

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Windemere Township Board - May 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman, John Wesely. Others present were Supervisors Heidi Kroening and Mark Dunaski, Clerk Cindy Woltjer, Treasurer Ron Mossberg, and Zoning Administrator, Dennis Genereau, Jr.

Also, in attendance 11 participants via Zoom.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk read meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting April 8, 2021. A motion was made by Wesely, second by Kroening to approve said minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote Taken: Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Mossberg gave his report for April 2021 activity. Some interest deposits and zoning fees were made. Treasurer Mossberg also stated that per the MAT suggestion, he applied for the Federal account number needed to apply for the Federal Relief funds. It was suggested that the \$40,000 budgeted for a storage building at the gravel pit on the Capital 5 Year Expense Projection be removed. Motion made by Wesely, second by Dunaski to approve the Treasurer's financial report as presented. Roll Call Vote Taken: Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

PUBLIC INPUT:

One resident expressed concern about possible lack of communication and transparency. It was suggested that a small amount of public be able to attend a meeting, even if by lottery, to witness what is transpiring.

Another resident praised the board for doing a good job. He also suggested that when questions come up, they should be directed to the Supervisors for answers.

A third resident suggested that the members of the board vote to close the meeting and go home to access it via Zoom so as not to violate the open meeting laws.

OLD BUSINESS:

3.2 Liquor License

Ray & Marge's have applied for an On-Sale Wine License in addition to the 3.2 License. Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau recommended holding off until an after the fact permit could be applied for on shoreline restoration done last year without a permit and also a septic inspection that is mandatory with all new permits applied for. Approval is contingent on the owner getting these done. Motion made by Wesely, seconded by Dunaski to withhold on signing the license until Ray and Marge's

and Mr. Genereau can work this out and when Mr. Genereau is satisfied he can have the license signed by Chairman Wesely and the clerk so it can be done before the next board meeting. Roll Call Vote Taken: Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

Township Internet Connection:

Supervisor Dunaski stated that the internet has been connected by Frontier and the hook up should be at no cost. Frontier is confident that speeds will be sufficient or let them know.

Sturgeon Lake High Water :

Supervisor Dunaski suggested we look at Houston Engineering as they have been successful with high water issues on other lakes.

NEW BUSINESS :

Chip Sealing :

No report.

Gockowski/Kruse Variance Application:

Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau reported that he received notice from Caleb Anderson of Pine County that there has been an application for a variance for a sewer system on the NE corner of Sturgeon Lake at 4001 Pioneer Road, Sturgeon Lake, MN. A hearing has been set for May 27, 2021 at the North Pine Government Center in Sandstone, MN and Mr. Genereau stated he will be attending.

Board of Supervisors Other:

A motion was made by Supervisor Kroening to donate \$1000 to the Moose Lake Area Historical Society. Seconded by Wesely. Roll Call Vote Taken: Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

Chairman Wesely received a blight complaint from a resident and it was stated that Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau is already aware of this issue and is currently working with the property owner on getting it resolved.

Treasurer Mossberg asked about status of the Treasurer’s laptop. Chairman Wesely will contact Jason to tell him to proceed.

Treasurer Mossberg also stated that the monitoring for the township alarm system is due by June 1st. It was decided that the service would no longer be needed and Chairman Wesely would notify them by email and copy the board with his response.

ROAD UPDATE :

Mike Buetow was absent so Chairman Wesely read Mr. Buetow’s report. Mr. Buetow was asking for a Road Tab to be added to the township website so road updates could be posted. A motion was made by

Wesely allow Mr. Buetow to contact Jason Haukland and have him add a Road Tab section to the website. Seconded by Dunaski. Roll Call Vote Taken: Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

Box Culvert Rush Blvd. Project was awarded to Landwehr Construction from St. Cloud. The engineer's estimate was \$122,000. There were three bidders and Landwehr's bid was the lowest in the amount of \$145,987.25. The township pays only \$20,000 of that cost to the state Road and Bridge fund. They have until September 2021 to complete the project.

Core samples for Sturgeon Island Road came back. They did not come back as well as they could have so Mr. Buetow is looking to the Pine county engineer for advice on how to proceed.

Bid openings for the Highway 61 Project between the Carlton County and Pine County line and Rutledge will be on Monday. This will include Parkview Road in Windemere Township. At that time the cost of bituminous will be determined and hopefully we can move forward with other roads.

Island Lake Road Project plans are almost complete to the Soil and Water Conservation District. Land owners have been contacted and Mr. Buetow is waiting for the return of signed documents from the landowners for the right of ways.

In regard to the right of ways Mr. Buetow has reached out to Ben Anderson at Straight Line Surveying to see if he has contacted Kevin Hofstad but have not heard back yet.

We are in the process of reclaiming roads and have done several miles so far and found that typically 30 to 36 dump truck loads per mile come out of the ditches and is then put back on the roads. It was verified by Straightline Surveying several years ago that this process brought \$4000 to \$5000 per mile back to the roads.

Regarding the Annual Road Review on May 22nd Mr. Buetow will provide a list of road projects needing to be done and can go over them at the road review.

Mr. Genereau informed the board that there is a need for permits to install culverts and he and Mr. Buetow have been working on creating a permit similar to the Pine County permit at approximately the same cost.

ZONING UPDATE :

Dennis Genereau gave his April report stating that 10 permits were issued since the last meeting and he is working on 38 more. Shoreline restoration permits are down there are more construction permits being dealt with. Some projects are involving working more with the DNR. He stated that the DNR does fly over the county and has reported some projects being done that have not been permitted. Any after the fact permits are charged at 3 times the usual permit rate.

Mr. Genereau is still working with Mark Lambert on his Sand Lake Resort Project. He is also working on the Gockowski/Kruse project. There have been a number of calls from potential land buyers asking about what they can and can't do before they buy.

Mr. Genereau reported that he has been enforcing the camper ordinance. People are encouraged to call or email him with questions regarding camper issues.

Mr. Genereau will be changing his Saturday work hours at the township hall. He is busy and has many places to be and it is easier for people to call and make appointments instead. He will post his phone number on the township hall door so people can call him if they show up and he is not there.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE :

Supervisor Kroening reported that the board needs to initiate the Planning Commission to start investigating information on VRBO's. Motion was made by Kroening, seconded by Wesely to allow the Planning Commission to look into and investigate situations with the VRBO's without contacting the board first. Roll Call Vote Taken: Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE :

Nothing to report at this time.

CLAIMS :

April 2021 claims were reviewed. Motion made by Wesely, seconded Kroening to approve the April 2021 claims as provided. Approval of Payroll # PAY210421 and PAY2105, EFT #s 21-15, 21-16, 21-17 & 21-18. Check #s 12860 through 12872, & Direct Deposit #s DD1357 through DD1369 for a total of \$18,165.20. Roll Call Vote Taken: Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

TOWNSHIP MAIL :

Township mail was opened and reviewed.

ADJOURN :

Motion made by Wesely, seconded by Dunaski to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Roll Call Vote Taken: Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED :

APPROVED :

Clerk, Cindy Woltjer

Chairman, Heidi Kroening