

WOODROW TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2016

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Hankey at 7:00 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were supervisors Myles Wagner, Tom Lindquist and chair Bob Hankey, treasurer Tim Mueller and clerk Diane Schires.

Chair Hankey explained that supervisors will conduct their discussions prior to giving the floor to any questions regarding the issue being discussed. Audience members will stand, state their name and if they are residents.

MSP Hankey/Lindquist to approve agenda

MSP Wagner/Lindquist to approve Corral liquor license special meeting minutes.

MSP Wagner/Lindquist to approve May's Hawk Trail meeting minutes with spelling correction to McFarlane.

MSP Wagner/Lindquist to approve May regular meeting minutes with corrections/deletions and future amendment from Hankey pending further clarification to Hawk Trail berm issue.

MSP Wagner/Lindquist to accept Treasurer's report with a balance of \$703,910.20 total checking and CD's. Mueller stated that he discovered his \$90 error from last month.

MSP Hankey/Wagner to approve claims as submitted by clerk, with the payment to MN Revenue of \$15,208.88, in a lump sum, to be delayed until the treasurer can check all funds being claimed by the State that we owe because of their mistake in paying our township instead of Woodrow Township in Beltrami County is correct. Clerk read 2 letters received from residents regarding the help with drainage issues and road issues that were remediated with satisfaction with the assistance of Myles Wagner.

MSP Hankey/Wagner to approve payroll as submitted by clerk.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORTS-

Supervisor Hankey – explains the Longville Fire Department boundary, that their fee will be reduced by about \$900 in the future. Public Input: Court Lechert, resident; is this a redistricting? Hankey explains that it is more of an improvement on calculating the dollar

average on property values and does not represent a shift in the boundary.

Supervisor Wagner – while at the hall with a contractor, it was pointed out that our electric fluorescent overhead lighting is failing, and that it was recommended that we replace all bulbs and ballasts. Public input: Tom Larson, resident; perhaps we should look at LED lighting as it reduces our costs by 40-80%. Fixtures would have to be replaced. Arlan Schires, resident; we should get an estimate on replacing everything. Wagner states that we should get a cost efficient replacement estimate. Hankey will look into this further as he is the facilities supervisor.

MSP Wagner/Lindquist to approve the Road Inspection report, Wagner stating that he and road contractor Herheim has followed up inspecting 2 roads that were missed in the initial inspection, also with discussion from Lindquist on the priority list. Wagner states that the report must be approved before the priorities can be discussed. After motion was approved, Wagner stated that he would like to see a priority on the turnaround issues of Evergreen and Interlachen as they have no turnarounds for the plows or mail carrier and need to research easements with the county. Hankey says that we will address this at next month's meeting. Wagner further talks about chloriding the roads, but that our road contractor would like to wait until grading is done, around early July. Hankey asks when, historically, the chloriding is done. Wagner states that it is usually about now, after the roads have been graded, and when residents start complaining about dust. Lindquist states that he will gather information regarding the turnaround easements needed on our priority roads of Evergreen and Interlachen. Wagner discussed the Knoll Road drainage remediation estimate that Lott quoted at \$9,955.60 to finish the project from finish to end, based on last month's meeting. The lake association will pledge \$400 towards reseeding. Hankey proceeded to state that he wanted to jump ahead with the fact that Condiff's statement from last month's meeting that the state's 50/50 profit share was incorrect. It is in fact a 25/75 profit share, and that Mr. Condiff had too many projects and misspoke. He stated that Condiff has stated that the land that was projected to drain Knoll Rd runoff was actually private property and isn't public property, so before we proceed, we must get permission from the land owner, who happens to be a long standing resident with the last name of Knoll. Hankey also concedes that the \$10,000 Lott quote would be a lot more beneficial to the township as opposed to the \$50,000 estimate that Condiff proposed. Wagner states that if we widen the bluff-side shoulder, which we already have permission from the land owner to do, would alleviate the problem and be under-budget as opposed to the Condiff proposal. [audience chatter-noncompliance to meeting protocol]. Lindquist believes that perhaps we have permissions from bluff landowner and will research. Myles questions the fact that JPB has been out to Knoll Road recently surveying. Hankey states that he contacted Condiff and said that he was out there researching other alternatives. Myles states that he is not happy that JPB seems to be going ahead with some plan that the township

has not authorized and wants it to desist. Hankey states that if Kelly is doing this at the behest of the county, we can't dictate what they do. Wagner states that it was the JPB (Joint Powers Board) that was at the site. Hankey states that he will be in touch with Kelly to clarify.

Supervisor Lindquist - Johnson's signed the easement for Gerner Road turnaround and they want the trees marked gone except for the marked Maples. Wagner will bring an estimate from Lott for the work proposed to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-

Hawk Trail – Lindquist was assured by the county that the ongoing maintenance of the area would be their responsibility 100%, and that going forward, it would be nice to have everything in writing. Hankey opened the floor to Ken Frieler: he stated that most of the consensus is to keep the road open. The only concern for Tom and Joanne was that they don't want the driveways raised. He wants the 2nd approach to the North to be removed. There's plenty of area for retention areas if this approach (driveway from CR 5) is removed. If at a later date this doesn't remediate the problem, perhaps the county could install a culvert 500' to the north. If culvert is done at the south end, maybe it could be raised 6". Someone states that the county will be replacing all culverts on CR 5 from CR 11 to Longville. Elevations at both sides of CR 11 make it unfeasible. Wagner thinks that Option #1 with modifications is acceptable. Public input: Frieler; cleanout hasn't been seeded. Wagner wants permission for Lott to buy matting to resolve issue. MSP Wagner/Lindquist to adopt Option #1 with modifications for Hawk Trail. [audience chatter-noncompliance to meeting protocol].

Knoll Road – no action.

Operational Guidelines – Linquist distributes hand-out to audience and board with his suggested verbiage to township guidelines. Wagner objects to having the audience observe something that the board has not had the opportunity to see. Lindquist states that it is the same as a discussion, and proceeds to read his document. Wagner interrupts, stating that this blindsides the board members and creates a dichotomy without prior input. Discussion ensues about what is considered open meeting violations. Hankey interrupts to explain what is considered open meeting violations, clarifying that sending emails or contacting other board members are indeed of violation. He tables the discussion until the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to the Editor – Hankey reads a Letter to the Editor article published in the Pilot Independent the previous day that was authored by a disgruntled non-resident that uses the

township roads. The complaint was about the "mucus-y" conditions after rainfall, and that the clay is supposed to be gravel. She also wrote that she was informed years ago that not being a resident, she was not allowed to complain. Hankey has contacted the authors (Julie and Ron Pawlak), who live on Buxton, by telephone. He explained that even as non-residents, they are welcomed to attend meetings, contact the supervisors, and as in the Thomas', who share this same roadway with the authors, Jack Thomas was included in the road inspection to point out problems with the roadway. Hankey also pointed out that we experienced a difficult spring this year for road maintenance. Hankey asked Wagner, as road liaison, what he wanted to do with this information. Wagner states that he can't do anything more than is already being done. The roads are maintained to the best of our ability. He also states that the reason it turns "mucus-y" is the chloride treatments. Grading and gravel will remediate the problem, and points out that of the numerous problems of Buxton road as indicated by Jack Thomas on the road inspection, the priority would be to alleviate the flooding of 3 property owners on Buxton. He states that as a township, we don't have the funding to fix all of Buxton, but to do the best we can to make it accessible to all property owners.

BC Corral Liquor License – MSP Wagner/Lindquist to approve liquor license. Wagner and Hankey commented that it was a shame that as new business owners, they have to renew the license after paying for one last month, and that this is another \$2000 expense that the State should pro-rate.

Woman Lake Lodge off-sale Liquor License – MSP Wagner/Lindquist to approve liquor license (wine).

Head Election Judge – MSP Wagner/Lindquist to appoint Don Peterson as head election judge for the upcoming general election in November.

PUBLIC INPUT - none

MEETING ADJOURNED MSP Lindquist/Wagner at 8:35 p.m.



Chair, Bob Hankey



Clerk, Diane Schires