

Meeting of the Windemere Township Board - October 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman, John Wesely. Others present were Supervisors, Pete Steen & Heidi Kroening, Treasurer, Ron Mossberg, and Deputy Clerk, Rhonda Young. Absent Clerk, Scott Danelski.

CLERK'S REPORT :

The Clerk's September 2019 report was read. Motion made by Wesely, second by Steen to approve the Clerk's September 2019 report as submitted. Motion passed, 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

TREASURER'S REPORT :

Treasurer's financial report was read. Motion by Wesely, seconded by Steen to approve the Treasurer's September 2019 financial report as submitted. Motion passed, 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

PUBLIC INPUT :

Scott Quittem was present to discuss the high-water levels on Sturgeon Lake. Chairman Wesely stated there is really nothing the township can do about the high-water issues and suggested possibly contacting the Minnesota DNR.

Curt Hoffman of TDA Manufacturing was present to make a presentation to the Windemere Board about their products for road projects.

John Dietz was present to discuss the Balsam Road Box Culvert Project and stated that the beavers are still a problem. Road Maintenance Department Road Supervisor, Mike Buetow, stated that the beaver will be trapped once the work is completed on the new box culvert.

OLD BUSINESS :

BALSAM ROAD BOX CULVERT # 58J43 (S.A.P. Project # 058-599-044) :

Mike Buetow gave an update on the Balsam Road Box Culvert Project. Mike stated that work has begun on the Balsam Road Box Culvert and that the construction of the project is nearly completed.

ISLAND LAKE OUTLET CHANNEL :

Mike Buetow gave an update on the Island Lake Outlet Channel Project. Mike stated that work was completed on project on Thursday September 26th, 2019.

BIOSOLIDS :

The spreading of Biosolids in Windemere Township was discussed. Windemere Township received a letter from Sheryl Bock of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) dated September 24th, 2019 granting permission to the Western Lakes Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) to conduct the spreading of Biosolids on the property of David & Sylvia Ketchum per permit # MN0049786.

Per Minnesota Rules Chapter 7041 the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has the right to grant permits for the spreading of biosolids should their soil scientist determine that the land is suitable for biosolids application and the township does not have the right to place a moratorium for more than one year banning the application of biosolids, and also must conduct a study with the intent of adopting Planning and Zoning Regulations to address an identified problem.

Chairman Wesely requested that the Western Lakes Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) be contacted and asked to come to the November 2019 regular monthly Board meeting to give a presentation on biosolids.

NEW BUSINESS :

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OTHER :

Supervisor Kroening asked Vern Anderson II from the Sturgeon Island Bridge Preservation Committee to give an update on the historical application of the bridge site. Michelle Anderson and Sherry Lahti have been busy with the preparation for writing of a grant for the Sturgeon Island Bridge.

Chairman Wesely stated he received a couple of email thanking the township and the Windemere Township Road Maintenance Department for their work and quick response time to the damage/issues on roads caused by the recent significant rain event in early October 2019.

ROAD UPDATE :

Road Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Buetow gave the monthly road update. Mike stated that the recent rains in early October cause many roads to washout and also caused some road closures. The township's 2005 International Dump Truck had an issue during the emergency road repair projects and had to be hauled to have repairs made.

Dick Herzog was present and asked when the resurfacing would take place on Sturgeon Island Road. Buetow suggested to the Board of possibly holding back on the resurfacing project until after the Sturgeon Island Bridge Project is completed due to the heavy equipment and trucks that would be traveling on the road to complete the bridge project.

ZONING UPDATE :

Zoning Administrator, Phill White gave the monthly zoning update. Most issues for the past month were over high-water problems. There are no conclusions on how to deal with the high-water level. The Zoning Department handled 44 contacts with questions and issued 6 permits since last month for a total 66 permits thus far for 2019. The zoning questions have begun to slow down due to the time of the year.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE :

Clair Strandlie gave the Planning Commission update. There are still some issues with the Comprehensive Plan being brought up by Sunbay and Sand Lake Resorts.

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE :

Chairman Wesely gave the Fire District update. Windemere township had six calls during the last period, four were medical calls, one accident, and one cancelled call.

CLAIMS :

The September 2019 claims were reviewed. Motion made by Steen, seconded Wesely to approve the September 2019 claims as submitted. EFTs - 1925 through 1928, Checks - 12412 through 12439 & Direct Deposits - 1188 through 1194 for a total of \$116,572.06. Motion passed, 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

Township mail was opened and reviewed.

Motion made by Steen, seconded by Wesely to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Motion passed, 3 Aye
– 0 Nay.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED :

APPROVED :

Clerk, Scott Danelski

Chairman, John Wesely