

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Windemere Township Board - March 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair, Alan Overland. Others present were Supervisors Heidi Kroening, Tony Bakhtiari, Clerk Cindy Woltjer, Treasurer Ron Mossberg & Road Coordinator Scott Danelski. Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau was absent.

Also, in attendance were 16 Windemere residents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA :

The agenda was approved with no changes.

CLERK'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Bahktiari, seconded by Overland to approve the February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Vote Taken: Overland – Aye, Kroening - Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

A motion was made by Bahktiari, seconded by Kroening to approve the January 12, 2023 Regular meeting minutes. Vote Taken: Overland - Aye, Kroening - Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Mossberg gave the report for February 2023. Motion made by Bahktiari, seconded by Overland to accept the Treasurer's report as given. Vote Taken: Overland - Aye, Kroening - Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

Discussion was made whether a Township Supervisor had the authority to contact the township attorney. Motion by Overland, seconded by Bahktiari that from this time forward, any contacting of attorneys outside of the MAT attorneys will require board approval. Vote Taken: Overland - Aye, Kroening - Nay, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 2/1.

The subject of the Non-Disclosure was then discussed and explained that since the treasurer was also now acting as the township IT person, that he needs to sign a non-disclosure agreement.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Scott Beckman expressed a concern about possibly turning the zoning over to Pine County. He did not think it was a good idea. He also did not like the Road Co-ordinator's idea of putting tracking devices in their vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sign Inventory :

Five quotes were given to Supervisor Overland at the February board meeting to review. Supervisor Overland decided to table a decision until after the township short courses.

NEW BUSINESS :

Open Bids :

A motion was made by Bahktiari, seconded by Overland to reject all bids at this time for a number of reasons. Chair Overland stated he heard from a couple contractors that were very frustrated with the bidding process that it was not clear. Vote Taken: Overland - Aye, Kroening - Abstain, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 2/1.

Pit/Brush :

Road Co-ordinator Danelski stated he would burn the brush at the pit sometime yet in March.

Board of Supervisors Other :

Chair Overland stated there are some items in the shop that still need to be sold. He would like approval to have these looked at for repairs and detailed for sale. Motion by Bahktiari, seconded by Overland to move forward with the dispersal of the remaining items in the shop. Vote Taken: Overland - Aye, Kroening - Abstain, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 2/1.

ROAD UPDATE :

Road Supervisor Danelski stated the board has 3 quotes for tree clean up out of 8 that were solicited. A state of emergency was declared so the township should receive 75% of costs to clean up the right of ways. Valhalla was chosen only during the emergency. Motion by Bahktiari, seconded by Overland to post for quotes on tree removal. Vote Taken: Overland - Aye, Kroening - Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0. Danelski also reported that snow plowing so far this season has cost \$95,800. There were 16 complaints.

Zoning Update :

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE :

No report but a question was asked about the status of the STVR Ordinance that is in the board's possession.

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE :

Supervisor Bakhtiari stated there were 37 calls, 4 of which were for Windemere Township, 3 medical and 1 car accident. Osten Berg would be speaking at the Annual Meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT :

John Menke commented on thought the annual meeting should be at a larger venue. He asked for number of bids received earlier.

Ron Buetow commented on the use of attorneys. He also disagreed that the annual meeting should not be held at the township hall.

Vern Anderson II suggested that Lance Harper should be contacted to see if he wants to buy the equipment for sale.

Frank Muller asked if changing to the county for zoning would there be more progress with cleaning up problem properties. He then stated that it was appreciated that people on Zoom were allowed to participate.

Dennis Genereau stated he would be in a mediation meeting in the twin cities on March 14th. He will put together a zoning report for the Annual Meeting ahead of time if needed.

Mark Dunaski corrected the comment by Scott Beckman earlier that he referred to "Dunaski" when he really should have said "Danelski".

CLAIMS :

February 2023 claims were reviewed. Motion made by Bahktiari, seconded by Overland to approve the February 2023 claims as provided. Approval of Payroll #PAY 23-03, EFT #s 23-06 & 23-07, Check #s 13311 through 13326, & Direct Deposit #s DD1560 through DD1567 for a total of \$36,245.36. Vote Taken: Overland - Aye, Kroening - Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

A motion was made by Kroening, seconded by Overland that anyone working with Township IT should sign a non-disclosure/confidentiality agreement. Vote Taken: Overland - Nay, Kroening - Nay, Bakhtiari - Nay. Motion Passed 0/3. Motion deferred to April meeting.

Supervisor Kroening asked if online training would be considered as a meeting and paid as so. It was decided that it would be paid at the meeting rates.

A motion was made by Bahktiari, seconded by Kroening to approve Resolution 2023-01-12 Policy for Compensation and Reimbursement of Town Officers Vote Taken: Overland - Aye, Kroening - Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

TOWNSHIP MAIL :

There was no township mail to review.

A motion was made by Overland, seconded by Bahktiari to arrange and make bids for the grading of roads for the summer and fall of 2023 and publish for quotes on grading. Bids for road grading will be opened at 7 pm at the April 13th board meeting. Vote Taken: Overland - Aye, Kroening - Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

ADJOURN :

Motion made by Bahktiari, seconded by Overland to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Vote Taken: Overland - Aye, Kroening - Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED :

APPROVED :

Clerk, Cindy Woltjer

Chair, Alan Overland