

**Greenvale Town Board
Work Session & Regular Meeting
Tuesday October 15 2019**

Board Present: Supervisor Darcy White, Chair Gregory Langer, Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Supervisor Anthony Rowan, Clerk Linus Langer

6:00 p.m. Work Session opened with pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Chair Langer spoke with Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) on meeting environment. Board is not to provide place for soap-boxing. Attorneys stressed “why do you have citizen comments?” It has become chance for outbursts and abuse of board, and recommendation is “take it out,” as there is no law requiring forum for harassment or heckling. Elimination would shorten meetings up; so, do we want to continue that and if yes do we want to have comments submitted in writing? MAT recommended adding camera to counter disruption. If need to call for help show video to law enforcement, perhaps keep recordings for 30 days for security. MAT also adds Board is only required to provide one copy of a document. Do not need to have more than one copy.

Dakota County Township Officers Association meeting report added by White.

Rowan added bridge items to agenda. Jenny (DNR) is thinking to have creek migrated to other side of road. Tom (DC) thinks we might not get money if we pursue moving bridge. Looking to get approval from DNR to use smaller culvert temporarily, and then wait for funding with state help.

Looked at claims... Peterson asked noted APG invoice discrepancies... White asked about ACH on Xcel energy bill? All claims copied and put in public packet...

Rowan shared information on road use/traffic that will aid application for bridge funding.

PC Meeting pay was discussed especially appreciating weight of discussions and work required.

Requests from Charles Anderson, and Perry Collins. White said 3 minute limit has been used at City of Northfield... let’s try that.

Request consider December meeting to be moved up to the 10th due to family travels. White met with Dakota County Assessor... well worth a call and visit. Langer recommends we pay \$100 for recent PC minutes and consider finding minutes person.

6:45 Rowan moved to adjourn work session, White seconded, approved.

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting opened with pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests Present: Perry Collins, Mary Collins, Charles Anderson, Donita Anderson, Steve & Jody Hansen, Charlene Klemenhagen, Dave & Deb Mittelstaedt, Jane Dilley, Phil White, Scott Norkunas, Bruce Paulson, Maynard Bolton, Ken Malecha, Richard Fott, Lauren Norkunas, Victor Volkert, Mike McNamara, Eric Workman, Erv Ulrich, Andy Anderson, Kimberly Anderson, Terry Mulligan, Andy Collins, Dale Odette, Mary Langer, Eric Christianson, Tim Collins, Larry Bolton, Bruce Boudreau, Ron Welbaum

Review minutes – Langer moved to approve minutes as written, White gave second, passed.

Agenda – added Rowan Isle Ave bridge project, White added discussion on DC meeting under new, Langer added change Dec. meeting to Dec. 9, and PC pay for meetings running into extra sessions plus pay for writing minutes. Langer moved for approval, Rowan gave second, passed.

Treasurer's report – beginning balance \$23,459, receipts \$9,289, disbursements \$19,302, ending balance \$13,446... balances agree with checkbook, except for \$3, pending. Bank \$17,617 vs \$17,620. Outstanding checks \$4,173. Langer moved to approve, White gave second, passed.

Clerk's report – elections training in January (hopefully) as there will be 4 elections in 2020. Permits of different kinds issued over the summer, with quite a few Septic Compliance Inspections arriving when properties are sold...

Guests – please sign in on list. Silence devices.

Road Work Concerns – Bolton noted a culvert failed Sunday night a week ago, and it was fixed on Monday. Still tv's in ditches (4 more) now at 65 tv's, \$15 each. Adding spot loads as needed on Eveleth (graveled), 290th and Dunbar... think we'll make it until springtime.

Dakota County Hwy 23 Upgrade comments – Bolton noted project is supposed to be getting down to Ohmann's intersection with blacktop before winter season sets in.

Noxious Weeds – Rowan said "stake budget" is getting higher as, unfortunately, people are pulling them out and sometimes running them over. Stakes are carefully placed to mark noxious weeds for spraying. Farmers Mill operator has most of weeds sprayed and will get to the rest by end of month. Rowan is keeping all costs down – with scheduled spraying only as needed.

Bridge Project – on Isle Avenue. White said readers digest version helps for now... DNR said creek migrated to north so they want smaller culvert where bridge used to be located. Bolton disagreed with assessment sharing we need to fix the bridge, we don't need to relocate it. Rowan trying to negotiate most favorable project details with all parties.

Building Permits – NA

7:15 White and Rowan recommend 3 minutes (limit) on public comments.

Lead planner Jane Kansier of Bolton-Menk waiting for other local governing units (LGU's) to deliver their passed resolutions on Rural Collaboration Zoning Comprehensive Plans.

Planning Commission – Bruce Paulson (Chair) shared the planning commission met on October 7th. Reviewed and approved minutes, discussed per diem pay with no consensus and no strong opinion... continued discussions on non-compliant properties. Passed 1: motion consider using current form (IUP) with updates from attorneys. 2: add an email in-box posted on web page for planning commission future ordinance changes. Next scheduled meeting Monday Dec 2nd.

Langer added we've been using existing IUP application form, that we've had since about 2010... had 50 copies printed to look at and comment on. White moved to pay back \$12.50 printing fees, Rowan gave second, passed. Rowan moved to ask clerk to make printouts available, Langer gave second, passed.

White moved to pay \$100 for writing PC meeting minutes, Langer made second, passed. White recalled when we interviewed "time" was discussed and thinks it would be very fair to pay if meetings are extended... White moved to pay the planning commission \$50/meeting date. Langer gave second, motion passed unanimously. Board will seek someone to take minutes at planning commission meetings to free up planning commission members participation.

7:30 PICNIC was a success on a very decent day, not windy... \$400 under budget, colorful tractors, about 200 people. Savanna Snelgrove took photos, which could make great Christmas gifts. Board and Jennifer Welbaum were very pleased Tony & Jennifer Skalsky family could join us, as they remodeled and preserved our old town hall. There were new pictures to share.

Perry Collins – 3 minutes – would like to be invited on tree projects in township. Reply: comments appreciated and noted.

Charles Anderson – 3 minutes – thanks for letting me speak... Charles read on potential increase in taxes with property classification changes. Reply: comments appreciated and noted.

White shared there was a good regional Dakota County Officers Association meeting at Farmington. Rural Solid waste will be disbanded. Waste tire events still on/planned. Community Development grants being pursued... White will keep in touch. Code Red calling service is great example of public funding. www.mn-dcc.org community notification system... cell, txt, email... shared post card (on township table), sheriff talked about it. Dakota County now has a commercial motor vehicle inspector.

White called County Assessor. Learned about 1/5 of county property gets assessed every year. Made call, as a citizen, to learn about their work. This year Greenvale, Castle Rock, and Eureka townships are scheduled for on-site assessments. "The person spoken with was 'very amenable' to my phone call."

Langer moved for December meeting to be held to the 9th. White gave second, motion passed.

Planning Commission motions/requests: White moved to approve adding link to group planning commission email. Rowan gave second, approved. Langer abstained.

Langer moved to approve funding to have Ruppe and Planner review current IUP application for up to date concerns. Rowan gave second, motion passed.

Bills – Peterson made request to transfer \$20,000 from savings to checking. Langer moved to approve transfer of funds, White gave second, motion passed.

7:50 reviewing bills – placed signed sheets in green book. MAT/Audit recommends sharing just signed forms

8:02 Langer shared a comment form to possibly implement in the future... White okay with creating something to try... Peterson suggested we use paper... Langer will make trial form.

Website discussed and updates on December meeting recommended.

Any other business for the Good of the Township? At 8:05 Langer moved to adjourn, White seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer, Clerk