

## **Regular Monthly Meeting of the Windemere Township Board - September 9, 2021**

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

Also, in attendance were 6 Windemere residents and 9 participants via Zoom.

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

Clerk read meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting August 12, 2021. A motion was made by Kroening, second by Dunaski to approve said minutes with one correction, changing the engineer from Pine County to the Soil and Water Conservation District engineer. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

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

Treasurer Mossberg gave his report for August 2021 activity stating it had been a slow month for revenues. Motion made by Kroening, second by Dunaski to accept the Treasurer's financial report. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

The first resident commented on what a good job was done on paving Sturgeon Island Road. He also thanked the township road crew for putting up the new signage that was asked for so quickly.

A second resident asked what the extra cost incurred by the township was to have a special meeting for the Possible Open Meeting Law Violations. She encouraged the board to get an insurance quote to cover any accusations that may come up in the future. She also asked about the total cost of the road work being done and would it be over the dollar amount currently in the roads and bridges account.

No one on Zoom had any comments.

### **ZONING UPDATE :**

Administrator Dennis Genereau stated that there have been 80 permits issued to date. There are already 4 permits applied for next year. A permit may be in the works for a hardship case possibly needing a variance for a garage.

Lakeland Road culvert on Sturgeon Lake may become an issue with the work being done possibly causing Sturgeon Lake to be lowered by several inches. The DNR hydrologist has been contacted and is assessing the issue.

Mr. Genereau is continuing to work with a blighted property that is making progress with clean up even though it sometimes can be hard to see that progress.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Road Construction Update :**

Supervisor Dunaski reported that Parkview, Palon and Sturgeon Island Road are complete. Striping was also done on Harmony Lane and chip sealing is also complete. Speed limit signs have been put up and the Watch for Pedestrian signs on Sturgeon Island Road will be installed as soon as they are received. Rush Blvd. box culvert has also been completed.

**Sturgeon Island Road :**

Supervisor Dunaski reported that Pine County will do the engineering on Segment 1 of Sturgeon Island Road if it is a normal overlay like was done on Segment 2. Anything more than that Pine County prefers not to do.

A concern was then raised about cracks in the welds that were noticed in the Sturgeon Island Bridge. Supervisor Dunaski contacted the Pine County Engineer who suggested contacting Erickson Engineering who did the last safety inspection of the bridge 2 years ago. That engineer stated that it probably wasn't a safety issue because the area of concern was not part of the supporting structure of the bridge but he could not guarantee that the bridge was safe. It was suggested having another safety study done on the bridge for approx. \$1200. A motion was made by Bakhtiari, seconded by Dunaski to go ahead with another safety study of Sturgeon Island Bridge for \$1200. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

**Island Lake Road Shoreline Reinforcement :**

Supervisor Dunaski reported that 7 bid packets had been sent out to local contractors for this project with bid opening and award at the Special Meeting on September 16, 2021.

**Island Lake Box Culvert :**

Supervisor Dunaski brought up the box culverts on Island Lake Road and stated there is a process to qualify for the \$20,000 state match to do this project.

**Website Update :**

Clerk Woltjer reported that the website was ready to be updated and was waiting for the board's approval to get started. Supervisor Kroening stated it had already been approved at a previous meeting and to go ahead and let them start.

**NEW BUSINESS :**

**Changes to the Ordinance for Recreational Vehicles :**

Supervisor Kroening stated that a resident of Windemere Township would be making a statement regarding this ordinance at the upcoming Special Planning Commission Meeting for that topic on September 28, 2021.

**Board of Supervisors Other:**

Supervisor Dunaski reported that the township F350 truck had been vandalized. A police report had been filed and he is working with the Ford Dealership and MATIT to get the truck repaired.

He also stated that he has been working to calibrate the township fuel usage now that he has obtained a proper dipstick for that purpose.

He then reported that there are ditching and culvert projects in the township ready to go. We have an excavator to do these projects but we did not receive any quotes on mobilization of equipment. He will reach out to contractors to see if we can get someone to do the mobilization.

He then stated that after talking to the township attorney, the money received by Pine County for the Sturgeon Lake High Water issue that previously was thought may have Federal Regulations attached does not apply to townships.

Supervisor Baktiari then asked if an outside camera might deter vandals at the township hall. Supervisor Dunaski stated that he has already been looking into this issue.

**ROAD UPDATE :**

Supervisor Dunaski stated that it was already covered earlier in New Business.

Supervisor Dunaski then answered the question of cost of the road projects brought up earlier during public input. He stated that Palon Road was approximately \$172,900 – Parkview was approximately \$68,000 – and Sturgeon Island Road was approximately \$227,000 for a total of approximately \$468,000.

**PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE :**

Commissioner Dawson Gentry reported the Planning Commission is working on a rough draft of an ordinance for Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR's) along with Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau and the township attorney.

**FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE :**

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

**CLAIMS :**

August 2021 claims were reviewed. Motion made by Kroening, seconded by Dunaski to approve the August 2021 claims as provided. Approval of EFT #s 21-31, 21-32, 21-33, Payroll #PAY 21-09, Check #s 12939 through 12957, & Direct Deposit #s DD1401 through DD1410 for a total of \$83,092.56. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

**TOWNSHIP MAIL :**

Township mail was opened and reviewed.

**ADJOURN :**

Motion made by Kroening, seconded by Dunaski to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Vote Taken: Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED :

Clerk, Cindy Woltjer

APPROVED :

Chair, Heidi Kroening