

WINDEMERE TOWNSHIP
7/9/20 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance: Ron Mossberg, John Wesely, Heidi Kroening, Mark Dunaski, Mike Buetow, Dennis Genereau, Cindy Carlson, and Rhonda Young

Zoom attendance: Christina Bicking, Erik's I-pad and Ron Buetow

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Wesely at 6:33 p.m.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Motion by John Wesely to approve clerk's June 2020 report, Second by Heidi Kroening.

Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, motion passed 3-0

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ron Mossberg review of June 2020 income – good month for revenue - approximately \$1.9 million at end of June in accounts. Board provided with June, 2020 financial report. (Note that Treasurer Ron Mossberg will out of town for the August board meeting.) No questions over June 2020 financial report.

Motion by John Wesely to accept June 2020 treasurer's report, Second by Mark Dunaski.

Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, motion passed 3-0

PUBLIC INPUT:

Christina Bicking addressed the Board regarding shoreline issues with Hogan's Acres access; they have permit to restore shoreline area but issue with contractor being able to access to get in equipment; Zoning Administrator Genereau will contact them directly to address issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sturgeon Island Bridge Committee: Vern Anderson II was not in attendance; have not received further information on variance from engineering company; Chairman Wesely will continue to try to follow-up.

Township Investment Strategy: Treasurer Ron Mossberg reviewed investments; would recommend to move accounts maturing in July into Citibank and Capital One accounts for better interest rates; Heidi Kroening brought up discussion with other Windemere residents of keeping investments locally at FNB of ML.

John Wesely abstained from voting; Mark Dunaski motion to move \$240,000 to Citibank; \$240,000 to Capital One; remaining amounts will be moved to FNB of ML, Second by Heidi Kroening.

Wesely – abstaining, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, motion passed 2-0

2020 Chip Seal Quotes: Not enough quotes in; Chairman John Wesely tabling until next meeting.

Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan: Cindy Carlson presented on behalf of the Planning Commission to address Board with accepting the Comprehensive Plan. Wanted to remind everyone that the Comprehensive Plan is not an ordinance but only a guide to be used by the township Board for the future; Cindy Carlson presented the Board with a “forward” that could be used any addressing any questions by residents.

Heidi Kroening motion to accept Comprehensive Plan as updated 4/20 but including the “forward” that will be included with the plan, Seconded by John Wesely.

Wesley – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, motion passed 3-0

Windemere Township Policies: Board continuing to work on township policies and making revisions. Heidi Kroening will provide Board with updated changes and re-review dates. Will re-address at August, 2020 meeting.

Palon Road Test Track: Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau reviewed information on test track with Board – track is in shore land and agricultural. Genereau is working with owners to specify intended use. Board will readdress at a later date after Genereau provides more information.

Harmony Lane Improvement Project: Review by Board of bids/estimate. Mike Buetow stressed to board the necessity of having an inspector review. John Wesely is waiting for additional bids. Board will readdress at a later date once additional bids are in.

Water Level Update (Sturgeon Lake): John Wesely commented that at this point Pine County doesn't want to get involved; discussion on whether it could be brought to DNR/County/Township because of lake in Morrison County that apparently has had some assistance; discussion on bringing this issue to Mike Sundin and/or Jason Rarick; Zoning Supervisor Genereau will contact Morrison County to see what assistance they were provided. Cindy Carlson commented on checking with the lake association to address issues. Christina Bicking requested previous survey that was completed by lake association; Cindy Carlson commented that survey was not anything regulatory – only to find out conditions of properties damaged by high water levels. Board tabled the discussion until Genereau can provide information on what is learned from Morrison County.

Island Lake box Culvert: Board tabled this until budget is reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer Ron Mossberg presented the Board with information on the COVID Care Act funding which the federal government is providing to states/counties/townships to provide assistance with changes needed to be made due to COVID restrictions. (This information is available if you go to MN Association of Townships website and review COVID damages.) Presented Board with opportunity to petition State to address any COVID related expenses that may occur; township will be awarded approximately \$40,000.00 to address any related upgrades that may need to be address and/or are given the opportunity to provide assistance to local businesses/farmers who have been affected. September 15th deadline on requesting financial assistance. Heidi Kroening will look into this program and will provide information at next board meeting.

Supervisor additional duties: Review of additional Board duties and reallocating those duties; Mark Dunaski will take over safety and building duties; Heidi Kroening will do zoning and environmental responsibilities; John Wesely will assist in road supervision.

John Wesely motion to redirect supervisor duties, Second by Mark Dunaski

Wesely – Aye, Kroening- Aye, Dunaski – Aye – motion passed 3-0

Pine County Excavation (Sturgeon Island Road): Pine County has requested to tear up Sturgeon Island Road to look for monuments – they will repair/replace anything that needs to be fixed.

Motion by Wesely to authorize Pine County to move forward, seconded by Heidi Kroening

Wesley – Aye, Kroening Aye, Dunaski – Aye - motion passed 3-0

Appointment of Election Officials: Election judge listing presented to Board. Motion by Wesely to approve election judges, second by Mark Dunaski.

Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye – motion passed 3-0

Board Supervisor other:

Frontier Communication contacted the township on being able to put in cable on Alder Loop (approx. 210 feet in R.O.W.). Board sees no issues with this, Frontier will repair any issues.

Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye – motion passed 3-0

Mark Dunaski inquired on taking additional township training classes – no vote needed on this township officials should be able to take additional training.

Heidi Kroening addressed issues with new printers/scanner needs for town hall and Clerk Danelski (who has been using personal equipment for township needs). Approx. cost is \$750 each.

Motion by Wesely to replace scanner/printer for Danelski and printer/scanner for town hall at approximate cost of \$750 each, seconded by Mark Dunaski.

Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye – motion passed 3-0

Discussion regarding maintenance of electrical in town hall and some additional building updated. Mark Dunaski will review building maintenance issues.

Heidi Kroening brought up that she has been contacted from residents of Parkview Road about additional gravel to washout areas. Mike Buetow will address issue.

ROAD UPDATE:

Mike Buetow gave monthly road update. Palon Road soft spot issues the Board will await Clerk Scott Danelski to return for information on Palon road.

Discussion regarding excavator rental and review of two quotes. John Wesely made motion to accept Titan quote, second by Mark Dunaski.

Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, motion passed 3-0

ZONING UPDATE:

Dennis Genereau gave monthly zoning update. 65 permits have been issued thus far in 2020 – ½ are for shoreland restoration projects. No work completed on review of blight properties, hoping to be able to address these issues soon. Noted that septic inspections are being required on all building permits.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE:

Cindy Carlson gave update. Noted that Claire Strandlie has been voted in as Chair and Gary Pelton as Vice-Chair.

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE:

No update. Next fire district meeting is not scheduled until Tuesday, July 14th.

REVIEW OF CLAIMS:

June 2020 claims/payroll reviewed by Board. Motion by Wesely, second by Dunaski to approve as June 2020 claims as submitted. EFT #s 22-21 through 22-24; check #s 12608 through 12609 and check #s 12628 through 12642, and direct deposit DD1256 through DD1265 for total of \$54,198.54.

Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, motion passed 3-0

OPEN MAIL AND REVIEW:

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. by John Wesely, second by Heidi Kroening.

Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye – motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted :

Approved :

Rhonda Young, Deputy Clerk

John Wesely, Chairman