

**Greenvale Town Board
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2018**

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

Guests: Ed Hayford, Eddie Hayford Jr, Ken Malecha, Erv Ulrich, Eric Christianson, Maynard Bolton, Mike McNamara, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton, Deputy Clerk Kari Gilomen, Planning Commission Chair Bruce Paulson, Jennifer Welbaum.

Pledge – the Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:00 p.m. to open the meeting.

Review Minutes – Langer moved to approve the draft minutes as presented. Rowan gave a second and the motion passed.

Review Agenda – added Hayford’s shed permit request, added lights, added IG meeting notice, added welcome to Deputy Clerk - Kari Gilomen.

Treasurer’s Report – Peterson shared last month’s disbursements were \$70,061 and ending balance was \$256,404. Outstanding checks are now at \$1,136 and the statement balances with our books, at \$257,541. Langer moved to approve the treasurers report. Rowan gave a second and the motion passed. Peterson added there is now a public packet binder available.

Clerk’s report – was in touch with County Assessor’s professionals... expressed “we look up to you! and thank you.” Shared mine is not an appointed position... lots of hats and joys and things to work on, including reconciling property data.

Guests – please sign registry if you didn’t already.

Road Work – Bolton commented we fixed a few pot holes as much as we could. Now with new rain there will be more road upkeep. 305th Street had an issue when rocking... driver/kid’s son fell and broke arm... lost water truck, but chloride truck was good. We dumped a load on the railroad track too as it was much needed. We have been in touch with already 3rd person since initial railroad track complaints. They did some work, just before the rain, and traffic splashed it all away. Bolton added there are still some shrubs to do this fall yet.

Langer had a visit with Todd Howard and read from a letter on Hwy 86. Work will be done on or near Oct 31st. Contractor expects to beat schedule, by Halloween.

A new stop sign has been added/installed for safety on 295th Street and Holyoke Avenue. All signs are inventoried and kept up to standards per federal and state law.

Rowan: Mark Malecha brought up awareness of culvert on Holyoke, north of Larry Valeks'. Langer noted there is an 18" culvert, and some of the flow observations are from family vegetable farming, not beaver activity.

Weed Control – Rowan met with Mike Zeidelhack at Castle Rock Elevator and need still to add a few more small marker flags. He said by end of month should have noxious weed spraying done. Langer talked to land owners on cost share. Rowan spoke with Ed Graff and shared township will do both sides this year, as he did it all free privately last year. It is all mapped out and we have in the past approved spending of \$3,000...product is called Chaparell.

Rowan: sent out a formal letter to Mark Krebsbach, seeking assistance on water movement.

Hayford's had a shed permit application. Board reviewed plans for approval. Langer moved to approve request. Note it is a residential assessor building for personal use and not commercial use. Rowan gave second and the motion passed. Further plan review can take 10 days or more.

Citizen Business – if not on the agenda, now would be the time. Saddle Club would like to continue rent on the Town Hall from November thru April, on 1st Mondays. Board approved. \$175 deposit is still on file and customary fee remains at \$25.

7:25 Old Bus – Comp Plan – Mary Jackson said Oct 31st is the 6 month deadline for comments. Alex Conzemius is our assigned planner. No requests received to date. Langer moved to authorize Clerk to send a letter stating the township has no formal comments to add. White gave a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Reiners – deer got horns caught in fence on border with Rice Co. DJJD went well without much trouble. Encourage people to slow down on Foliage Avenue. There has been suspicious activity with vehicles in Eureka Township... call right away if ever you see something.

7:35 – back to comp plan - planners will be at MAT's upcoming Dakota County Officers' meeting in Farmington.

Picnic – White... held a 2nd planning meeting last week. Will be at Town Hall Friday the 28th setting up at 1:00 p.m. L: John Exner of Dakota County Solid Waste on Wednesday will deliver public event supplies – compliments of department. Photographer will be at picnic.

Report from clerk with property tax questions - Recapped meeting. Langer had questions about properties being properly classified. Flow chart like print-out to be shared with supervisors. Not paying right amount of taxes would be unfair to community; likewise paying too much would also be unfair to community.

7:45 JPA with Sheriff – at last meeting a list of ordinances areas was considered that we would ask for help on. Julie Ecker and Joe Leko need proposals by November, but October would be better. Langer had a copy of a sample agreement in other townships. Clerk asked to add SSTS

concerns. White said we'd need it before next year with transient traffic and we should get a draft going. Highlighting detours coming up. L: talked about what we'd want to post with expected activity next summer. White: let's be proactive and do the signs for any detours... very concerned about traffic. A visit from the sheriff under contract could shine a new light on disturbances and traffic violations. White moved to draft a joint powers agreement. Rowan gave second and motion passed unanimously.

8:00 Jennifer Welbaum had picnic comments... had extra copies of cards available. Team is excited with volunteer help to set up tables, flags, everything. There will be photos, pulled pork, cake from St Olaf... event brings everybody together to see new and older faces... hope to see you there. Lots of people heard about the picnic... Swenson girls, Tussing girls...

New business – Bruce Paulson, Planning Commission Chair, reported meeting was held last evening. Group was thankful to have attorney John Ophaug present, to address questions with non-conforming businesses and non-conforming activities. Very educational and he did give some direction on ways we could & could not do things. He suggested we work with a planner and perhaps come up with some rewrites. Langer suggests give us some time to ponder that.

Other Planning Commission - Corey Montgomery addressed permission for a car dealership license from the State of Minnesota. Selling cars via internet at residence, no signs, etc, according to ordinance... the planning commission agreed likely okay with proper observations of zoning. White asked about ordinance 4.05 applying to activity. Ken Malecha had questions on a potential property split, which reviewed okay as presented.

AT&T building permitting process was discussed in July. Noted questions should have gone through a legal variance procedure, even though structure had history.

8:15 Langer: there are a handful of non-conforming concerns that are probably not going to stop operations with a letter from us. Enforcement costs can be great for all, even though our Ordinances are laws. Do we need to rewrite our current ordinance? We can... we don't have anything that says "grandfathering." If we want to do this, who do we hire? Current Planner Dean Johnson is retiring. We might want to interview firms like Bolton-Menk, though they have 300 plus employees. White: If we did decide to hire a planner would we want to grandfather existing firm in? I would be very comfortable with Bolton-Menk. Rowan: can we put it into new permits that go out to recover costs of any new zoning?

Langer looked into some of these issues 4 years ago. Practice that floated up as most common was to give a notice; they'd fill out an application and fee would cover a public hearing and projected cost of the permit. Over time you would recover some of the money. There would be pushback, but they have been profiting over the years... there will be expected discussions. Rowan expressed it would be harder in the future if these things keep going on.

Langer suggested researching planning providers and shared experience used to interview and hire state building code inspectors. Paulson asked if MAT would recommend? Ans: no. Rowan

asked if Planning Commission could get us a quote or something to work with? Paulson thought Dean Johnson could be of help. Langer moved to authorize Bruce Paulson to meet with Dean Johnson to ask for cost estimates on referrals to amend parts of our ordinance. White gave the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Officer's meeting on September 20th attendance encouraged – if possible. Upcoming October 17th Intergovernmental meeting attendance encouraged – if possible, will be at Northfield Township Hall.

9:15 Claims – reviewed and paid Claims.

9:35 Meeting was adjourned. With minutes promised – timely.

Respectfully submitted,

Linus Langer | Clerk

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