

**Greenvale Town Board
Monthly Work Session and Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 9, 2021**

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

Guests Present: Andy Anderson, Mary Collins, Perry Collins, Dave & Cindy Roehl, Ken Malecha, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton, Planning Commission Chair Bruce Paulson, Eric Ruud, Jane Dilley, Erv Ulrich, Eric Workman, Victor Volkert, Eric & Patti Christianson, others via conference call.

At 6:00 pm the Board met to review agenda items and at 6:50 pm Langer moved to adjourn. Anderson made a second and the work session was adjourned.

At 7:00 pm the pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited to open the meeting.

Minutes — Chair Langer made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021, meeting. Rowan made a second. Discussion was offered by Rowan on wording for bridge work and by Anderson on wording for attorney invite. The motion passed with all in favor.

Agenda — There were items to add in the agenda about weed control, 4M fund information, Community Development Block Grant CDBC prospects, and town hall upkeep. Langer moved on the agenda with added items. Anderson made a second and the motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurer’s Report — Peterson gave updates on spending, receipts and balances.

10/1 Balance	Deposits	Less Checks	10/31 Balance	Deposits In Transit	Checks Out	Total	10/31 Savings	Interest & CD's	Grand Total
\$100,102	\$4,425	\$10,421	\$94,106	\$1,107	\$6,526	\$99,524	\$255,837	\$53,063	\$408,424

Rowan moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Anderson made a second and motion passed.

Clerk’s Report — Classified add/notice was published on 12/8 and 12/15 in Northfield News for filing for office. Filing period is from 12/28/21 to 1/11/22 and positions on ballot will be a 2-year term for Clerk and a 3-year term for Supervisor. Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) has scholarship applications available again for high school juniors. There has been some outreach to our youth encouraging participation. Minnesota Office of Management and Budget (MMB) provides occasional guidance on risk management and internal controls and upon review we have been well on top of all areas. Will request vacuum cleaner for carpet and shelving for sound equipment used with virtual meetings.

Roads — Road Superintendent Bolton told of repairs to potholes and preparations for snowfall. Expecting to open roads with truck when snow comes and follow-up with blade if needed. There were trash bags littering 315th Street and sign repairs on Eveleth & 307 (Rowan did tightening). Highway 19 & Holyoke sign in State right-of way (MNDOT) was down for a long time but Chair Langer negotiated with Dakota County people for a one-time replacement favor at no cost. New sign looks great.

Building Permits — No new building permits. End of year total 120 plus, with a slight few not completed. Lion’s share were over-the-counter maintenance permits, and many were issued because of hail damage and insurance claims. Future processing to benefit from upgraded MNSPECT/SAFEbuilt permitting software.

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Planning Commission (PC) — Chair Bruce Paulson (Emeritus) highlighted recent meeting takeaways. A property split was reviewed and approved by the PC. A pending Policy & Procedures Manual was reviewed by the PC, up to appendices. Members Richard Fott and Eric Workman have been instrumental in developing the manual and the whole group has put time into its review. There was agreement on comment cards and holding regular monthly meetings. Future PC meetings will be guided under new Chair (Elect) Eric Workman and minutes and sound overseen by Clerk. Langer moved for Planning Commission meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Greenvale town hall. Anderson gave second and the motion passed.

Residential Solar — Attorney Mike Couri provided insights on residential solar considerations to help with our zoning language. Couri informed, with current language, systems would be prohibited and recommends ordinance should be updated. Langer added exterior wood burning boilers and propane tanks also not specifically described and would these energy systems apply to new language? Anderson related recent recommendations from MNSPECT as to referencing state building code and Couri suggested courts could go either way – but best to update ordinance. Couri and Board agreed existing systems were protected. Langer moved to approve the funding for and formal request to amend our ordinance to support residential solar energy installations, residential wood burning exterior furnaces and residential propane tanks. Rowan gave a second and the motion passed. Anderson asked examples and Couri offered to send sample documents to get started.

ARPA Funds — Couri related Washington says levy should go up 4.1% and ARPA can follow that, off 2019 Levy. Peterson agreed that's in line with other training. Couri appreciated our chalk board and related one township invested ARPA money in technology to share images on screen at meetings - vs. 6 people breathing on one document for a zoning variance...

Christianson Property Split 16-00400-26-010 — Langer referenced PC study of Christianson family property split and made a motion on approval. Anderson gave a second and the motion passed. Clerk and Chair to sign at law office next day. County to inform Township when documents are officially recorded.

Audit — Clerk and Treasure had no news on town audit event. Waiting on next steps from State Auditor's Office.

Noxious Weeds Control — Rowan commented on ending of 2-year grant: \$3,996 1st year and \$6,700 2nd year totaling \$10,750 to Greenvale Township. MN Department of Agriculture put a bulletin out highlighting "wonderful" effort and successes, especially in working together with neighboring partners. Bulletin copies available on table.

4M FUND — Peterson updated status of investment fund where we have had some monies. Yearly form needed to keep current though we currently have a zero balance in the fund. Langer moved on continuation and Anderson gave a second. Motion passed and 4M documents signed.

CDBG Application due January 14 — Rowan had an application and moved on Resolution for grant on ordinance changes. Anderson made a second. Langer noted, if awarded, we would be limited to attorney and planners assigned by Dakota County. The motion passed with all in favor. Resolution 2021-5 was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

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Langer moved approval for sound system shelving and vacuum cleaner for town hall. Discussion agreed not to exceed \$400. Anderson made a second and motion passed.

Langer received information from County on 320th widening and paving to go ahead this coming summer likely starting late April early May. 280th street project is ready but waiting for railroad signature to start.

Clerk shared communications on conduit option in summer road construction project. Conduit would allow vendors to add fiber which would bring more broadband into the township.

EFT annual update and delegation of authority. Langer moved to approve Peterson as delegate on our EFT, Rowan gave a second and motion passed.

Bills — Claims were reviewed at the earlier work session. Langer made a motion to pay the bills as presented and Anderson made a second. Motion passed. Jerry Bolton said "best meeting in last 6 months" Peterson wished everyone a great Christmas, followed by "and you too" from the whole board.

8:40 p.m. Langer moved to adjourn the meeting and Anderson gave a second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linus Langer / Clerk

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