

**Greenvale Town Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday June 20, 2017**

Present: Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Clerk Linus Langer, Supervisor David Roehl, Chair Gregory Langer. Absent: Supervisor Darcy White

Guests: Maynard Bolton, Wally and Kathy Franklund, Tony Rowan, Mike and Becky McNamara, Victor Volkert, Dick Moore, Dean Odette, Zach & Rachel Eckelman, Matthew Reiland, Bernard Budin, Harry Bouvette, Rachel and Zach Eckelman, Ken Malacha, Gary and Jeannie Norgaard, Char Klemenhagen, Jane Dilley, Mary Langer, Duane Fredrickson, Tom Wirtzfeld, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton, Ted Nelson.

Meeting opened at 7 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Review Monthly Minutes – Langer moved to approve the May 2017 Minutes and Roehl gave the second. Motion approved.

Langer added discussion of weeds to agenda and made motion to approve the Agenda with Roehl giving the second. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Peterson displayed on overhead cash control statement from 5/1 to 5/31 showing different funds. Starting balance was \$251,276, receipts were \$1,871, disbursements were \$9,091, and ending balance was \$244,056. Along with pending transactions CTAS agrees with Bank statement of \$243,509.

Langer moved to approve treasures report. Roehl made second and motion passed. Peterson said we do balance the check book separately and it comes up the same. Discussed negative escrow fund balance and tabled for review and for next meeting.

Clerk spoke about upcoming US Census, & SSTS fees increasing. US Census Bureau is making arrangements to conduct new census which will include local participation. SSTS vendor fees will go from \$400 to \$450, so we should consider raising the township fee from \$500 to \$550. Roehl moved to approve the fee increase, Langer gave second and motion passed. County records access and assistance fee remains at \$44 per SSTS.

Guests: Matthew Reiland (builder for Eckelmans). Ted Nelson (for Helen & Marvin Tuma).

Road Work – we have monthly billing from Otte Excavating and a quote from Astech to repair cracks on paved surface on Dresden Ave... will be about \$4,800 or about \$2,400 for each township. There is also some info on dust control work... asked Bolton about grading and two

culverts, 4 roads to add dust control, some in front of houses close to roads... a rotted culvert, other things since last meeting.

Improvement Projects – this spring we did the annual road tour and talked about work needed. There was a motion approved at last meeting. READ here... we hoped to get work done on north Isle Avenue but did not get it done. Now ditches are deep with grass and the crops are in the fields... so would like to discuss possibility of moving work instead to fall season... Roehl and Bolton and Otte all agreed it sounded good. Otte added he has installed the requested signs, the bridge delineators and the speed advisory signs on curves...

Dust Control work that has been finished... Bolton explained we did dust control so far on the roads not getting gravel this year, some short areas also done and left rest for future this year.

Roehl clarified 15 ft application width on some roads, 18 ft on others, and new roads at 24 ft? Roehl made motion to approve dust control work as outlined on Langer's application planning sheet. Langer made second and motion passed.

2017 Ditch mowing scheduling – over the last few years we've hired Dale Kuchinka. Last year we added a second cut after July. Started on June 28<sup>th</sup> LY. If we approve he can start next week. Langer moved to send approval letter... Roehl asked Jerry if he verified wild parsnip? Yes. Roehl said we can mow them if we need to, for good effect... Bolton said in July they don't want you to do certain things... Langer had MAT manual with info on weeds that is current and would be helpful. Roehl mentioned a provider quoted \$65/mile plus spray... if we mow we could identify the problem weeds in the fall.

Langer moved we hire Dale Kuchinka. Roehl made second and motion passed. Langer will mail letter with request to mow as soon as he can. Roehl emphasized working with Jerry.

Road Contract – Langer had sample of contract that was same as last year, but with dates changed. Last year we sent out requests to four contractors and posted request in the newspaper. Langer moved we approve and mail requests to Otte, Rud, Gleason, Henry, and TJ Grossman. Roehl gave the second and Motion passed. To be reviewed in July.

Added Item – Weed control/spraying – Bridgewater Township had an understanding with a contractor (retired from MNDOT) who could spot spray... there was misunderstanding so they have not sprayed... they think they can control some weeds though mowing. Northfield Township sprayed 33 miles for about \$4,200 and are still going to mow. Langer said we might want to consider getting quotes from other providers. Roehl will contact providers and bring it back in July.

Norgaard family ditch concerns – Langer said he had productive discussion with family on shaping of ditch into their property. Bolton said Ben Boyum will have his Hoe over there in the fall... water is about 50 ft off road. Roehl asked if culvert is low enough? Is water backing up into field? Gary

is still concerned with culvert elevation. Langer said best to wait until hoe is there. Bolton observed there is sand in area and will take shovel out there and check it out.

Citizen Business – we would like to keep it short. If it becomes longer we could put it at end of schedule. Ken Malecha would be fine with moving his item before old business...

Last month Bernard Budin asked about fund balances... concerned he did not receive anything... there were missed calls which are missed opportunities.

Building Permits – Northern Natural Gas requested to have a Variance to locate a small steel shed. Roehl moved to approve the minutes for the June 6<sup>th</sup> public hearing. Langer made second and Motion passed. Langer moved to approve the variance request as presented. Roehl gave second and Motion Passed. Langer moved to approve building permit request and Roehl gave second with motion approved. Minutes, Zoning and Building Permit approvals all granted.

Stevens Ag permit – adding lean-to to existing building. Roehl moved to approve the permit as an agricultural building. Langer gave second and motion passed. Building code to be reviewed in future where like requests benefit from clearer reading.

Sheriff Deputy Mat Lohmann – last night a possible burglary... owner noticed deck door was opened, maybe neighbor came over... Wirtzfeld shared Sunday morning there was a newer Ford F150 with Idaho plates that about ran him over... Bolton noted on 305<sup>th</sup> and Jamaica there is a set of pine trees that seems to be a spot for parking...

Dean Odette and Rachel & Zach Eckelman presented a subdivision agreement. Langer move to approve subdivision agreement and Roehl gave second. Motion passed. Roehl and Langer signed and Clerk notarized.

Langer moved to approve new house permit for Rachel & Zach Eckelman according to zoning. Roehl gave the second and the motion passed.

Kathy & Wally Franklund had a subdivision agreement from Marvin and Helen Tuma. Ted Nelson was present representing Helen and Marvin Tuma. After reviewing materials Langer made a motion to approve the agreement. Roehl made second and motion passed. Langer and Roehl signed agreement and Clerk notarized.

Ken Malecha – had been asked to address the board... presented a petition of signatures urging not to establish a planning commission and another petition to reconsider and allow commercial solar... I would like one of you to make a motion to stop the planning commission and to move to allow solar...

Langer said to reconsider there would need to be a process... we gave people almost a year to participate. A new request, a new application can be considered. Malecha: we feel you could reconsider without a new application.

Dave Roehl: I don't think we heard from enough people... Langer said he mailed out 230 post cards... the public process was fair and was conducted over the course of over a year... Wirtzfeld asked why were there only 230 cards sent out... Langer said many years there was no support to send out information... if the town board agreed we could, but board has not agreed to extra mailings... everyone did have an opportunity with the open public procedures.

Malecha what is your discussion on the planning commission... there were fewer than 50 people that came to the meeting. Has the Clerk answered Attorney Reppe's request for documentation? Yes, already submitted large packet of Annual Meeting documents. Malecha asserted redoing the annual meeting... would you two support that?

Langer said he will not support that. Clerk said he thinks it would be a waste of people's time. Peterson asked if it would be proper to state the problems? Votes were taken at the time and there are rules to follow... that Clerk is supposed to register and keep track of closed ballot... Langer asked Malecha if he was at the meeting? Ans: No. Langer noted the town board does not hold the town meeting, the voters do.

Langer said no to stopping work on forming the planning commission. It is in our Zoning Ordinance Manual.

8:30 update on new comprehensive plan with Bolton and Menk and Dean Johnson. They will host a meeting with residents in spring... Roehl asked about maps they gave us. He looked at the one with commercial markings. Langer said if we do commercial it would require same process that we followed on the commercial solar request.

Victor Volkert asked about meetings... can cards be sent out letting all residents know about meetings for comprehensive plan? Dick Moore said to do that you would have to pass spending... in the past there was no support for that expense.

Gathering September 21st is not a public hearing. That would be next winter or next spring.

Continue discussion on creation of a planning commission – will keep it short. Last meeting talked about creating application form. Had 2 forms for review. 2 pg and 1 pg. Roehl: Nope, let's wait.

Heikes – wanted to assign rights to three separate parcels. Roehl asked where did he move from/to? Langer showed agreement that assigns existing rights to 3 PIDs. Langer moved to approve letter, Roehl made second and motion passed. Langer and Roehl signed document.

8:45 – Solid Waste Plan meeting. Supervisors and officers were invited by County to attend meeting... lots of attendance. Talked about requirement to reduce solid waste by 2020 with plan being created by County. Hosted a meeting next day on 31<sup>st</sup> for waste site owners and haulers.

Training – Summer courses to be held soon. 21<sup>st</sup> in Rochester will be attended by Langer. Darcy & Wayne plan to go to the training offered in Rochester...

Reviewed monthly bills for payment.

Treasurer News – Marcia Wilson to be appointed as our deputy treasurer. She has presented Wayne Peterson as Deputy Treasurer to her Eureka Township board and appointment was accepted. Peterson will appoint her for our Township.

Roehl move to approve deputy clerk pay at \$100 per meeting, plus \$25 per hour including training. Langer gave second and motion passed.

Langer moved to approve Board's support for Peterson's appointment of Marcia Wilson as Deputy Treasurer. Roehl made second and Motion passed.

Clerk asked for new WIFI installation as tree leaves are prohibiting signal reception. Roehl moved to authorize WIFI upgrade and Langer made second. Motion passed.

9:15 meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk