards relief with Dutch Creek flooding... said we should seek landowner approval for initial site work before water starts rushing. Board approved sending request to land owner Mike Carlier.

White came home after recent snow storm and appreciated “roads were all plowed.” Gave compliments on a job well done.

Permits – NA

7:30 Citizens Business – Workman presented with concerns about noise and how township will address them in the future. Langer asked permission to read out loud. Workman okayed. Sounds, traffic and parking have impact... Langer shared printout of events webpage and spoke to zoning issues... we don’t have provisions for this type business... has mentioned to people to be careful

with these things. Have told realtors ordinance would need to be changed to do these things. Rowan - if this is a business, we should look into it. Langer - it looks like quite a lot of work has been done on the barn. I'm interested in what other Supervisors have to say. Rowan - is this one of the things we'd have the Planning Commission look into? Langer - to permit this we'd have to change the ordinances which would require a formal request. A public hearing would have to happen and there would be many concerns. Langer suggests inviting Welbaums to March meeting and ask the Planning Commission if they want a say in it.

Victor sent email of Kuktavy subdivision documents that were re-routed by the County...

Comprehensive Plan - Langer reported he has visited with Jane Kanzier the new lead on the project after Dean Johnson's retirement. Met Council is in process of looking over plan documents. Bolton-Menk work is pretty well accepted. Finished plan will probably be ready in May or June. They are making up official resolutions for us to pass/sign.

7:45 deputy Reiners - On Wednesday saw suspicious cars around midnight supposedly lost at 320th. Call if you see suspicious vehicles. Sled accident near Vermillion jump/crash head-on with broken bones... watch out for other riders. Uptick in serious DWI's... had fatal collision between Hampton and New Trier. Three serious in last three weeks. Wear seat belts!

Citizen Business - Jennifer had a book printed from picnic photos. It can be ordered off Shutterfly and might cost \$20? An invaluable gift of time and effort.

Fire Services - Dean Odette and Jerry Anderson presented an annual report on NAFRS and the Rural Fire District. Expansion of station happened to be completed this spring. In 2018 replaced pumper that was from 1987. Saved \$15,000 on purchase. Fund raising is on website for a needed rescue truck. Please donate if you can. NAFRS is in good condition with reserves and has reduced bond interest. In 2020 rural portion goes to 19 1/2 % from 22% of contributions. Voice in the process is much appreciated!

Planning Commission report - member Mark Legvold delivered comments and recollections on the recent meeting held on February 4th. Much of the discussion went towards questions on "Lots of Record" in our zoning manual and does the wording serve our common good. The discussions were a good learning opportunity to revisit long term zoning. The Planning Commission approved a motion to request funding from the Board of Supervisors for studying these types of questions. Langer moved that we approve the Planning Commission request with conditions that we can decide during discussion. My motion is we approve request for sake of discussion. Rowan gave second and motion carried. Rowan - is there other parcels where this could happen in the future? Langer - I believe there are but we don't know where they are and what we need to be concerned with. Langer - my personal opinion is if there is a site where there was obviously a home there in the past it would look like there could be a site there. It would be useful for the Planning Commission to hear a planner's take on these things.

We have a rate of \$80/hr with Bolton-Menk. If it would cost more than that I'd want to take another look. Rowan agrees it would be a learning experience. Legvold stated we are striving to be pragmatic and what we learn could be helpful in the future. White said better hiring a planner up front than hiring an attorney later.

Langer moved to approve funding to hire qualified person at Bolton and Menk to be a guest at the March Planning Commission meeting to discuss and advise the Planning Commission on describing what a lot of record is and how it applies to what our current ordinance says on lots of record. Rowan gave a second and all approved.

8:22 Langer had letter from Simon Tyler. Letter was emailed to Bruce Paulson and Greg Langer. White says it needs to be shared with the Planning Commission and discussed at next meeting.

St Olaf College sent a letter to deal with trees between 320th and 315th on Eveleth Avenue. Langer invited Dave Legvold to share ideas.

Legvold – has been talking to St Olaf about abandoning 50ft because rooting and shading are interfering with farming. Gelle took dim view of abandoning land. Discussed possibility of removing trees. Some are not in right of way. In discussions with St Olaf to take out trees: 1st request would we be willing to grant permission for contractor to do work? 2nd request what would be level of townships' participation to remove trees in right of way? 3rd request could there be further discussions result in planting pollinator plants and grasses?

Langer - some trees are in right of way, but many are not. We have authority to allow others to do the work. Langer farm hired contractor to shape the Garrett Avenue ditch – for example. Noxious weeds need to be taken care of in any maintenance plan. Hayed crops can be put in ditch. Dr. Shea's driveway has been good test case. Buckthorn was causing erosion and removed tree stumps were ground down to ground level.

Langer - burning is one option I don't support but mowing and spraying is considered normal. Legvold - abundance of caution we want to be sure we aren't adding ag land vs trees. Langer - if we hire a contractor they need to comply with our laws and have insurance. If land owner hires, it's their business on their land but our business on the township's right of way. Bolton has list of contractors who would be interested in providing quotes.

Langer moved to authorize Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton to work with St Olaf and Legvold on best way to handle project and report to Board. White gave second and motion carried.

8:40 road aggregate quotes for 2019 road work. Langer made a motion to request quotes for the 2019 season. White gave second and motion was approved. Rowan requested copy of contract.

Quotes for Yard Maintenance – Langer moved to request lawn care quotes. Rowan made second and motion carried.

Training Events – DC Officer’s meeting on March 16, spring short courses, April property owners on county road 86 (County) open house... soil and water agricultural inspections meeting Tuesday March 6th... U of M culvert inspections and maintenance courses in Bloomington or Rochester...

White moved to approve funding for Deputy Clerk training. Langer gave a second and the motion carried. Kari Gilomen is Deputy Clerk and has so far inspired greater filing efforts.

8:50 Langer - last fall culvert replacement seemed like a finished project, but it wasn’t. But it is now. There were no previous survey records. DNR required it be surveyed and recorded. Brian Watson and Dee McDaniels helped by doing the survey and covering the cost of it. DNR is happy.

Note: Feb 17th is 10th anniversary of annexation of 500 acres into city of Northfield. They said immediate annexation is needed.

Claims – Reviewed and paid claims.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk