

Greenvale Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2014

Present: Greg Langer Chair, Duane Fredrickson Supervisor, Darcy White Treasurer, Brian Evenson scribe.

7:01 meeting called to order by Chair Langer and led Pledge.

Review of minutes of last board meeting and Special Town board meeting held on October 2, 2014 covering buildable sites project. Motion made to approve September meeting minutes by Chair Langer, Supervisor Fredrickson seconded, motion carried. Supervisor Fredrickson made motion to approve October 2 special town board meeting, Chair Langer second. Motion carried to approve minutes

Treasurer's report

Report was moved to the end of the meeting and was presented to supervisors. Chair Langer made motion to approved payment with exception of ditch mowing, Supervisor Fredrickson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report Chair giving report in place of Linus Langer

Comments and report on November election activities. Edith Nelson has agreed to be election judge.

State permits surcharge report – Clerk Langer will send report to state.

Deputy Daniel Hoover from the Dakota County sheriff department, meeting paused to allow him to address the group. Officer Hoover stated no new break-ins have been reported. A suspect has been caught in connection with the break-ins. Officer Hoover also reported a large increase in deer / vehicle collisions in the county, so asked everyone to be more aware when driving.

Township road concerns. Reports and discussion. Road improvement Project report (Richard Moore, Jerry Bolton, Mark Malecha)

Update on 2014 road work progress. October 6th Jerry Bolton, Bryce Otte and Jason Otte discuss scheduling needed road and ditch work. October 9th Chair Langer, Chuck Van Eeckhout, Jerry Bolton and Ron Heim from MNDOT met to view storm damaged large culvert on Holyoke Avenue. Chair Langer also mentioned the ditches on Eveleth Ave had mowing done that was two cuts wide and looked very good.

Discuss needed repairs for Dresden Avenue. Discuss Waterford Township's position on cost share and scheduling work. Chair Langer met with Waterford chair John Dudley to discuss needed repairs on Dresden Ave on Oct. 4th. Waterford board does agree that the road is in need to be repaired, but does not have the needed funds to do the repair this fall. Waterford will have the needed funds next April or May. Chair Langer did review previous repairs to Dresden and found \$24,000 was spent in 2010. The Treasurer for the Waterford Township raised concerns about if there is damage under the existing pavement, if there are issues with the roadbed after only 4 years after the last repairs. Board discussed it would be too late in the season to do temporary repairs on the road and that there should be minimal

damage caused by snowplowing over the coming winter. The township board will talk to the city of Northfield to see if Greenvale Township can get the same bid rate for any road repair Northfield is doing next spring in regards to Dresden Ave. Township could possibly use same contractor company(s) as Northfield for this repair. The township board will meet with Waterford Township in February or March to discuss proposals for Dresden Ave.

Review requests for building permits

Reviewed Nate Nordrum deck and retaining wall application. Application was filled out completely and Supervisor Fredrickson moved to approve application, Chair Langer seconded. Motion carried. Chair Langer will contact Clerk Langer tomorrow to see if the Township has contacted MNSPECT.

Building permit for Brett Volkmeier application is incomplete. Township Clerk Langer with mail information to Mr. Volkmeier stating the need to fill out the building permit application completely before the board can act on any application.

Citizen business

Answer building site transfer questions from Robert Kaefring. In the past building sites have been transferred between landowners as long as they were in agreement and it was stated in the meeting minutes that the properties are contiguous and / or adjacent. The township does not have this practice in clear written language, but this practice has been done by past boards. Supervisor Fredrickson has concerns that this practice can be inconsistent and it is up to the board members to interpret the rules. Supervisor Fredrickson suggested not voting on this tonight and develop a written policy. The township board members would like to have all supervisors present when they vote on this subject. The board also would like to talk to the township lawyer to develop a written policy. The board also needs to see how this fits into our comprehensive plan that is on file with Dakota County and Met Council.

Robert Kaefring spoke regarding the building site transfer and also requested a plat map. Mr. Kaefring would like the board to develop something in writing so residents can transfer building site rights. Supervisor Fredrickson made a motion to table this discussion to next month's meeting, Chair Langer second. Motion carried to table until next month.

Discuss Jacob property buildable site question. Request from Christian Klempp of Edina Realty regarding the Matthew P Jacobs property on whether or not this property has a buildable site on the property. It appears to the Township board that this property does have one building site on it. The Township board proposes to developed a new document that states buildable site availability and would include parcel number on the document. The board has yet to develop a fee for processing this document. Motion made by the board that it appears there is a buildable site on parcel number 160300052010, but requested signed documentation would need to be done at the November board meeting. Chair Langer made the motion Supervisor Fredrickson seconded. Motion carried.

Old business

Report on Dakota county Assn. of Township Officers meeting held on September 30th. Speaker Mike Couri talked about easements and use permits. In 1977 township was giving some zoning authority, not authority on septic and wells, which is done by Dakota County. Brian Watson spoke about AG reserve and speakers for other breakout sessions. Dakota County reminded townships to send building permits to the county. County is relying on the townships to send them this information.

Report on Greenvale township building site project.

On October 14th Chair Langer discussed with Dean Johnson regarding the buildable sites project, but Chair Langer is not developing or writing policy, only gave information regarding some unique or special cases of properties within the township. Township will need to make some decision on issues, like Partial quarter – quarter section ownership, Multiple contiguous ownership, survey location of homes, etc.. Township will have open meetings in the future regarding this subject. Greenvale Township received a grant from Dakota County and is having Dean Johnson help with the buildings rights inventory study.

Discuss progress with abandoned vehicle concerns. Mittelstaedt has moved the vehicle and area looks good. Have not heard back from Anderson and Bolstrom.

Discuss progress with incomplete building at 28255 Holyoke Avenue. Erwin Ulrich was at the meeting and has made several phone calls to the contractors to install the siding on the building. He will continue to work on this.

New business

Discuss attending the MAT annual Meeting in November. Duluth November 20 – 22, 2014. Clerk reserved 3 rooms for this meeting. Clerk Langer will need to know which board members are planning to attend this meeting by Nov. 5th.

Discuss reviewing Township's insurance needs with MATIT agent at the Township Conference. Township did pay insurance bill. Supervisor Fredrickson made motion to review township consolidated coverage at MATIT with our insurance agent. Chair Langer seconded. Motion carried

Discuss contract renewal for services with MNSPECT. Agenda item at the November meeting. Review contract with MNSPECT and need to discuss renewing with MNSPECT if the board is happy with the service. Group will discuss this at the November Township meeting.

Discuss our next NCRWMO meeting, hosted at Greenvale Town Hall, November 19, 2014. Chair Langer would like to purchase refreshments (light snacks) for the NCRWMO meeting and paid for them from the township funds. Motion was made by Supervisor Fredrickson, seconded by Chair Langer. Motion carried.

Rainbow saddle club will be renting the township building for their December meeting. The saddle club has filled out paperwork and deposit.

Reminder of Public hearing on October 21st at 6:00 pm will be held at the township hall.

Edith Nelson is continuing to help with the handover of previous township minutes.

Review monthly bill for payment

Board will review payment fees with MNSPEC at November meeting.

8:50 pm adjourned meeting

Meeting minutes taken by Brian Evenson

Respectfully reviewed and submitted by Linus Langer/Clerk