

Greenvale Town Board
Regular Meeting with Conference Call (Covid-19 Restrictions)
Tuesday May 19, 2020

Board Members Present -- Clerk Linus Langer, Supervisor Gregory Langer, Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Supervisor Charles Anderson, Supervisor Anthony Rowan

Guests Present – Capacity Limited – Darcy White, Deputy Adam Suedkamp, John Fink, Alison Bartlett, David Legvold, Town Attorney Bob Ruppe, Ken Malecha

Caller ID Listeners Present – Planning Commission Chair Bruce Paulson, PC member Mark Legvold, Victor Volkert, PC member Jerry Gehler, PC member Brian Evenson, Perry Collins, Richard Moore, PC member Richard Fott, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton, Becky Van Dyke, and 4 unidentified callers.

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was recorded for developing minutes but is not saved as a meeting record.

Langer moved to approve the April Minutes, Anderson gave second and motion passed.

Langer moved to approve the Agenda. There was affirmative discussion to add culvert report, add 2020 road work, add approval on quotes, and hear White later in meeting. Anderson gave a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – The Town’s beginning cash balance was \$44,490, checks outstanding are at \$974, and our months ending balance is at \$43,516. There are \$119,694 in savings at the Castle Rock Bank, \$137,872 in CDs at Community Resource Bank, and \$50,472 in the 4M Money Market Fund. The 4M fund is dedicated for Roads. Our Grand Total is \$351,580.

Langer moved to approve the Treasures report. Rowan seconded and motion passed.

Clerks Report – Some updates were shared on Elections/Permits/Zoning. CoVid-19 is infecting all elections planning, and we can expect shifts in the voting experience for the State Primary Election on August 11 and the State General Election on November 3rd. Absentee voting is expected to increase. Permits summaries have gotten behind, but not the Permits... best to keep up as we benefit looking back and forward too. Over the Counter and Plan Approved permits are shared with Dakota County for balancing property valuations. There are regular Zoning inquiries which can be passed along to the Planning Commission or handled over the phone. Often new inquiries require directions to our Zoning Ordinance, which is available on our Website.

Deputy Adam Suedkamp joined the meeting. He shared there is much importance to “social distancing.” Addressed local concerns with break-ins and advised calling in, always. 911 is best number to call these days with Call Center able to route calls appropriately.

Road Concerns – Rowan shared recent work on noxious weeds and meetings with neighboring township collaborators. He had a handout on ORIENTAL BITTERSWEET of recent news that has a

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legal status “Prohibited – Eradicate.” The collaboration group he is working with meets in person and on-line (Zoom) to develop and manage a database that supports elimination of noxious weeds. Rowan also shared a map of culverts crossing township roads and stakes placed where problems merit attention. Anderson noted sinking of culverts on Holyoke and suggestions for riprap. Langer shared history of upgrades to roads advised by the Road Improvement Committee.

Greenvale Township Road Improvement Committee Members include: Jerry Bolton, Chairman 507-291-0388, Mark Malecha 507-291-0320, Chuck Van Eeckhout 507-664-9387, and Richard Moore 612-290-7529, with Gregory Langer serving as ex-officio liaison and secretary 507-649-2376. Because of CoVid-19 committee hasn’t met lately but recommends repeat of 2014 road improvement plan.

Langer – in consultation with Bolton – made a motion to approve the recommendation of our Road Improvement Committee and the funding for the following road improvement work during the 2020 road construction season:

- Resurface the length of Eveleth Avenue from 307th Street to 290th Street and the length of 290th Street from Drexel Avenue to Foliage Avenue.
- Approximately 25 loads of aggregate for spot loading on other Township roads as needed.
- Replace aged and rusted township culverts as needed.
- Continue the expanded dust control program as completed in 2019 with service provider Envirotech.

Rowan gave a second and the motion was passed with all votes in favor.

On other items Langer shared road services provider Dale Kuchinka is still available when needed. His rates were \$40/mile for ditch cutting and \$125/mile for brushing. Rowan asked for a spending allowance on chemicals for weed control. Langer moved to approve, Anderson gave second and motion passed.

7:30 Attorney Bob Ruppe made introduction and explained work with many townships in Minnesota on many areas of interest. Serving the community with legal advice and solutions by serving the Town Board. CoVid-19 interfered with earlier March and April requests to attend a meeting and introduce to himself to the Board.

David Legvold Comments – Mr. Legvold presented a property map from Dakota County website showing Ordinance violations and asked for a reply from owner (Supervisor) Charles Anderson. Information was also presented on environmental concerns related to mosquitos, waste tires and abandoned vehicles.

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Alison Bartlett Comments – Ms. Bartlett expressed a community response to misinformation spread during March election for the Township. She offered a list of questions for Supervisor Anderson regarding libel towards candidate Darcy White. And she offered suggestions and an invitation towards healing through a group named Greenvale Township Preservation Watch (GTPW). GTPreservationWatch@gmail.com was given for contact information.

Anderson saving replies for later... Anderson asked from on-line training about contact list for MAT, information in emails from other town clerks, and open meeting requirements and documentation. Attorney Bob Ruppe elaborated best practices (one copy to share) and Clerk Linus Langer answered questions on sharing of emails.

Darcy White Comments – White stated she hopes the Board will take citizen comments to heart. She personally engaged in extra meetings while Supervisor, exploring solutions to illegal non-conforming activities.

Langer inquired of attorney Ruppe if “looking the other way” would be in violation of Oath of Office? Reply... not defined in Oath... all cases need to be addressed on an individual basis.

Langer inquired of attorney Ruppe need for contractors to be compliant with Ordinances? Reply... discretion is advised... Also, if under \$25,000 consider quotes, if over \$175,000 sealed bids...

Rowan inquired on spending over/under levy? Go back to ask voters? Reply... you are elected, you as the Board have discretion. (Clerk notes Form D required by County)

With some other comments and questions attorney Ruppe reminded listeners and the Town Board of certain township exclusions in the Minnesota’s Data Practices Act.

Rowan asked about overhead door repair needs, and Treasurer Peterson requested review of modified claim form – two items saved for June meeting.

Claims were reviewed and paid.

8:40 Langer moved to adjourn, Rowan gave second, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk