

Greenvale Town Board
Work Session and Regular Meeting with Conference Call
Tuesday October 20 (snowed out) rescheduled 27, 2020

Board Present - Clerk Linus Langer, Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Supervisor Charles Anderson, Supervisor Anthony Rowan, Chair Gregory Langer

At 6:30 p.m. the Board met to review and discuss agenda items.

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting opened with attendees and Board reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Guests Present - Perry Collins, Mary Collins, Planning Commission Chair Bruce Paulson, Ken Malecha, Dick Moore, Jerry Wicklund, Becky Van Dyke, Andy Anderson, Tom Wirtzfeld, Chad Bolton, Victor Volkert, others listening via conference call.

Minutes - Langer moved to approve minutes. Rowan shared comments on concerns of Mary Collins. Rowan gave second to motion and motion to approve minutes passed (x3) by roll call.

Langer moved to approve agenda. Anderson gave second and motion passed by roll call (x3).

Clerk' Report - Updates on preparations and planning for November general election including new guidelines concerning COVID were presented. Qualifications and scheduling needed for election judges is in place and on-time. Head election judges (Ruth Paulson & Sue Brockman) have special training administering new ePollBooks and have insured public accuracy testing of equipment with Dakota County.

Guests - welcome to neighbor Jerry Wicklund..

Treasurer's Report - Peterson shared checking, savings, CDs, and mutual fund balances ending with a grand total of \$376,692. The checking account at Castle Rock Bank had \$72,010 and savings account there had \$165,659. CDs at Community Resource Bank totaled \$138,022 and the 4M Roads fund had a balance of \$1,000. Langer moved to approve with a second from Rowan. Motion passed by roll call (x3).

7:15 conference callers advised to mute, as system was picking up extra voices..

Road Concerns - Langer had photos of items recovered from ditches and collected for disposal. A new sign was delivered, under warranty, and is ready for install. Rowan shared that work on new bridge would be moved into 2021 because of scheduling challenges. Project would likely take up to 18 days to complete and bids arrived at county with wide variance on costs. Still, Greenvale Township benefits greatly as our portion (\$20,000 +/-) is much less than total cost of project. Thanks were expressed to Rowan for work on details and very good communications all around.

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Weed Control - Rowan recapped weed control efforts and requested approval on memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Dakota County on future joint projects. Anderson moved on MOU and Langer gave a second. Motion passed by roll call (x3).

Permits - County hired demolition of old Blesener house on 320th St W. in anticipation of future road work. St. Paul firm has applied for demo permit and expects work to be done soon. A driveway access permit/project has been completed and approved on 6 acre property owned by Demian Jackman.

Planning - Paulson shared some things previously addressed and group is waiting on new future needs and discussions. There is a subdivision request by owner/resident Chris Kennelly. Langer moved for approval for subdivision and Rowan gave a second. History and records were discussed with note legal work was developed locally. Langer moved to approve and Rowan made a second. Motion passed unanimously (x3) by roll call vote. Papers were signed and notarized for filing.

NCRWMO - North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization created an updated plan which was reviewed at recent WMO meetings. Chair Langer and Treasurer Peterson serve as delegates in the group and have provided feedback in discussions. Langer attended the most recent meeting and brought back updates... Langer moved to approve the new NCRWMO plan. A second was made by Anderson and the motion passed by roll call vote, with all in favor (x3).

Dakota County Township Officers Association - annual fall meeting on 9/17/2020 delivered an exciting surprise. Greenvale Township Supervisor Anthony Rowan received special recognition as "outstanding officer of the year" and was also nominated and elected to serve a term of office in association's work for the townships. A newspaper article from the Northfield News - including major accomplishments - was shared around the room. Some applause occurred and some blushing too.

2020 MAT Training - The Minnesota Association of Township Officers holds annual training seminars and an annual business meeting. So far Treasurer Peterson has committed to attend and so far for sure other Elected Board Officers are checking calendars.

7:50 New Business - Citizen volunteers on township committees have signaled retirements. Road Improvement Committee (unpaid) was formed 7 years ago and has benefitted from now retiring member Richard Moore. The Planning Commission members (paid volunteers) serve in a flexible as-needed role and now is seeing attrition with two of five members seeking retirement. Brian Evenson and Jerry Gehler pioneered with the Planning Commission and are now retiring. All three retiring volunteers have contributed in important ways for sure - and time. The need to fill these volunteer positions is met with an application that can be obtained

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from the Clerk. The Board of Supervisors at some point will interview candidates and request their help on our different committees. Chair Langer moved to authorize Clerk to mail township residents information on need for volunteers. Anderson gave a second and motion passed unanimously (x3).

Commercial Ordinance Proposal - Mary Collins (Castle Rock Contracting and Tree, LLC) presented a zoning proposal for thoughts, including a letter from Attorney. Chair Langer objected to claims in letter and recommended a slow careful approach. Langer moved to authorize Clerk to contact and invite Attorney Bob Ruppe to November meeting for further discussion. Motion passed by roll call (x3).

8:20 COVID-19 Grant - Treasurer Peterson provided updates on paperwork tied to COVID grant monies. Victor Volkert submitted a letter (read aloud by Anderson) considering possibilities of allocating funds locally. A suggestion by Bruce Paulson for an Ultra Violet purifier in duct system had much interest. Thoughtful discussion of expected balance led to a proposal to allocate some COVID grant locally. Langer moved to cover township COVID expenses and allocate remaining funds according to discussion: $\frac{1}{4}$ to Hospital, $\frac{1}{4}$ to Greenvale Elementary School, $\frac{1}{4}$ to Northfield Rescue Squad, and $\frac{1}{4}$ to Community Action Center. Rowan gave a second and motion passed (x3).

Claims - at 9:05 Reviewed and paid claims. Langer moved to approve claims. Anderson gave second and motion passed (x3). Rowan moved to void check #7313. Langer gave second and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer | Town Clerk

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