

## **Regular Monthly Meeting of the Windemere Township Board - November 10, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Vice Chair, Mark Dunaski. Others present were Supervisor Tony Bakhtiari, Clerk Cindy Woltjer, Treasurer Ron Mossberg & Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau. Absent was Chair Heidi Kroening.

Also, in attendance were 2 Windemere residents and 8 participants via Zoom.

### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Woltjer read meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting October 14, 2021. A motion was made by Bakhtiari, second by Dunaski to approve said minutes with one correction stating the Sturgeon Island Bridge is still structurally sound. Vote Taken: Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Mossberg gave the report for October 2021 activity stating that all the money budgeted to the Roads and Bridges Fund has been depleted and that claims would now be charged to the General Fund. He also stated that the second half of the county tax levy payment should come this month and he would deposit that money into the Roads and Bridges Fund. Motion made by Bakhtiari, second by Dunaski to accept the Treasurer's financial report. Vote Taken: Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

A resident of Sturgeon Island brought up a permitting problem with dirt being delivered to his property to be used within shoreland setbacks. Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau explained that the property owner would need to go through the process of getting a permit, to follow the rules as stated in our township ordinances, to properly put any dirt within the shoreland zone.

There were no comments from Zoom participants.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Sand Lake Resort Special Meeting Venue:**

Supervisor Bakhtiari reported researching several venues for the Sand Lake Resort Special Meeting including Holy Angels Catholic Church, the Moose Lake Historical Society Event Center and the Moose Lake City Council Chambers. He suggested using the Moose Lake City Council Chambers at no charge but there would be a fee of \$100 for the audio-visual service provided. It would be broadcast live on the

local Moose Lake cable channel that night and could also be viewed on Utube at a later date. It was also suggested that because of limited seating that people not attending could send their questions ahead of the meeting to the township clerk to be compiled and presented at the meeting. Motion by Dunaski, seconded by Bakhtiari to set the Moose Lake City Council Chambers as the venue for the Sand Lake Resort Informational Meeting on December 16, 2021. Vote Taken: Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

## **NEW BUSINESS :**

### **Board of Supervisors Other:**

Supervisor Dunaski reported that while Mid State Trucking was repairing the township dump truck they discovered faulty steering parts also needing to be replaced for the safety of the vehicle. Supervisor Dunaski reported that he authorized the extra expense of approximately \$1900.

Treasurer Mossberg asked if there will be any 2022 budget meetings on the calendar and could a date be set. It was suggested that it be added to the agenda for the Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 already scheduled for the Sand Lake Resort Agenda Meeting. It was brought up later that the meeting was scheduled for 10 am on that date and Treasurer Mossberg would not be able to make a morning meeting. Clerk Woltjer was asked to check if the meeting could then be moved to the evening.

## **ROAD UPDATE :**

Supervisor Dunaski reported that the Island Lake Shoreland Restoration Project has been completed.

He also stated that a solution for the washout on Hill Street is still being worked on.

## **ZONING UPDATE :**

Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau reported that there have been exactly 100 permits issued to date with possibly 12 or more still coming. He also suggested that he is willing to work with anyone wanting a permit for next year to apply for it now and he can pre-date it for a start in the spring.

He then reported meeting with Pine County and the DNR along with Supervisor Kroening regarding the Sand Lake Resort Project. He will be meeting again with Supervisor Kroening to put together a summary of the steps the township has taken to review and approve the permit for this project and what the township has approved and has not approved. He also stated that the DNR doesn't believe our township's ordinance meets the correct shoreland controls. The DNR is supposed to periodically approve the shoreland controls in our ordinance and that has not been done in several years. He stated that the township's ordinance can't be less restrictive than the state. An attorney may need to be hired to help bring our ordinance up to date.

Administrator Genereau has also been researching the camper ordinance and has found the township and the county ordinances very similar so that some of the residents' suggestions he has been receiving about changes may not be possible unless the county changes their ordinance. The township cannot be less restrictive than the county. He is also working on a possible mailing to the public regarding this.

**PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE :**

Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau reported the Planning Commission is still working on the Short Term Vacation Rentals-STVR's.

He then stated that the Planning Commission needs a new person on the Board of Adjustment. One member is no longer a resident of the township so the position is open and needs to be filled.

**FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE :**

Supervisor Dunaski reported that he did not attend the meeting. He stated that the Fire District has not had any contact from the Sand Lake Resort developer. Supervisor Dunaski said he coordinated a meeting between them but did not attend.

**CLAIMS :**

October 2021 claims were reviewed. Motion made by Dunaski , seconded by Bakhtiari to approve the October 2021 claims as provided. Approval of EFT #s 21-41 through 21-43, Payroll #PAY 2111, Check #s 12980 through 12999, & Direct Deposit #s DD1423 through DD1431 for a total of \$42,096.88. Vote Taken: Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

**TOWNSHIP MAIL :**

Township mail was opened and reviewed.

**ADJOURN :**

Motion made by Dunaski, seconded by Bakhtiari to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Vote Taken: Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED :

APPROVED :

Clerk, Cindy Woltjer

Vice Chair, Mark Dunaski