

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Windemere Township Board - June 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Chair, Heidi Kroening. Others present were Supervisors Mark Dunaski & Tony Bakhtiari, Clerk Cindy Woltjer, Treasurer Ron Mossberg & Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau.

Also, in attendance were 13 Windemere residents and 22 participants via Zoom.

Supervisor Dunaski asked to table three agenda items, Road Maintenance, Union Contract/Employee Separation, and Township Road Coordinator, for a future meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Woltjer read meeting minutes from the May 3, 2022 Special Bid Opening Road Maintenance Meeting. A motion was made by Kroening, second by Bahktiari to approve the May 3, 2022 minutes. Vote Taken: Kroening - Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

Clerk then read the meeting minutes for the May 12, 2022 Regular Meeting. . A motion was made by Kroening, second by Dunaski to approve said minutes. Vote Taken: Kroening - Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Mossberg gave the report through May 31, 2022 stating that deposits and interest were minimal and June deposits should be more. Expenses were within the normal range with only a grader blade repair and a fuel bill on the larger side. Motion made by Bahktiari, second by Dunaski to accept the Treasurer's report. Vote Taken: Kroening - Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

PUBLIC INPUT:

The first speaker on zoom brought up the sale of township equipment and board members possibly discussing it with contractors before the bid opening on May 3rd. Supervisor Bahktiari responded stating he had created a personal file on the person making the public comment after the May general meeting and asked the public speaker to confirm what had been found.

The second person to speak was Business Representative Dan Manick of the Operating Engineers Union Local 49. He stated he has been regularly attending meetings in person and on zoom. He also said he feels the union has been respectful in the past but did not care for the derogatory comments being spoken about the road employees. He also stated if there were any other comments they should also be directed to the union.

OLD BUSINESS:

Interim Ordinance Moratorium :

Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau reported that Attorney Scott Anderson is representing the township with the DNR lawsuit against the township. Mr. Anderson suggested a moratorium with the

boards' approval. A motion was made by Kroening, seconded by Dunaski, to approve an Interim Ordinance Moratorium as per the language that was agreed upon between the permittee and the township that made the language more exclusive in regards to the Zoning Administrator's authority. Vote Taken: Kroening - Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

Approval of Election Judges :

Tabled until next month for a finalized list.

Appointment to Planning Commission :

A motion was made by Dunaski, seconded by Bahktiari, to appoint Paul Horgen to the Planning Commission pursuant to checking with the township attorney to see if he can legally serve on both the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment at the same time. Vote Taken: Kroening - Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

Road Maintenance :

Tabled for a future meeting.

Union Contract/Employee Separation :

Tabled for a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS :

DNR Lawsuit :

Chair Kroening stated that the township had been served with a lawsuit from the DNR regarding the Sand Lake Resort Project and the township has responded within the required time and that the permittee is also required to respond. Attorney Scott Anderson is working on this case and a possible closed meeting is anticipated later in the summer or early fall.

Township Purchasing Policy :

The township purchasing policy adopted on January 10, 2019 was discussed. A motion was made by Dunaski, seconded by Bahktiari, to eliminate the RFP's required for contracting services and increase the Value of Purchase, 3rd line item to read from \$2501 - \$25,000 to \$2501 - \$50,000 and line item #4 to read: Greater than \$50,001 needs to be a sealed bid. Vote Taken: Kroening - Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

Road Review Results :

Supervisor Dunaski reported that the road review had been completed with a few citizens also following in attendance. He also stated that if any citizens have questions regarding any road work to be done can contact him directly. Any culverts scheduled for 2022 would probably be done towards the end of summer.

Township Road Coordinator :

Tabled for a future meeting.

Authorization for Public Meeting on STVR Ordinance :

A motion was made by Dunaski, seconded by Bahktiari, to authorize the Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing to discuss the Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR) Ordinance. Vote Taken: Kroening - Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

Review Pet Restrictions Ordinance 10-04-00 :

Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau reported a couple complaints of dogs nipping at residents. The ordinance states that the township has an animal control officer but currently there is none and the animal rescue used in the past is no longer in business. It was suggested that the animal control section of the ordinance be deleted and any future complaints be directed to Pine County.

Board of Supervisors Other :

Supervisor Dunaski reported that the missing wood chipper from the township inventory had been found along with the township brush mower and tiller. They have been stored at Dave Ketchum’s property by authorization of a previous township board stating that he used them most frequently so it was more convenient for him to store them.

ROAD UPDATE :

Information was already reported earlier in the meeting.

ZONING UPDATE :

Administrator Genereau stated there were 20 new permits issued. There are also 4 variances and 1 conditional use permit in process. He reported the June 16, 2022 Board of Adjustment meeting has been cancelled. The DNR has become very busy. A permit issued in the 1970’s by the DNR for Edelweiss campground for the campers allowed on the beach is still being researched. He is in process of working with 4 blighted properties. A couple have made improvements already.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE :

Commissioner Cindy Carlson stated that things had already been covered earlier in the meeting.

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE :

Supervisor Bahktiari stated that our contract had expired as of November 2021 and recommended signing a one-year contract at the 2022 rate and expire on December 31, 2022. He also stated that the Fire District was asking for 22% of the township levy. The township pole building was also discussed as a possible substation for the fire department. It was stated that the Fire District is asking for \$88,076 for 2022.

A motion was then made by Bahktiari to investigate possible collusion between Lance Harper and Mike Buetow to undermine the contractor bidding process for personal gain. There was no second. Motion not passed.

CLAIMS :

May 2022 claims were reviewed. Motion made by Kroening, seconded by Dunaski to approve the May 2022 claims as provided. Approval of Payroll #PAY 22-06, EFT #s 22-19 & 22-20, Check #s 13117 through 13132, & Direct Deposit #s DD1489 through DD1497 for a total of \$30,164.07. Vote Taken: Kroening - Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

TOWNSHIP MAIL :

Township mail was opened and reviewed.

A special meeting was scheduled to be held on June 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for further discussion of the Road Maintenance Services.

ADJOURN :

Motion made by Dunaski, seconded by Kroening to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Vote Taken: Kroening - Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED :

APPROVED :

Clerk, Cindy Woltjer

Chair, Heidi Kroening