

Greenvale Town Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 15 2016

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

Guests: Robert Winter, Lila Winter, Martin Gavin, Charlene Klemenhagen, Jane Dilley, Eric Christianson, Mary Langer, Dave Berglund, Terry Mulligan, Erwin Ulrich, Bobbi Bolton, Jerry Bolton, Tony Rowan, Maynard Bolton, Bryce Otte, Matt Rohn, Chad Bolton, Victor Volkert, George Fischer, Ken Malecha.

Meeting started at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roehl moved to approve the October Minutes. Fredrickson made second and Motion passed. Fredrickson moved to accept November 1st Solar Zoning Minutes and Roehl made second. Motion passed and Langer offered Minutes will be posted on website and are available upon request.

Agenda – Fredrickson noted it appears lots of people here to learn about Solar so let's review bills at end of meeting. Langer moved to approve revised Agenda. Roehl made the second with consideration for guest's time and the Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Peterson shared balances from operating accounts: Beginning \$210,547, Receipts \$78,272, Disbursements \$96,034, Ending \$192,786. CD's in investment account were renewed at \$71,025 and \$10,768. Fredrickson asked which bank for CD's? Community-Resource Bank had strongest rates so we kept CD's there. (These revised per Clerk's error on CD's.)

Clerks Report – Bills to be viewed later. Election results were recapped from ballot counter tape. Co-Head Judges John Van Bergen and Ruth Paulson recognized for managing the process well and finishing tasks by 9:30 on election night. All Judges thanked for a job well done. Our precinct is one of many in many different contests. Some Results: US President 56% Donald Trump, US Representative District 2 54% Jason Lewis, State Senator District 58 Tim Pitcher 55%, State Representative District 58B Patrick Garofalo 62%, Soil and Water Supervisor District 5 Jayne-Hager Lee 99%, School Board Members District 659 Ellen Iverson 20%, Rob Hardy 19%, Amy Goerwitz 18%, Noel Stratmoen 16%. Further details can be found at MNVOTES.ORG.

Road Work – Bolton mentioned one S-Turn where we brought ditches that were raised up. Langer mentioned ditch mowing... we can talk about it when we do the bills. Otte bill items are looked at a bit. Safety signs... Otte said they should be here in about a week. Beaver dam is being addressed by trappers and then we will clean out area.

Ellingson Drainage project for Lawrence Schweich in two spots. Approval would be required by Town Board... Langer explained project. Fredrickson asked how does Steve Rasmussen feel about it... Next one is by Jason Peterson residence, Berg's former farm, and Wayne Peterson farm... tile was once added by Jerry Cleland which is now plugged... new project would be to replace existing

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tile line. Langer read letters to approve access to Township ditch. Fredrickson moved to approve the two letters as written. Roehl gave second and Motion passed with all in favor. Signed letters...

Driveway work on Neilson's property on Jamaica Avenue – Langer moved to refund deposit on access application as the work completed satisfactorily. Roehl made second and motion passed.

Brush & Tree Removal – Langer spoke with providers and they have not given quotes yet.

Roads – Bolton recommended we grade roads again, and ditch near Valeks should be shaped/upgraded before winter season. Langer was unable to contact owners of property so he wrote a letter and mailed it out on Nov 10th. We could do the work but that would not be neighborly. Best approach is to blend dirt into field when crop is off... Bolton said might not want to wait to December... Fredrickson moved we do work discussed pending landowner approval. Roehl made second and motion passed. Bolton did meet with the Donnelly brothers and thought it would be good to leave it down 4" or so in case they want to add gravel...

Parcel Work – Larson/Berglund (Realtors) Fredrickson asked about access and if a vehicle can drive in? Berglund had a conservation easement... would be just native plants and county would get rid of invasive species... Langer moved to approve request. Fredrickson made second and motion was approved.

7:30 Deputy Matt Lohman – at 280th and Dunbar we had a theft, but since then we've had about 10 throughout the county... they drive right thru the door... Beta Seed was broken into and audio alarm scared them off. Fredrickson asked if they had their own ATV? ML: maybe a truck with a ramming bar... we have an idea who it is but they are still doing it... these guys are doing their homework. Terry Mulligan asked what are they taking? ML: everything. Wayne Peterson what colors or kinds of vehicles are involved? Jane Dilley: I know they are watching and they are interested in ATV's. A good neighbor in Castle Rock followed suspect and Sheriff was able to respond and apprehend. Call to 911 is quickest way... Board thanked Officer.

Mary Boyum tax split request – Langer had documents to review and sign. Showed documents to Board for review. Fredrickson moved to approve the request as presented. Roehl made the second and motion passed. Chair and Clerk will sign later.

Building Permits – Schwietz reroof permit on Foliage, and Ohmann reroof permit on Foliage Ave.

Ordinance Discussion – Langer recapped November 1st public hearing. There were some remarks about notifying township residents. Langer mailed 240 post cards (some did not receive) ... we had a good group at the hearing... there is a process we must follow as we are asking to "change a law" not review a permit. On the question of the applicability of the 60-day rule advise we have is to extend the period (Blumhoefer letter). Motokazi case referenced... if rule does apply, failure to act results in automatic approval. It is advised to be too risky to rely on Motokazi case...

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Township advised to send written notice to applicant prior to December 3rd then have Planner Dean Johnson draft a sample ordinance for review and public hearing... the Board would then vote to approve or deny the request.

Roehl made a motion to extend the 60-day period for an additional 60 days. (Feb 1st?) Fredrickson gave second and a voted in favor. Clerk will write and send letter to Mr. Winter.

Fredrickson asked if we want to schedule next public hearing? Langer thought about checking with Dean Johnson. Fredrickson recommended checking with Johnson.

Langer moved to have Clerk write a letter to applicant asap before December 3rd and have Dean Johnson do a sample draft amendment. Fredrickson made second and motion passed.

Winter: will Dean Johnson present his draft at the December 20 meeting? Langer said he would hope that would be the case. Then after that there could be a public hearing. Winter thanked Board that they did what they could for now.

8:00 Buildable sites project is completed and partners are paid. Our out of pocket for the township is only what the supervisors were paid at their meetings. Fredrickson & Roehl thanked Langer for spearheading the project.

Comprehensive Plan – At last meeting Langer asked Board if we should reach out to the township on the project. Collaborative Group recap... with exception of 3, group is formed and we have committed to pay fee of about \$3000-\$5000. To get funding assistance Terry Holmes shared there is a request for quotes in the works at the moment... Fredrickson asked if there were other respondents in the RFQ's? Not that we know of... Langer shared current plan. Winter asked when we did it before? Roehl said it needs to be updated every ten years and they are getting a head start. The current Plan was approved in 2008.

Without a planning commission the three of us would decide things. Letter survey was tabled at last meeting... Fredrickson said it's not an exclusive club and any help would be good. Fredrickson expressed comp plan will be much like existing one... and as I see it right now it should be the same as it is now.

Clerk expressed we are hedging on Planning Commission, we have Planning Commission in our zoning manual, we have lots of administrative things happening, we know how Supervisor Langer feels, and we do really need to have a planning commission. Langer will draft another letter to bring back to December meeting.

Terry Mulligan asked how do they go about rewriting an ordinance? There has to be accessibility, setbacks, etc... Langer explained things that would need to be reviewed... it would be unusual to accept a first draft.

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Fredrickson explained options are request is denied, approved, modified, etc...

NCRWMO – the North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization has quarterly meetings. Eleven communities participate: Castle Rock Township, Douglas Township, Eureka Township, Greenvale Township, Hampton Township, Randolph Township, Sciota Township, Waterford Township, city of Miesville, city of New Trier, and the city of Randolph. We are hosting the next meeting tomorrow evening at 6 PM. Langer had agenda. Reviewed three projects already successfully put into ground: Rowans, Mark Malecha, and Wayne Peterson waterway. There is a pending proposal to join a planning collaboration group with Rice, Steel, Goodhue, Le Sueur, and Waseca Counties to work on “one watershed one plan.” TBD.

MAT meeting and educational conference is coming up. Supervisors expressed can't make it.

Intergovernmental Meeting was held October 19th at Bridgewater Town Hall. Fredrickson spoke about information packet that circulates between supervisors... so we can review info... we are not deciding things, but reviewing and being better informed...

ROAD WIDTH SIGNS – Peterson and Bolton came to discussion. Peterson expressed what has happened is road is changed... they've made the road a little bit sharper... they did make it out further, so where the ditch used to be is now 6 ft further... Bolton said every time there was 2 inches of rain there was heavy washing... Peterson said the posts will be a problem when you blade the road... and when snow plowing there might be ice and snow on hill. Otte said as experiment on Dunbar we threw snow backwards... Fredrickson asked what do you propose? Peterson suggested returning ditch as before... can't see how water would move... put real ditch there that would be deeper... Fredrickson asked if all parties agreed we could leave it this way for the winter and look again in the spring. Everyone agreed that was good idea. Wayne said safety was main point. Otte asked Bolton about getting a phone locate to determine dimensions.

Board spoke about agreement with Sheriff regarding cows, etc, and specifics being required...

Claims – Fredrickson moved to approve claims. Langer made second and claims were approved.

At 9:00 PM meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk