

**Greenvale Town Board
Work Session & Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 16 2019**

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

Guests: Dave Roehl, Ken Malecha, Perry Collins, Andy & Tim Collins, Jane Dilley, Dave & Deb Mittelstaedt, Charles & Donita Anderson, Dale Odette, Scott Norkunas, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton, Maynard Bolton, John Fink, Ryan Wilson, Duane Fredrickson, Charleen Clemenhagen, District One County Commissioner Mike Slavik

6:00 p.m. Town Board work session began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items Discussed - Roads, MN OPERA Local Operations Research Assistance Program, Quotes on Road, Le Sueur County Solar Moratorium, update to Sign on Town Hall, Langer's activity report, IG Meeting, spoke on culvert work, looked at claims, Peterson asked about automatic payments with some claims.

6:45 following discussions the Board adjourned the work session.

7:00 Regular Session began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve June 18, 2019 minutes – Rowan added bridge inspection details. White moved to approve with correction, Langer gave second, motion passed.

Treasurer – Peterson reported a beginning balance of \$56,085, receipts of \$1,534 and an ending balance of \$54,553, plus investment/savings in CDs and at the Castle Rock Bank. Langer moved to approve, Rowan gave second and motion passed.

Clerk – making best efforts on many record sets. None perfect but making good progress.

Guests – Some guest comments expressed later during meeting.

Road Work concerns – Bolton updated projects completed including east side of Foliage, gravel on Eveleth, Thursday start on Idalia... in general much success with new surface aggregate with grading and appropriate dust control. Langer: samples passing screen tests at DC... providers are delivering what they promised. Bolton: County has offered 6 miles for now on dust control...

Rowan – some wild parsnips are going to seed so he will be making rounds to bag them up. Next month maybe spray more areas than last year. DC started new committee on problem weeds and recruited Rowan's help. Trying to map noxious weeds and trying to get funding for joint efforts.

Deputy – John Reiners and intern officer... reminder please stay off 23 as much as you can unless a residence... construction workers are complaining violators affecting work and safety. 290th Street had drag racing activity... Tim Collins helped identify... issues with same people driving too fast... let authorities know, especially for safety. Charles Anderson had two gallons gas stolen out of truck and two trucks had missing tabs... deputies recommended filing report, and for everyone to keep things locked up.

7:15 ditch mowing work – provider Dale Kuchinka did first trip all around all ditches. Many property owners are mowing their own ditches, which is much appreciated and helps us save on expense.

OPERA Grant – Langer moved to approve request for town board support on grant application procedures. White gave second and motion passed. Thanks made for keeping eye open to opportunity.

Building Permits - Board reviewed application materials from Lawrence Schwiech for a new grain bin. Langer moved to approve request to construct grain bin. Rowan gave second and motion passed.

7:20 Charles Anderson – read from 6 pages of specific document requests. Perry Collins also had similar 6 pages of specific document requests. Clerk will respond as best he can.

Community Picnic – White said they talked today and will be sending reminders. Saturday September 21st from 4-7 p.m. serving pulled pork, live music, kid’s castle, tractors... Langer was in touch with Jon Exner of DC solid waste for help with containers to pick up waste. White will do inventory from previous year. Langer reminded photos are on web site... talked to Jennifer and Tony Skalski and they would be delighted to be picnic guests. They have renovated and restored the old town hall... found hardwood floors... looks wonderful. Volkert asked address.

Mike Slavik – asked if county roads are holding up okay? Ground water plan... we are one of few counties implementing... will be looking to get best practices grants where there is high magnesium... glaciers stopped here is why we have such variety of soils and we need to make sure water is clean. New transportation plan coming soon. County Transportation Improvement Tax is now all kept in DC. Water test kits coming to Greenvale Township in the mail soon.

Minnesota Association of Townships District 4 meeting is coming up on August 7th.

Events Recap - Welbaum’s met with Clerk and Supervisor White regarding different issues. Noted need to take care of concerns of immediate neighbors and noted zoning does not permit events as repeated use... expressed need to be compliant and operate in parameters of township zoning.

New business- PC chair – PC met July 8th with all members in attendance. Consultant/Planner Alex Conzemius was able to attend as well. May 6th meeting minutes were approved. Discussed utility permit. Attorney Blumhoefer found short way around having to adopt long ordinance. Board approved same in June. Moratorium minimally discussed. Reviewed 10 policies. Victor Volkert requested transfer of an existing building site. No concerns with request. Lots of feedback on non-conforming properties/businesses. Future motion to board to develop IUP for businesses currently operating in the township. Next meeting set for 6:00 p.m. Monday September 9th.

Langer moved to accept Paulson’s report, Rowan gave second, motion passed.

Langer had discussion with Attorney Bob Ruppe. Talked about adopting 10 policies. He would write in the needed changes in ordinance format. Board could then approve and turn over to PC

for a Public Hearing. Then with PC recommendation board would decide on adaption. Belief is once Hearing is done the Board could consider lifting the moratorium.

Langer requested approval to ask Ruppe to write document... White: did he give a time-line? Ans: probably by end of the week. White: then public hearings, after 10 days required posting. Rowan thinks faster action is better for people needing permits. White: timely action is good but being thorough is important too. Rowan moved to approve request, seconded by White, and approved by all in favor.

Langer checked dates in 2016 when he requested a draft document from Attorney John Ophaug to consider making it possible, if multiple owners had tract and agreed, make it permitted... similar to a cluster agreement. White looked at document for future consideration, understanding board is agreeable to hosting special meetings when needed.

Comprehensive Plan remarks – we've had hearings on C-Plan. Talked with Jane Kansier of Bolton & Menk on July 2nd and she said information on progress is accurate. Asked how long it would take to amend C-Plan? Ans: hard to tell... text changes quickly but with major changes it could take much longer.

Work sessions before monthly meetings? Great so far! Sign approval for outside town hall? White remembered it was new 5 years ago. White moved to approve \$75. Rowan gave second. Passed.

NCRWMO annual tour tomorrow evening ... Peterson will try to attend as representative. IG meeting tomorrow evening, to be held at Northfield Police Station at 7:00 pm.

Clerk presented Saturday morning special meeting minutes (Bruce Paulson took notes). Langer moved to approve and thanked Paulson for help. White gave second and motion passed.

Clerk shared he was unable to find clear wording to write a resolution for a special gravel permit... per May 20th regular meeting discussions.

Langer: PC recommendation on IUP's... in light of other items suggest we table request until we get caught up on other projects. Rowan agreed. Langer moved to postpone action on PC recommendation on IUP's until later date. Rowan gave second and motion passed.

White had question on St Olaf trees from previous discussions. Did we miss something? Ans: line of trees was on St Olaf property outside the right-of-way.

8:50 paid bills... 9:15 adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk