

**Greenvale Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

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

Guests: Nancy Kluver, Bernard Budin, Mike Slavik, Bruce Paulson, Scott Qualle, Ron Welbaum, Dick Moore, Joyce Moore, Tony Rowan, Maynard Bolton, Brian Evenson, Gerry Gehler, Mark Legvold, Ken Malecha, Mike, Natasha & Bronson Jones, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited opening the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Approve minutes – Roehl moved to approve October minutes and White gave a second. Motion passed.

Agenda – 3 changes: add Mike Slavik, add IG meeting October 18th, and if we can move Scott Qualle and MNSPECT items to after introduction of guests. Langer moved to approve the agenda with changes. White gave a second and the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Peterson gave financial summary of beginning balance \$224,877, receipts \$3,617, disbursements \$21,483, ending balance \$207,011, and the bank statement less current outstanding checks and deposits showing \$208,360. Langer moved to approve treasurer’s summary as read and Roehl gave a second. Motion passed.

Clerk – various recent meetings and school levy elections were recapped.

Deputy Reiners – lots of car/deer hits lately, watch speeds, hit a deer at 50 with push bumper. Nancy asked heard from neighbor: a few incidents of thief backing truck into shed and stealing... Paulson asked best number? 911 is best to use now, even with non-emergency.

Guests: Introduced our Dakota County District One Commissioner Mike Slavik and building code inspections contractor MNSPECT owner Scott Qualle.

Mike Slavik – tries to attend township meetings a few times a year. ¼ percent sales tax now pays for our own county roads (vs. discontinued CTIB) and will support about \$16.7 million towards upkeep and improvements per year... helping with a much better budget. At December 12th meeting approved 79% reduction in regional rail tax; with 3-year plan to eliminate rail road tax. Property values are up 11%, but our taxes are lowest of 87 counties - with all debt paid off. Lots of plans in 2019: 320, 96, improving asphalt roads, and maybe some gravel turning to asphalt.

Scott Qualle – Langer shared we have anticipated 3-year contract is due... is satisfied with services and asked comments from White and Roehl. Clerk gave compliments and related

positive experiences with permitting and administration. Very high level of customer care when required. Chair Langer moved to approve the 3-year contract renewal as presented. White made a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Scott spoke about public portal to software... re-roof and re-side capabilities in near future, where having some over-the-counter permits on-line will be a significant convenience. Also includes an opportunity to give electronic inspections (tablet) that will be part of township file. Example: can take photos if an anchor bolt is improperly installed... and fixing handwriting styles that are all over the place.

Roads – Jerry Bolton – we have most of roads graded for the year... some mud from fields that are pretty wet... not much we can do about that. 3 different ditches were done this week. Should be good for winter season. Checked signs and found 3 that were crooked and straighten them up... it would probably make sense to have Safety Signs do the upkeep... White said they know the regulations and laws... White offered instead of us doing the signs we could just have Safety Signs do the signs for savings and reduced liability.

Almost all the brushing is done this year. Mark Henry got the spray applied on the same day, which is the best method. It cost under \$1,000 or so. A few trees did not look good after trimming event... will redo some on Holyoke and will cut down/clean up where needed.

Snow plowing – Langer & Bolton met with TJ Grossman to talk about a general understanding on what to expect during snow falls. Bolton: he would like to open in the morning and then come back with the blade for touchup. Langer: contract is same as with previous contractor. Bolton: we have gotten chips thru Dakota County in the past. TJ would like to get a load of chips delivered to his house where he has loader. Last year we did a semi load, about 23 tons. A few times last year the facility was not open so we could not get chips... White moved to get a load of chips. Roehl made second to be stored at TJ's property. Motion passed.

Langer captured photos of improvements completed, which will be in report like previous years. Roehl: quit a few trees to look at? JB: yes. Roehl: just so we have enough to get it done.

Citizen Business – NA

Review Permits – Ron Welbaum had a request for a new storage shed. Mike Pexa is contractor. He had a plan drawn. 50 ft setback to be changed from 25 ft. Langer move to approve provided site mapping for 50 ft setback. Second was given from Roehl and the motion was passed. Clerk accepted plans to be submitted for plan review by MNSPECT.

Mike, Natasha & Bronson Jones (age 5) – Welcome to Greenvale! Purchased property on Isle Ave, 31st of October. Langer spoke about setbacks and requirements. Residential accessory (Shed) building application okay but we'd need to discuss use of building. Jones: am electrical contractor, but just thinking horses and storage. L: additional driveway? MJ: did a draft for setbacks. L: minimum distance from adjacent parcels in zoning is 200', is different from 100'

request. White asked which is next property? Where is driveway? L: we'd need to look at pg. 28 and review options. Roehl: where is this on our map? L: across from Larry Valek, near vegetable operation. L: there is an application form for a driveway access variance we should look at. Clerk explained public hearing requirements, has checked Dakota County map for flood plain/shoreland, and verified septic passed compliance certification before sale, as required.

Langer moved to approve new shed building request. White gave the second and the motion passed with all in favor. December 11th was chosen for the public hearing, to be held at the town hall at 6:00 p.m. to consider driveway location variance.

8:05 approve interview minutes – Langer moved to approve the November 1st planning commission applicant interview minutes and Roehl gave a second. All voted for approval.

Langer has had a chance to visit with township and MAT attorneys on procedures. Talking to attorneys - however we do it - it needs to be open, not closed ballot, and not done privately. We've had three weeks since interviews and we've studied our personal notes... each of us could make a motion and if approved hopefully they would take the position. Do either of you have a suggestion? No new suggestions. Note Chris Kennelly has withdrawn his application.

Langer moved to appoint Bruce Paulson. White gave second. All in favor.
White moved to approve Mark Legvold. Langer gave second. All in favor.
Roehl moved to appoint Ken Malecha. No second. Motion failed.
Langer moved to appoint Nancy Kluver. No second. Motion failed.
White moved to approve Brian Evenson. Roehl gave second. All in favor
Roehl moved to approve Richard Moore. No second. Motion failed.
Langer moved to appoint Gerry Gehler, Roehl gave second. All in favor.
White moved to approve Richard Fott. Langer gave second. All in favor.

Founding Planning Commission members will be: Bruce Paulson, Mark Legvold, Brian Evenson, Gerry Gehler and Richard Fott. Other applicants are valued as much, with sincere thanks.

Langer: we need to discuss open meeting law (OML) and what we learned we can do at the meetings. I made some comments at last meeting that were incorrect. If 5, and 2 meet that's fine. If 5, and 3 meet it must be posted as a public meeting. MAT attorney advised if 2 & ex-officio member met that would now be fine too. The meetings should be kept to Planning Commission business. Oath of Office is good idea, but not required. MAT advises it is common to have Supervisor member as information sharing member.

White: Road Committee has a Supervisor... Langer: that was in the creation of the committee. Clerk mentioned planning commission members would be employees of Greenvale Township.

Langer: 1st Tuesday was previously discussed, but not locked in. 1st meeting to be on Monday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the office conference room of the town hall.

Clerk recommended Chair Langer become ex-officio member. White said he has right amount of knowledge and time. Roehl asked Langer if he wanted to take it on? White moved Langer be ex-officio member for short-term to get things going. Roehl made second and motion passed, with Langer abstaining. Roehl remembered/advised we discussed having some early extra meetings just to get things going in the right direction.

8:30 Bernard Budin asked how does it work with permits? Do you have to wait for a quarterly meeting? L: probably not necessary unless a need for a variance. Four regular meetings to study most items and other meetings if needed. L: my wish as a Supervisor and community member is to look at the comprehensive plan & study & look at concerns on the new comprehensive plan.

Gerry Gehler: is it possible to get copies of comprehensive plans for the Planning Commission members? And state statutes? Langer: had several copies available and distributed them...

White sighted statute 366.01 on Town Board Powers and read from statute. Neighboring townships have offered to visit on success stories and challenges... Gehler: what do you three Supervisors say planning commission would be doing? What job description would there be? White shared copies of the planning commission letter with initial guidelines.

Langer: December meeting will be "where do we go from here." Gehler: would we talk to Clerk? Yes, you can talk to all Supervisors as well whenever needed. Clerk OML (open meeting law) is good, it does not kill conversations rather it does channel discussions for building trust. Langer will serve to get notices out until a planning commission chair is selected.

8:35 progress on Comprehensive Plan – Langer visited with Dean Johnson. 10 of 16 mgs have been held. Only one township wants to make any changes. Have not heard anything about us changing our zoning or comprehensive plan. READ LETTER. Did Greenvale establish a planning commission? If yes, they would have to conduct the comprehensive plan hearing. The Plan has fold out maps and township addendums, which is not easily printed. Waterford Twp. has it on their site with an addendum for their township. Have any of you seen that? The Master Plan has all the townships. Langer to get copies of the Greenvale addendum...

New Business – report on NAFRS. Langer attended another meeting... still lots of very important discussions... now up to nearly 4 million dollars, with twp.'s paying "their share." This language concerns me.

White said they get it we are concerned there will be a lot of pushback from the townships. L: we are not alone in our concerns. Next week I will put bits and pieces in the pass around folder.

MAT Conference was outstanding. Things we can and can't do with beaver dams... Clerk went to clerk reminders class... and a septic review class. OML, and OMG, lots of stuff.

White glad they talked about water and environmental issues. L: next year the theme and focus will be energy, with rural industrial placements becoming a big concern. Large collection of solar projects. Article from near Albert Lea. White: is training always same week? TBD, usually.

Clerk liked notable session quote: these days “borders are porous, and sectors are fussy”

Duane Blanck, retired Crow Wing County Engineer delivered an excellent presentation. He knows a lot, has lots of real world county/township experience, very easy to listen to and has great presentation skills for our type of audience.

NCRWMO had great and very informative meeting. White got a recent informational letter in the mail from Minnesota department of agriculture, and the county SWCD. Next meeting at Eureka Town Hall... March 21st of 2018... to be brought it up in February.

Area Intergovernmental Meeting was well attended... next meeting in January? Look for invite.

If time – 2 things. Land use in township. Quite a few calls from realtors. Can we do this and can we do that are common inquiries? What you can do is in Ordinance, otherwise please come to a monthly meeting or a planning commission meeting. There are typically 3 to 4 calls per week – yes, we are here to serve.

Wanted to make you aware of... Gardens of Eagan is in FNAP program, however, there is an odd shaped piece. Roehl asked if they kept a building right? R: why did they choose to do it that way? L: they would be able to do things other than build a home on it. They have description of full frontage... realtor asked what they can build there? So... they know they cannot build a home there, but sorting vegetables is ok... this stuff takes research. See planning commission.

Another piece, near Welbaums. It can be subdivided. Met with owners for about 1 hr at town hall. As long as there is an access to the public road... Roehl: is there a building right there? No.

Dakota County Solid Waste is working on a new master plan. May and June. Public is invited to comment on MP until December 1st. Info is on county website. All waste sites in county are privately owned.

Bills – packet reviewed and claims were paid.

9:25 meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Clerk