

**Greenvale Town Board
 Monthly Work Session and Regular Meeting
 Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Anthony Rowan, Supervisor Charles Anderson, Chair Gregory Langer, Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Clerk Linus Langer (meeting only)

Guests Present: Mary Collins, Perry Collins, Andy Anderson, John Fink, Jerry Bolton, Bruce Paulson, Jerry Wicklund, Terry Mulligan, Lois Berg, Eric Workman, Tom Wirtzfeld, Erv Ulrich, Victor Volkert, Ken Malecha, Jennifer Welbaum, Scott Qualle Building Official, others via conference call.

At 7:00 pm the pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited to open the meeting.

Minutes – Chair Langer made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2021, meeting. Anderson made a second and the motion passed.

Agenda – Discussion items added to draft agenda included grant proposal information by Rowan and subdivision survey information re Bollum property. Langer moved to approve agenda. Rowan gave a second and motion passed x3.

Treasurer’s Report – Peterson presented summary of transactions on town accounts.

10/1 Balance	Deposits	Less Checks	10/31 Balance	Outstand Checks	Total	10/31 Savings	Interest & CD’s	Grand Total
\$156,014	\$3,239	\$45,316	\$113,938	\$17,064	\$96,931	\$255,837	\$53,063	\$405,832

Langer moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Anderson made a second and the motion passed, x3.

Clerk’s Report – Explained polling place reminder required in State Law. Asked resolution and offered info that December will start next town election cycle. Anderson moved on resolution for town hall polling location. Rowan gave second and motion passed x3.

7:15 NCRWMO – Ashley Gallager of our Soil and Water Conservation District (dakotaswcd.org) gave slide presentation on history of the North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization (since 1983) and their many accomplishments. A live/virtual open house has allowed remote experience and citizen input on recent proposals. Projects worked on are environmentally focused and concern our whole watershed area. Chair Langer and Treasurer Peterson both serve on Board representing Greenvale Township.

Sheriff James O’Meara – provided news and updates on regular sheriff rounds. Jerry Wicklund inquired on accident that occurred at trestle under railroad tracks on County Road 86.

MNSPECT – Scott Qualle from MNSPECT shared information on new ownership, now (MNSPECT | a SAFEbuilt Company). Many improvements expected with implementing new services thru the web and better office/field integrations. Software they developed is called CommunityCore. Rowan inquired on routing permit applications on-line vs local and Qualle emphasized transition includes both options, with on-line aiding efficiency. Clerk noted current staffing has been particularly good on administration and inspections and favors “no layoffs!” with new ownership model. Assured. Langer asked on solar arrays for residential installs. Qualle opined since it is already in residential building code and by law the building code cannot be amended more (or less) stringent, he believes zoning doesn’t need adjusted. Langer expressed possibly writing something on standards. Would like language uniform and consistent for people wanting an array on rooftop or in back yard. Qualle agreed and suggested there might be room for brackets on

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limitations like panel space or kilowatts and suggests “pandora’s box” comes with ground mount systems. Langer and Anderson agreed saving topic for new business later. Anderson asked about contract adjustments or changes? Qualle expressed things staying the same until renewal period comes up.

Roads – Bolton spoke on potholes and access permits. Access permits are for gaining driveway access onto public roadway from property owner. They require plan review and site inspection – where water flow and right-of-way upkeep is of main concern. Rowan made a motion to return escrow deposits on three completed driveway projects. Anderson gave a second and motion passed. Langer spoke on minimum maintenance road inspections and shared thoughts on adding aggregate next season. Rowan mentioned talks ongoing with County on extending opportunity for seeking Hazelwood Creek bridge work assistance.

Planning Commission – PC Chair Paulson offered assessment on their work for the township. Thanked Mark Legvold for conducting their most recent meeting. Thanked Richard Fott and Eric Workman for study of neighboring township procedures manuals and insights forthcoming. Reviewed and approved a property split for Bollum parcel. PC tabled William’s solar application. Legvold moved on request (unanimous) for direction and permission on drafting residential solar criteria. Also, would like authorization from the Board for monthly meetings (vs as needed) where flow of information and materials is more easily managed.

Bollum property division request – Langer moved to approve request. Anderson gave a second and the motion passed, x3. Documents to be signed at law office by Clerk and Chair.

Meeting Etiquette/Decorum – Langer recalled he and past Board Supervisor Darcy White spoke on issue with research notes in his files, somewhere. For this meeting Langer had neighboring community policy statement samples which were copied (live) and distributed for attendees, with a pause for reflection. Rowan suggested bringing up same topic - with benefit of review - in December. Ideas such as using a required comment card could be helpful...

Audit – Clerk, Treasurer and Chair joined a one-hour conference call 10/22 with State Auditor’s personnel (5). The call was to learn needs and share information on next steps. Audit would likely not happen this year and expected cost could be as much as \$5,000.

Treasurer comments – Treasurer Peterson read reflections on bullying at meetings. He offered suggestion for an open forum to solve problems.

Victor Volkert comments – Volkert gave comments in favor of regularizing planning commission meetings. His experiences from real-estate profession and meeting attendance support the goals of the planning commission. Volkert also commented need for Board (not others) to be instrumental in hiring for PC support. Rowan gave thought we could send out invite when needs arise. Anderson suggested regular meeting cycle would make it easier for people to commit to helping. Clerk agreed to cover meeting minutes while new patterns are forming. Technology being used for remote attendance via GoToMeeting has required wire and duct tape but is getting addressed.

Anderson moved to approve monthly Planning Commission meetings starting in January 2022. Rowan gave a second and motion passed, x3.

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Christensen 80 a parcel split – Today preliminary proposal was submitted on a property split. Realtor is aiding couple in planning a sale and provided a map of planned subdivision. Clerk recommends channeling under new protocols to the planning commission.

Rowan scheduled a meeting with County on grant prospects Thursday.

Langer shared intentions we should authorize study of residential solar standards. Rowan asked about tying into active inquiry with County on comprehensive zoning grant. Clerk recommended holding off on a specific solar zoning motion. Anderson advocated planner and/or attorney review of wording in ordinance. Recessing was considered but not acted on. Langer moved to approve Tom William's request for residential solar installation. Rowan gave a second – further discussion included asking attorney advice – then a roll call vote: Rowan yes, Anderson no, Langer yes. There next was a motion by Langer to invite attorney to our next meeting. Anderson gave second. Rowan yes, Anderson yes, Langer yes. Motion passed. Clerk to make invite. (12/9 edit: motion follow up was lacking consensus)

Sheriff agreement – Langer moved to continue joint powers agreement with Dakota County Sheriff's Office. Anderson gave a second and the motion passed x3.

Anderson moved to hold December work session and meeting to 6pm and 7pm on Thursday December 9th. Rowan gave a second and motion passed.

Bills were reviewed. Langer moved on claims. Rowan gave second and motion passed.

A check was voided. Langer moved to void check #7686. Anderson gave second, motion passed.

At 9:30 Langer moved to adjourn. Anderson gave second. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer/Clerk