

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Windemere Township Board - July 8, 2021

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

Also, in attendance were 10 Windemere residents and 7 participants via Zoom.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk read meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting June 10, 2021. A motion was made by Kroening, second by Dunaski to approve said minutes as presented. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Mossberg gave his report for June 2021 activity stating the revenue is above estimate and expenses are below estimates with machinery expenses already over budget. The first half of the Fire District has not been paid yet. The levy money for the year has all been applied to the roads and bridges account. Interest has been collected on overdue/late taxes from Pine County for the first half of 2021. We have received a final payment of approximately \$9800 on the sale of the Dobo property. Motion made by Kroening, second by Dunaski to accept the Treasurer's financial report. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

Bid Opening :

The Board received one sealed bid from Rydberg & Sons, Inc. for the hauling and spreading of class 5 gravel from the township pit to various township roads in the amount of \$5.59 per c.y. Motion made by Kroening, second by Dunaski to accept Rydberg's quote. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

After the bid opening it was discussed and agreed upon by the Board and Treasure Mossberg that only the financial reports are to be presented and any other comments need to be board approved 5 days before a meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

One resident commented that she would like to hear Mr. Mossberg's recommendations.

Another resident had questions regarding the Gorkowski/Kruse project on the NE side of Sturgeon Lake.

A third resident had comments about Palon Road costing so much.

Another resident was seeking correspondence requested by email from the clerk and wanted it to be read for the record. It was not read out loud but was available if anyone wanted a copy. Chair Kroening was going to contact the township attorney to see if the information could be released because of possible client attorney privilege.

Another resident asked why the employees were not working full time, as long as the township is under budget, to get the culverts and roads done.

No one on Zoom had any comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sturgeon Lake High Water :

Supervisor Dunaski reported that the Windemere Lakes Association said the Pine County Board is considering funding a feasibility study on the high water issue on Sturgeon Lake. Supervisor Dunaski is checking into this.

Township Internet Connection:

Supervisor Dunaski stated that Frontier seems to be working out as expected and suggested it was time to disconnect Verizon.

Balsam Lake Culvert :

This issue is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS :

New Supervisor Selection :

There were four letters of interest for the open position of Board Supervisor. A motion was made by Dunaski and seconded by Kroening to accept Tony Bakhtiari as the new Supervisor to fill out John Wesely's term, ending December 31, 2022. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

Gambling Permit – Bingo at Doc's :

The permit for Bingo at Doc's had already been approved by Pine County so no action needed to be taken.

Grader Rental :

Supervisor Dunaski reported that the township grader was in need of repair and was unable to be used. McCoy Equipment Rental could supply a rental until which time the grader could be repaired. Cost would be \$50 per metered hour of time used. A motion was made by Dunaski, seconded by Kroening to accept McCoy's rental agreement for a usable grader until which time we know the condition of the township grader. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion passed 2/0.

Board of Supervisors Other:

Supervisor Dunaski clarified a statement he made at a previous meeting regarding the budgeted building in the gravel pit. He wanted to be clear that he said leave it on the budget for now to save time on discussion UNTIL another budget meeting at which time it will probably be removed completely.

Supervisor Dunaski also stated on the ditching and culverts issue that the township is looking for an excavator to be able to work straight through to complete those culvert projects.

Special Meeting

A special meeting is to be scheduled for July 27th at 6:30 pm for the purpose of discussing possible violations of the Open Meeting Law allegations brought by Treasurer Mossberg.

ROAD UPDATE :

Supervisor Dunaski made a brief discussion on the upcoming road projects explaining how they were budgeted and the conversations he has had with the county engineers, after which he made 2 motions.

A motion was made by Dunaski, seconded by Kroening to advertise for sealed bids for paving of Palon Road to be received on or before July 26, 2021 at 6 pm. Bids would then be opened on July 27, 2021 at 9 am at the Windemere Township Hall. Bid award would take place at 6:30 pm July 27, 2021 at the Windemere Township Hall. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion passed 2/0.

A motion was then made by Dunaski, seconded by Kroening to advertise for sealed bids for paving of Sturgeon Island Road – Segment 2 to be received on or before July 26, 2021 at 6 pm. Bids would then be opened on July 27, 2021 at 9 am at the Windemere Township Hall. Bid award would take place at 6:30 pm July 27, 2021 at the Windemere Township Hall. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion passed 2/0.

ZONING UPDATE :

Supervisor Kroening gave a report in Administrator Dennis Genereau's absence. She stated that there have been over 50 permits issued for the year so far this year. He issued a permit to Mr. Kroon for his project at the old Red Oak site after the septic plans were approved by the county. There is nothing more to report on the Sand Lake Resort project at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE :

A representative from the Planning Commission informed the board of the upcoming special meeting on July 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the township hall to discuss a possible ordinance language for Short Term Vacation Rentals (formerly called VRBO's).

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE :

Supervisor Dunaski reported that the meeting is scheduled for next week.

CLAIMS :

June 2021 claims were reviewed. Motion made by Kroening, seconded by Dunaski to approve the June 2021 claims as provided. Approval of Payroll #PAY21-07, EFT #s 21-22, 21-23, 21-24 & 21-25. Check #s 12897 through 12910, & Direct Deposit #s DD1379 through DD1387 for a total of \$19,976.62. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

TOWNSHIP MAIL :

Township mail was opened and reviewed.

ADJOURN :

Motion made by Kroening, seconded by Dunaski to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 2/0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED :

APPROVED :

Clerk, Cindy Woltjer

Chair, Heidi Kroening