

Greenvale Town Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 17 2017

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

Guests: County Commissioner Mike Slavik, Attorney Ryan Blumhoefer, Robert Winter, Lila Winter, Eric Christianson, Erwin Ulrich, Mary Langer, Patrick Edwards, Tim McNearney, Tony Rowan, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton, Bobbi Bolton, Deputy Clerk Darcy White, David Legvold, Carolyn Fott, Matt Hron, Vicky Langer, Bruce Paulson, Phil White, Maynard Bolton, Mike Devney, Jennifer Welbaum, Ken Malecha

Meeting began at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approve Regular Minutes – Langer moved with a second from Roehl to approve December 20 2016 minutes. Motion passed with all in favor.

Approve Solar Hearing Minutes – Fredrickson moved to accept January Solar Hearing minutes with Langer giving second. Motion passed with all in favor.

Agenda – Fredrickson recommended flexibility for Planner Dean Johnson’s schedule. Langer offered three other items if time allows, and Fredrickson added an advisory report from Sheriff’s department if time allows. Langer moved to approve the Agenda. Fredrickson gave second and motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – CTAS accounting shows \$300,348 YE balance on Cash Control, matching our bank statement. Langer moved to approve report and Roehl made second. Motion passed.

Clerk's Report – Annual Town Meeting & Town Election is always second Tuesday in March, which is the 14th this year. It is celebrated statewide as "Township Day." Our March election ballot has two contests and is being finalized by the County: Duane Fredrickson and Darcy White are running for Supervisor, and Wayne Peterson is running for Treasurer. Election judges are employees of the Township and require training through the County. Our trained judges include: Mary Ann Boyum, Bobbi Bolton, Susan Brockman, Beverly Fink, George Fink, Carolyn Fott, Richard Fott, Diane Gehler, Jerry Gehler, Kari Gilomen, Mary Hanks, Brandon Hron, Nancy Kluver, Katey Langer, Mary Langer, Vicky Langer, Austin Malecha, Edith Nelson, Bruce Paulson, Ruth Paulson (Head Judge), Kate Stevens, Merri Swanson, Chuck Tennessen, Mary Tennessen, John Van Bergen (Head Judge), and John Webb. Fredrickson moved to approve Clerk’s list of trained election judges. Roehl made second and motion passed with all in favor.

Guests Ryan Blumhoefer and Mike Slavik - Langer mentioned Mike Slavik was recently elected chair of Dakota County Board of Commissioners. Slavik gave an update on the County’s budget

process... we are only County in Minnesota that is debt free. 16th year we have lowest taxes in state. Greenvale Township is one of few that had valuations go down... average \$3000 compared to previous year, about \$28 reduction in taxes... \$316,000,000 budget includes HHS and child protection. January 3rd was elected Chair... serving on legislative services committee... mail-in ballots on future agenda can be a possible savings... transit improvement board: we started asking return on investment ROI questions... 50 cents and then 30 cents on the dollar... less local impact than we'd like to see... County is now in process of leaving CTIP... new plan is funds would be used for county roads with better impact here... County Road 96 improvements were very positive... 10 year plan may include pavement...

Some Q&A – Patrick Edwards: County Road 96 only road unpaved? Slavik: no, we have others... Bruce Paulson: Cedar west of Hwy 3 traffic is congested and lots of vehicles are flying over tracks... engineers insisted plenty high, but it's not... note uphill grade can't see lights when down side of improvements... Mike Devney: plans for Foliage upgrade? Likely after County Road 86... next year is Hwy 47 to Hwy 3.

Road Work – Jerry Bolton said we did some tree trimming and also applied salt and sand. Langer said on January 10th they drove roads and observed Cannon River Tree Care did a great job. Fredrickson viewed some of the work and it looked pretty good... Jerry "fast and furious."

Langer presented road invoices to review prior to other claims. Fredrickson inquired if Otte's have their own sand piles? Just trucks... Bolton said we have so far this year mostly an ice problem, but not any serious issues with snow lately.

Wayne Peterson: read letter on solar... I think we need solar.... It is about 14% efficient... each energy source comes at a cost... greatest problem with solar is where do you put it? I submit we not allow... please vote no... attendees gave a spontaneous applause.

Clerk forwarded a letter from Darcy White. White offered additional comments, expressing majority of voters elected Board to represent their interests... quality of life, transparent decision making, need to hear silent majority...

Patrick Edwards: people want to be good neighbors... people from outside can affect or replace whole sections at a time in our community... there is a real risk with the proposal.

Permits – Brian Engebretson's remodel permit has timed out before project completion and inspections. Fredrickson recommended if new fees are covered good to extend permit. Langer moved we support Clerk's work with MNSPECT. Fredrickson made second and motion passed.

Old Business - amending ordinance. 60 days and provisions... we did extension, we had hearings... Winter submitted letter requesting another 60 day extension. Board itself can not do it, but with request Board could take it into account. Langer read Winter's letter dated today, January 17 2017.

Attorney Ryan Blumhoefer shared some options: extend for 60 days and continue to discuss..., approve requested commercial zoning with any changes..., or deny request...

Langer: if we as a board deny request... applicant can return in 6 months with new application and that would give us 6 months... Blumhoefer agreed... would have to follow same process.

Langer made a motion to deny zoning change request:

"I move that we deny the request from Robert Winter to amend our Township's zoning ordinance to allow a solar electric system in Greenvale Township as he requested on September 20, 2016, because, after hearing comments and questions at and after the required public hearing, it is evident that the majority of our Township citizens want to preserve our current ordinance, and that the proposed change is inconsistent with the Greenvale Township Comprehensive Plan."

There was no second for the motion, so there could not be a discussion, nor a vote.

Fredrickson offered he could not support the change as written by our Planner... echoing what Peterson said... don't want to reject it out of hand... haven't had enough time to look at it... haven't had time to sit down and go through it...

Roehl moved to give Bob an extension for 60 days. Fredrickson gave second. Roehl and Fredrickson voted for the motion and Langer voted against. Motion was approved.

Board will work with our planner and attorney... we can post a special meeting if needed... we are extending decision time by 60 days to April 4th. Winter commented February meeting can have bells ready.

Attorney Blumhoefer spoke with Planner Johnson yesterday... it would be helpful to have Johnson at February meeting if discussing this. Langer asked if it would be okay with Board to have a longer extended February meeting... Board was okay with that idea. Blumhoefer advised it did not have to be a public hearing. Continued discussion can be part of the regular meeting.

New Comprehensive Plan – Langer has some ideas that he thinks are useful... involves getting more people involved in our planning... Dean Johnson has asked that Board schedule a meeting with him to talk and go over upcoming Comprehensive Plan ideas... Roehl suggested each Supervisor picking a person to work with us.... Fredrickson expressed not opposed to a Planning Commission...

Board decided on meeting for Thursday February 9th at 5 p.m. "Comp Plan Orientation Meeting" at town hall. Can Dean Johnson join us at February 21st regular meeting? Clerk mentioned Board of Audit requirement before the Annual Town Meeting. Chair Langer read notice from past years:

At least once a year the Town Board must meet as the board of audit and settle all charges against the town (Minn. Stat. 366.20). Even though we review and approve claims for payment at our

monthly meetings, the board must sit as the board of audit to review the town's accounts for the year and develop the following year's budget. Traditionally, Greenvale Township has scheduled this important meeting after the February regular monthly meeting.

Fredrickson suggested Board of Audit meeting could be held after the Planning meeting with Dean Johnson. Agreed by all. Clerk will publish in newspaper, and post at town hall, the two meetings to be held at 5 p.m and 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 9th.

Intergovernmental (IG) meeting 7 p.m. – meetings are held quarterly with other local governing units. Greenvale will host on Wednesday January 18th (tomorrow evening). Board agreed Langer will get bakery goods... gathering is treated as training, not as an official meeting.

Langer had other items: update comments from NAFRS... hand written notes. NAFRS had meeting on twelfth of January. Glen Castore and Jerry Anderson are working on agreement with City of Northfield. At end, hope is NAFRS would own building. Langer supports getting it in writing.... Winter asked who owns it? City of Northfield owns building.

Dakota County agricultural plastic recycling project – Don Malecha inquired about getting dumpster... own property was not a good idea... Bob Winter knows/read report... Renee Burman had good ideas, but there were issues with tires and trees... brochure was nicely done, this year will look again at project... in March... they want to make it right if possible so they can recycle the plastic. Fredrickson said there's no way without somebody having a key....

Plat Books – Langer had copies of new plat books. Langer moved to approve purchase of up to 10 plat books for \$36 each from Dakota County. Roehl made second and the motion passed.

Roehl spoke with Dean Odette and shared Jerry Anderson wants to get together before our March meeting. Clerk will add Anderson and Northfield Area Fire & Rescue Service discussion to the February agenda.

Fredrickson – will save sheriff's meeting comments to future meeting as time allows.

Internet WiFi – Clerk mentioned slow online access experiences with the internet. Fredrickson moved to bump the connect speed up from 1.5MB. Langer made second and Motion passed.

Reviewed monthly claims and signed checks.

At 9:30 adjourned meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk