

Greenvale Town Board Meeting
October 18 2016

Board Members Present – Chairman Gregory Langer, Supervisors David Roehl and Duane Fredrickson, Clerk Linus Langer and Treasurer Wayne Peterson.

Guests Present – MNSPECT Representative Kandis Hanson, Bryce Otte, Erwin Ulrich, Chris Kennelly, Maynard Bolton, Eric Christianson, Russ Hoheisel, Sean Sovis

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting opened at 7PM

Minutes – Roehl moved to approve the September minutes. Fredrickson made the second and the motion passed.

Agenda – Roehl suggested we review claims at the end of this meeting. Langer had a Septic Joint Powers Agreement to review and add to the end of the meeting. Langer moved to approve the revised agenda. Roehl made the second and the motion passed.

Treasurer – Peterson shared monthly figures from City Town Accounting System (CTAS). Beginning balance in operating funds of \$230,735, Receipts of \$2,986, Disbursements of \$23,174 leaving an Ending balance of \$210,547. We are now transitioned to the Castle Rock Bank with all our operating funds. Savings and Investment funds of \$81,258 are in two CD's at Community-Resource Bank in Northfield, one of which will mature before our next meeting. Peterson asked to have motion to ladder the Investment funds. Suggestions were considered to divide up the funds. Langer moved to authorize treasurer and clerk to renew CD's as they see practical. Fredrickson made the second and the motion passed. Erwin Ulrich noted sometimes there are penalties for the amount of a withdrawal, as opposed to whole amount of a CD.

Clerk – Claims have been moved towards end of the agenda. Plans are in place to schedule Election Judges with John Van Bergen and Ruth Paulson serving again as Co-Head Judges. There is some anticipation of exit polling as the County has forwarded information from a Polling company that has been in touch. The Public Accuracy Testing (PAT) event is scheduled for Friday October 28th. PAT is done for each election to verify the ballot and test the equipment used.

Langer moved to approve the trained Election Judges and Roehl made the second. The Motion was accepted with all in favor.

MPCA letter from October 14 was shared on our Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS). A Second Program Assessment occurred August 1st of 2016. Three areas were addressed for our compliance: 1) Designs always require preliminary soils. 2) Site maps require labeling of wells, easements, floodplains, property lines, soil borings and soil treatment area along with setbacks. 3) Maintenance route for the maintainer should be labeled on the site map. This letter is a very positive follow-up from our August 1st MPCA review.

Relationship Manager Kandis Hanson from MNSPECT – Hanson shared her experience as City Manager when working with MNSPECT. Constant change had been disruptive and MNSPECT brought continuity to inspections and the many challenges of understanding the State Building Code. Expressed her commitment is for us and Quality Control is one of strengths. She will be eyes and ears and problem solver. One important goal is to improve area of education and communications, which could include future website permits.

Roads – Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton is away. Langer shared information on work that was billed. 307th St was discussed. Signs on Dresden Avenue were discussed. City will replace some signs and Waterford Township will replace others in need of attention. Considering a share, the road sign for safety & reduced speed with cost around \$300. Signs by curves on Idalia were also discussed. Quote for all signs was around \$466 without labor. Wayne Peterson expressed concerns with structure of road which generally has had a 30 mph curve, but now with crown going north then west there is a negative bank. Big combine going thru would be difficult.... Ditch used to be further in and culvert had been plugged up. Sometimes washed out road... let's make it a future agenda item.

Dresden – Langer met with Dale Kuchinka and learned he can't brush-mow South Dresden due to mailboxes and size of trees and brush. Cannon River Tree gave a quote of \$900 to clear our side of ditch. Roehl observed we have quite a bit of brush to mow. Supervisors looked at map of areas of concern where brush is bad... Cannon River Tree will give a quote on brushing those areas. Roehl noted Bryce has been grinding up in Eureka and it looks pretty good. Fredrickson asked if Bryce would want to quote it. There was lots of discussion on doing more with brushing.

Wasner's and The Main Street Project – Property sale is pending and there is need to upgrade one driveway. The Main Street Project is a regenerative model of agriculture and economic development that emphasizes small scale organic poultry production -- without commercial chemical inputs. Fredrickson made a motion to approve the Driveway Access Application. Roehl made the second and the motion was approved.

Russ & Laurie Hoheisel Building Permit Request – Information was found from a previous Board meeting in 2005. Minutes indicate permit had been issued, though not on a quarter/quarter section. Considering past decisions Langer said he would like to find it a buildable site. Langer then moved to approve the garage application with an understanding of township's septic, building code and setback requirements. Roehl seconded and the Motion passed unanimously.

Commercial Ordinance Amendment – Langer had visited with Attorney John Ophaug and Planner Dean Johnson. A Motion was made by Langer to invite Johnson and Ophaug to the Public Hearing where we would address Robert Winter's Commercial Zoning change request. Fredrickson made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Dean Johnson from Resource Strategies Corporation is able to create sample ordinance language that could be available. The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) cautions against using

other community's language. Fredrickson thought it would be nice to have "small, medium and large" samples for guidance. Concerned about time on the matter... Fredrickson said ramifications are pretty large.... If it's something that is going to bother people we should hear them... Fredrickson wondered if Dean could bring ideas vs samples. Langer recalled when we did the wind ordinance it took a while before we approved it. Roehl said other than the 60 day rule they can't do anything this fall anyway... some discussion was on the question of the 60 day rule. Langer will check with Dean Johnson.

Langer shared a post card sent from a solar project developer offering \$1200/acre cash rent, and long term steady income...

Kennelly Request – Wells property. There was a home there in the past that was fire damaged. Langer read a letter requesting Board signature. Fredrickson moved sign the letter and Roehl made the second with motion approved. Supervisors signed and Clerk notarized. Langer explained need for full legal descriptions as parcel ID is not enough for official recordings.

Comprehensive Plan Collaborative – Formal agreement is required to qualify for grant funding on the Collaborative. Whereas... and therefore let it be resolved... Greenvale Township adopts a resolution... Fredrickson recommended our Clerk be the designated contact. Langer moved to adopt the Resolution and designate our Clerk as the contact person. Roehl made the second and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

Dakota County Township Officer's Association – Clerk Langer and Chair Langer attended the Association meeting on September 29th in Farmington. Progress on the Collaborative is delayed some, perhaps a month, due to a bidding requirement on grant funding.

Langer asked for Board consideration on sending out a questionnaire to residents. Sample letter offered information on the new Comprehensive Plan Updates and would invite comments and participation in a planning task force. It also surveyed interest in the forming of and service towards a Planning Commission, as identified in our current Zoning Ordinance.

Fredrickson expressed with amount of work I'm not sure we need a planning commission. Langer asked are we qualified with the right skills to meet with the collaborative? Erwin Ulrich offered it would be good to hear residents. Fredrickson expressed it leans more a solicitation for a Planning Commission vs helping with the Comprehensive Plan, though at least we need to inform people of work on the comprehensive plan. Roehl recommended limiting survey but offered a planning commission would be great to groom new helpers. Clerk noted much effort is required off the radar and some of it could be absorbed by of a planning commission. Consensus was lacking, so topic was tabled until November meeting.

Local Intergovernmental Meeting – Jody Wagner from Rice County presented visual charts... considering the proposals of establishing a Fire Taxing District... bottom line is cities will pay less and townships will pay more. The Cloquet project from previous discussions is very different from our situation. We are still funding NAFRS through our Rural Fire District. NAFRS has an 8 person

board with 5 members from the City of Northfield, 2 members from the City of Dundas and 1 member from participating townships. The next scheduled Intergovernmental meeting will be at Bridgewater tomorrow evening.

Greenvale Township will host the upcoming North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization (NCRWMO) meeting on November 16th. Treasurer Peterson is our alternate member and Supervisor Langer is currently serving as Chair.

Minnesota Township Officers Association – 2016 Annual Meeting and Education Conference is November 17, 18, and 19 in St Cloud. Details are in the news magazine.

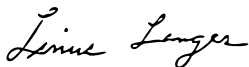
Langer moved to approve a Resolution of renewal of our Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County on septic programs. Roehl made the second and the Resolution passed with all in favor. Chair and Clerk signed the Joint Powers Agreement.

Eric Christianson asked if we were following leads on a sound system... he can maybe find some items that can be useful. If it pleases the board I'll keep researching it... board agreed completely.

Ditch on 285th St near Ben Boyum was cleaned by County and they are storing dirt for future use.

Claims were reviewed and approved and meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linus Langer".

Linus Langer | Clerk