

On Tuesday March 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Town Board Chair Greg Anderson called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order. Other Supervisors present were Eugene Stoeckel, Bill Whitcomb and Dave Persing. Supervisor Thomas Duden was absent.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Dave Persing to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Dave Persing to approve the Financial Report for February 2019 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$801,525.52; total receipts of \$5,411.29; total disbursements of \$18,046.31; leaving a balance of \$788,890.50. Motion Carried Unanimously.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Greg Anderson stated that the Electorate requested a new flag at the Annual Meeting, so he brought in a flag that was flown over Iraq in the original Iraq war in an air ambulance helicopter. The flag was donated by his son Andy Anderson, Chief Warrant Officer 2, pilot with the United States Army.

Old Business

There was no old business on the agenda.

New Business

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the Land Split for Nate Kick, Section 35. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the fire contract with the City of Princeton. The motion that was made at the Annual Meeting was: Jesse Barthel motioned to approve and give the authority to the Township Board to negotiate an appropriate contract for the Township's fire services. Marcia Anderson seconded the motion. Joel Minks wanted to amend the agenda and stated that he thinks they should not write a check for the full amount but rather spread it out over the 10 years. Jerry Sands seconded the motion for the amendment. Motion Carried. Motion then Carried for the Township Board to negotiate an appropriate contract for fire services to be paid for over 10 years.

Greg Anderson stated that he disagreed with spreading it over 10 years because the Board has been saving it for this purpose and they could save a lot of money in interest paying the full amount upfront. Fire Chief Ron Lawrence and Mayor Brad Schumacher reviewed some details. Bill Whitcomb motioned to move forward with the full payment for the Fire Contract. Dave Persing seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Greg Anderson stated that a motion was made by Joel Minks at the Annual Meeting to place a limit on the length of time someone serves on the Planning Commission and Town Board. Mr. Anderson explained that they contacted the MAT and were told that was not legal because that is something the legislature decides.

Bill Whitcomb stated that there was also some discussion about the tractor purchase at the Annual Meeting and they informed the electorate they would get more information. Greg Anderson stated that the Clerk has all the information verifying that everything was done correctly according to the state bid process. Brian Crawford, from Crawford's Equipment, explained the state bid process and stated he would be happy to answer any questions anyone may have.

The Clerk explained that at the Annual Meeting it was also stated that there were not any terms for Planning Commission members, however that was incorrect. They are appointed for 3 years.

Adam Ripple, attorney from Rinke-Noonan, explained Resolution 2019-4, Appeal of Zoning Administrator Decision. Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve Resolution 2019-4 to uphold the decision of the Zoning Administrator to deny the application because it does not meet the definition of Home Occupation. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Bill Whitcomb and Dave Persing abstained from voting. ~~Motion failed for lack of quorum.~~ Motion to table the matter. (correction 04/16/19)

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to table Resolution 2019-4 until next month's meeting. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve Resolution 2019-2: Summary Publication of Resolution 2019-1 (Establishing a Moratorium on Event Venues and Certain Home Occupations within the Ag-1 Zoning District in Princeton Township). Dave Persing seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to table Resolution 2019-3 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer. Dave Persing seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Bill Whitcomb motioned to approve the following donations recommended at the Annual Meeting: Mille Lacs Agricultural Society-\$1,600.00, Family Pathways Princeton Teen Center-\$1,600.00, Mille Lacs County Historical Society-\$1,600.00. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the Special Event Ordinance. Greg Anderson stated all businesses have to follow the same rules when applying for a special event. Bill Whitcomb addressed some concerns he had with the requirements on the application.

Greg Anderson stated there were 10 applicants for 3 positions on the Planning Commission.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to appoint Cheryl Schimming as a Planning Commission member. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Bill Whitcomb motioned to appoint Marcia Anderson as a Planning Commission member. Dave Persing seconded the motion. Greg Anderson and Eugene Stoeckel voted against the appointment. Motion Failed.

Dave Persing motioned to appoint Cyndi MacDonald as a Planning Commission member. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Dave Persing motioned to appoint Tari Zortman as a Planning Commission member. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to designate the Union Times as the official newspaper. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to designate Bremer Bank as the official newspaper Depository. (correction 04/16/19) Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to designate the Town Hall as the posting place. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Dave Persing motioned to appoint Eugene Stoeckel to the City of Princeton Planning Commission. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to appoint Bill Whitcomb to the Fire Advisory Committee. Dave Persing seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Bill Whitcomb motioned to appoint Eugene Stoeckel to the Airport Advisory Committee. Dave Persing seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to appoint Thomas Duden as Weed Inspector. Bill Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Bill Whitcomb motioned to appoint Dave Persing as Vice-Chairman. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Bill Whitcomb motioned to appoint Eugene Stoeckel as Town Board Chairperson. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Greg Anderson stated that the Road Manager has always been the Chairman in previous years but wanted to know if anyone would like to change that. He stated that the Board has also talked about hiring someone on a part time basis to manage everything. Eugene Stoeckel stated that he would like to approach Joel Minks to see if he would be interested. Greg Anderson stated that if they wanted to bring someone in, they would have to create a job and then post it so others can apply.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to hire a Road Supervisor. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Bill Whitcomb motioned to table the issue of hiring a Road Supervisor until next month's meeting. Dave Persing seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Greg Anderson stated that until someone else is brought on, Eugene Stoeckel will be the Road Manager.

Greg Anderson motioned to appoint Dave Persing as the Township Planning Commission Liaison. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Open Forum

Mark Riverblood stated that he just wanted to clarify who would be in charge of the roads until someone was hired.

Marcia Anderson asked if there was a position for a Sheriff's Liaison. Greg Anderson stated that there has never been such a liaison.

Tari Zortman asked for clarification on the Moratorium for Event Venues. Adam Ripple gave her a copy of the adopted Moratorium. Mr. Anderson also explained it.

Supervisor's Report

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the City Planning Commission.

Clerk's Business

The Clerk did not have any business to address.

Approve Payment of the Bills

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Bill Whitcomb to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 12352-12403. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Bill Whitcomb to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: John Roxbury, Jr., Mille Lacs County Deputy Tony Erholtz, Marcia Anderson, Nancy Moan, Tari Zortman, Cyndi & John MacDonald, Mike & Cheryl Schimming, Brian Crawford, Scott Berry, Theresa Persing, Jim Kusler, Brad Schumacher, Ron Lawrence, Mark Riverblood