

**Greenvale Town Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

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

Guests Present: Shawn Lorence, Ken Malecha, Butch Koktavy, Victor Volkert, Dick Moore, Dave Roehl, Phil White, Planning Commission Chair Bruce Paulson, Maynard Bolton, Charlie Anderson, Mary Langer, Charlie Ohmann, Mike McNamara, Maynard Bolton, Eric Christianson, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton.

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

Review Minutes – Langer moved to approve minutes for the Inspector Interview Special Meeting. White gave a second and the motion was approved. Langer moved to approve the Regular meeting minutes from December. White gave a second and the motion passed.

Review Agenda – Langer added items: road work - access permit denied; building permits - Ken Malecha request; old bus - update on comp plan - update fire service contract. All noted okay with Agenda changes.

Treasurer's Report – starting monthly balance \$186,022, receipts \$121,327, disbursements \$5,346, ending monthly balance \$302,004. Checks outstanding are \$2,421, and the bank statement agrees with books at \$304,425. Langer moved to approve. Rowan gave second and motion passed.

Clerk's Report – county elections office is building our March 12 election ballot with two filings submitted for each of the offices open. For 3-year supervisor position Gregory Langer and Charles Anderson have filed, and for the 2-year treasurer position Wayne Peterson and Rebecca Van Dyke have filed. Requested Resolution: White moved to approve required resolution designating town hall polling place. Rowan gave second and motion passed. Requested Resolution: Langer moved to approve list of trained election judges for March 12, 2019 election. White gave second and judges were approved. White asked about AB voting. Absentee Voting is administered by/thru Dakota County Elections.

Guests - Welcome

Road Work – Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton shared all we've had to do this month is salt. Maybe 3 or 4 times including near paved portion of Dresden Avenue. Bruce is the bicycle man, as he has picked up bikes in the ditch recently. Langer: we've not had a lot of snow plowing. White: we have a lot of the winter weather left.

Other – Charlie Ohmann made driveway improvements; however, did not know line came out as far as it did. Guess I was on his side by 4 feet. Inquired for a new access application and board expressed before starting work be sure to consult with Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton. Ohmann agreed with “sounds good.” Access permits insure many aspects of right-of-way safety and maintenance, especially with best practice designs and installations.

White drove up Isle Avenue recently and noticed it was very icy and unsafe. She called provider TJ Grossman who said he’d be out in 30 minutes. He was! That level of service is great and highly appreciated.

Rowan – talked about cleaning ditch near Mike Carlier’s corner (Isle & 305th) to start water flowing the other way. Langer recommended Bolton speak with Rowan about issues and we should try to have a cost figure for repairs. Rowan expressed concern bridge aid could be denied with water flowing the wrong way. White and Langer would support Rowan and Bolton getting a quote. Bolton spoke with TJ Grossman earlier and agreed for such a small area most cost would be transporting equipment.

Building Permits – Ken Malecha and Tracy Snyder (TK Properties) presented with inquiry on a parcel recently purchased in Section 5. Langer suggested the planning commission study it out at their March 3rd meeting, or to have a special meeting, as the inquiry is more a question for zoning. The 2016 buildable sites study shows the parcel is not a buildable site. Tension. White: We are not land attorneys, and with all due respect the planning commission will give us more time and the benefit of their research. We will approach this legally, ethically and morally.

Board agreed to ask the clerk and planning commission to schedule an as-needed meeting to study questions and recommend findings for the regular February board meeting.

Citizen Business – Dick Moore mentioned we lost two model citizens recently Charles Muckey and Clifford Gilomen. Cliff was on the town board at one time and they will both be missed. Charles Muckey’s funeral is this coming Thursday January 18th at St John’s in Northfield. Noted Marlene Lundgren too has left us, and husband is receiving hospice care. RIP, friends!

David Roehl inquired about County appraisers’ valuations toward easement payments on upcoming Foliage widening project. His property is taxed by the county as commercial but is zoned by the township as agricultural. What is the correct valuation? Langer shared there have always been only 3 zoning districts including Agricultural Preservation, Floodplain Overlay, and Shoreland Overlay. Discussion. White expressed there’s too much credit here to any interference, because appraisers are always making valuations and decide themselves on valuations. Moore asked why is it taxed commercial? Langer: we have language in our zoning that describes non-conforming uses where it is stated “uses not described are prohibited” - our ordinance says waste not produced on premises is “prohibited.” Even though we are strictly zoned Agricultural Preservation, the appraisers see Commercial and are trying their best.

Some further discussion on zoning procedures and history.

Old Business – the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the sheriff's department has been signed and finalized. White notes fees are really reasonable.

Professional Planner – Dean Johnson was great but has retired in December. Next question is who are we going to hire to help with our planning needs? Planning Commission has recommended pursuing an agreement with Bolton-Menk. They would not be getting a retainer fee, rather they would be available as needed. Rowan looked over sheets and liked they are familiar with what we have. Victor Volkert asked if there would be a designated contact? Langer mentioned Alex Conzemius as first contact. White: I'd want to take the advice from Dean Johnson as he was a good planner for us. Langer moved the Board approve hiring the firm of Bolton-Menk to do our township planning work. Rowan gave a second and the motion passed. Clerk recommended Chair work with contacts on a draft for our February meeting.

Fire Service Agreement – got back a signed copy of approved agreement. Payment \$24,920 to be paid in 2019. White mentioned postcard "passing the hat" towards new rescue services truck.

New Business – Ludwig Koktavý – property split was presented by Mr. Koktavý and Victor Volkert. Planning Commission Chair Bruce Paulson assisted the board reviewing details in documents prepared by attorney Ophaug's office. Langer moved to approve the split as presented. White made a second and the motion passed. The split to be officially recorded at Dakota County.

Planning Commission Chair – Bruce Paulson – PC met in early December and reported at last meeting. One initiative was to look into township's right of way management. We have no ordinance presently that helps us manage utility right of way. Richard Fott is looking into neighboring township ordinances. March 3rd is next scheduled meeting, but we will meet earlier to address Mr. Malecha's request from TK Properties.

Board of Audit – as required every year the Board of Supervisors will hold a Board of Audit meeting – to review spending and receipts. Copies of year-end report have been distributed for review. Langer moved to schedule and post and publish the board of audit meeting for 6:00 p.m. on February 19th. Rowan gave a second and motion passed.

Intergovernmental Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow at Waterford Town Hall.

City of Northfield meeting on N.W. area plan (50 acres) – Mike Devney, Dave Sorem, Tom Sorem - contrary to news, were not invited. St Olaf and committee which is now disbanded were in attendance. White noted event included signing-in. 3 minutes of fame if you sign in.

Solid Waste newsletter was shared, noting dairy farmer Don Malecha's involvement.

Rowan – on our permits is there a deadline required? It would be good to have 5 days vs day before. We should get started on something so people learn... Langer reminds “your plans should include plans to get a permit.” White: what is our way of informing people our procedures? Charlie Anderson says cutting yourself short if you only have 5 days. It should be longer like 30 days for research and then approve the next time.

Rowan suggested planning commission’s next meeting. White asked Bruce to put it on agenda for next meeting... to discuss timeline proposals.

8:30 reviewed and paid bills (and included guidance on computers)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk