

Greenvale Town Board
Work Session & Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Present: Chair Gregory Langer, Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Clerk Linus Langer, Supervisor Charles Anderson, Supervisor Anthony Rowan

Guests: Becky Van Dyke, Mary Collins, Perry Collins, Bruce Paulson, Scott Qualle (MNSPECT, Building Official), David Legvold, Buck & Christina Nelsen, Jenn Welbaum, Scott Norkunas, Tom Wirtzfeld, Dave Roehl, Bernard Budin

A work session was conducted from 6PM to 7PM

At 7PM the regular meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Minutes were approved by roll call (x3). Langer made the motion, seconded by Anderson.

Agenda was approved with slight discussion and adjustments by roll call (x3). Items added were road work, report by Rowan on weed control, and recommendations pending on annual town meeting.

Treasurer's report was moved on by Langer and seconded by Anderson. Report was approved by roll call (x3). Grand total at month end for all funds was \$433,531 and bank statements agreed with accounting by Clerk and Treasurer.

Clerk reported on preparations for the upcoming March 9, 2021 town election. Plan is to review experience from November election and take like precautions with COVID during March election.

Roads – Langer shared information on signs that were damaged. Langer moved to approve purchase of replacements with a second by Anderson. Motion passed by roll call (x3). Rowan shared information on noxious weed mitigation project engaged with neighboring townships. Grant money, possibly \$6800, likely to arrive because of volunteer mapping and volunteer teaching/outreach by Rowan. Anderson moved to approve request by Rowan and second came from Langer. Motion approved (x3).

Building Permits – Bernard Budin presented a print for a garage addition. Scott Qualle of MNSPECT was able to review plans with Budin and kept them for updated 2020 State Building Code. Langer moved to approve permit and Rowan gave a second for passage (x3).

New Business – Scott Qualle (MNSPECT) shared insight and perspectives on code... shared “my job is to call the code.” presented a sheet of neighboring rates for like services and reflected pricing is well in-line and competitive. Types of concerns were reviewed and answered thoroughly. Rowan asked about possible use of cameras, but Qualle explained it can be challenging when there's too much of a hurry. Langer recalled over-and-above help Qualle provided as volunteer when transitioning from previous inspections service. New books to replace 2015 state building code to be delivered soon. Clerk had compliments for services provided by office staff at MNSPECT.

Anderson inquired on procedures adopting building code. Clerk will research for follow-up.

7:50 GTPW - David Legvold offered a presentation on Greenvale Township Preservation Watch experiences with Dumpster Day and new efforts to find grant funding that may offset fees (\$20) to community participants. Also shared a proposal and request of support for a community candidate forum. Possible details and nuance were considered to foster “see and hear” experience. Langer moved to permit notice on website. There was not a second to the motion, but tabling was agreed for later.

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Treasurer Peterson had information on new state law opening township road projects for state funding. Local Road Improvement Projects program (LRIP) highlights efforts that could qualify and identifies scheduling criteria. Board agreed Langer would bring considerations to Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton and Road Improvement Committee for future discussions.

Peterson shared information on CD's maturing at Community Resource Bank. Research was done on rates available at nearby banks as well as FDIC insurance questions and opportunity for a bond to mitigate risk. Rowan added thought to have amounts under insurance thresholds. Langer moved on approval with Treasurer's request to invest at better rates. Anderson gave a second and motion passed by roll call (x3).

A letter submitted by rural fire representative Dean Odette was read by Langer. A thank-you in the works as Odette will retire and aid transition with help of resident fireman Tom Sorem.

Waterford/Greenvale road agreement - in the works - was reviewed by Langer. Language is being studied and formulated for future maintenance of Dresden Avenue. To be continued...

North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization (NCRWMO) meeting scheduled for 1/20/2021 in the evening at the Castle Rock Town Hall. Sizable projects over the years have been constructed in our township with benefits to property owners and environment. Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District (dakotacountyswcd.org) is good site for information.

News Noted – Dakota County Attorney retirement – MAT Executive Director retirement.

8:45 – Langer moved to close request period for volunteer committee applications. Anderson gave a second with motion passing (x3). Discussion was to recess meeting to allow scheduling of interviews and revisit appointments after interviews - perhaps in February. Langer moved to recess after paying bills and reconvening with interviews. Rowan gave second and motion passed (x3).

Annual Town Meeting – A Minnesota Association of Townships article was read by Langer outlining possible solutions to COVID emergency.

Claims – Bills were reviewed and paid for the month. Rowan moved to void check 7483 which was jammed in the printer. Anderson gave second, motion passed (x3).

Langer moved to recess until time: Monday January 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Anderson made second and approval was voted (x3).

To be continued... Monday January 25, 2021

At 4PM on Monday interviews were conducted with volunteer applicants (Rebecca Van Dyke, Lorn Manthey, Darcy White, Susan Jackson, Joel Workman, Victor Volkert, Adam Royle, Jack Gust, Christina Nelsen). Interviews were all - great and informative - and ended at 6:30PM. Board thanked all candidates and decided to ponder appointments until February meeting.

After interviews the Board took up again discussions on CDs. Rowan made a motion to move savings CD's to Castle Rock Bank and request a letter of protection. Anderson made a second and all the Board voted in favor (x3).

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Delane Christianson had a property building sites request for information. The Board reviewed history of parcels and available research. Langer made a motion to recognize sites based on research recently completed by Clerk. Anderson gave a second and motion passed (x3).

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Attest,

Linus Langer | Town Clerk