

Royalton Township Board Meeting Minutes

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Unapproved

7:39 pm, Chair Wayne Olson called the Royalton Township Board Meeting to order with Supervisor Marshall Pearson, Supervisor Jeff Schlaeger, Treasurer Wendy Tchida, and Clerk Roberta Folkestad. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Supervisor Schlaeger to add: Board of Appeal and Equalization Minutes, David Youngbauer, property on Brunswick Road, and Carol Gaard driveway to the agenda and to approve the agenda, second by Chair Olson, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Pearson to approve and sign the April 26, 2016, Royalton Township Board Minutes as printed, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Pearson to approve the Treasurer's Report as read, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chair Olson to approve and sign the April 25, 2016, Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting Minutes as printed, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously.

After reading and discussing checks 7924 through 7953 in the amount of \$7,384.16, motion by Supervisor Schlaeger to approve and pay all checks, second by Chair Olson, motion carried unanimously.

Public forum was offered. Property owners on Maple Shores Drive requested some help with speed and dust control on their road. They stated the traffic drives too fast both coming in and going out causing a real dust problem.

Planning Commission Recommendations:

The planning commission forwarded to the board the written resignation of Nancy Dahlin Teich; motion to accept the resignation of Nancy Dahlin Teich by Supervisor Schlaeger, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

Old business:

There were two quotes for culvert installation from Bjorklund Construction at \$515.00 per culvert and Grasston Excavating at \$450.00 per culvert. Motion by Supervisor Schlaeger to accept the quote from Grasston Excavating at \$450.00 per culvert, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about the shop cleaning done by Chair Olson, Leslie Orvis and Gary Valvoda. It was a big job and things look good. The next step will be labeling and cleaning bins; to be accomplished by Chair Olson and Maintenance Person Alan Teich.

There was discussion about possibly purchasing a pickup truck for extra road maintenance.

The flagpole light cover cannot be ordered as the current light fixture has been discontinued. After discussion, this was tabled until the June meeting.

It was suggested a new flagpole cable be ordered and the old one repaired and kept in reserve, After discussion, motion by Supervisor Schlaeger to have the Clerk, with Gary Valvoda's help, order a cable from a different company and pay up to \$100.00, second by Chair Olson, motion carried unanimously.

The sound system and wall murals are being worked on and should be done for the June meeting.

There was a culvert installed in the driveway on Church Road, but there were no flared ends. The Clerk was directed to send a letter to Mr. Hultman, to include the driveway policy, and to have him call Zoning Administrator John Kemen before he does anymore work on the driveway.

The Clerk was instructed to send the letter to the telephone company including costs to install a new culvert on Timber Drive.

Marking the ends of culverts was tabled until next month.

There was discussion about a new maintenance pole shed. Supervisor Pearson stated that one could be built for somewhere in the mid \$50s to \$60s. Discussion ensued about concrete for floor or not, possibly fencing that area. The Board will try to have who, what, where, and why for a July planning commission working meeting.

New business:

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Mattson and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hagfors were in attendance about a minor subdivision of the Mattson property. They were given the information they needed to accomplish this and will return later.

After discussion motion by Supervisor Pearson to approve and sign the 2016 Pine City Fire Contract, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously.

Internet and website discussion was tabled for now.

There was discussion about mining at the Thomas Belland property on Hummingbird Road. Zoning Administrator Kemen suggested a special use permit should be sought from Mr. Belland for the June meeting.

After discussion about the water softener and an electrical cord on the floor in the furnace room, Supervisor Pearson suggested that in the best interest of the township, a maintenance person for just maintaining the buildings and little things in the town hall should be hired on a part time on call basis, because what we have now is not working. Maintenance Person Teich does the roads. This will be discussed at the working planning commission meeting to be held at 6:30 pm, June 21, 2016 at the town hall.

Chair Olson will contact Travis Kemen about a computer for the planning commission meeting minutes. The current one is old and does not always work correctly.

There was discussion about Frost Drive and the mining going on south of it. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to Chris Wurm and Richard Doenz asking them to attend the June 28, 2016 Board Meeting because the board is concerned about the set back from the road and the possibility of the road caving.

Zoning Administrator Kemen stated there are people living at 3051 Brunswick Road; Braham MN. The house is not livable. There is no sewer. Zoning Administrator Kemen instructed the owner to get a port-a-potty onto the property and he did that. The owner was also instructed to get a dumpster as the people living there are tearing the house apart. The property owner was told the people living at that address have ninety days or until the end of July to find another place to live. Zoning Administrator Kemen will keep checking it out.

David Youngbauer called Chair Olson about having the ditch cleaned along his property. Chair Olson asked him to be present at the meeting to discuss it. He was not present, so this was tabled.

Brushing roads was discussed. There is a list of roads that need brushing from the 2016 annual road inspection. Residents from Maple Shores were present and suggested that if given the permission letters, they would hand deliver them and get permission signatures. There will be more discussion next month.

Road Maintenance Person Teich was instructed to get the Bear Claw road name sign installed June 1, 2016.

After discussion that two posting places are required but three are recommended, motion by Chair Olson to remove the posting board from the maintenance building, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about the culvert installation in Carol Gaard's driveway. Chair Olson viewed the work and held a conference call with Preferred, himself and Carol Gaard about the condition of the town road and the culvert installation. Preferred returned and corrected the problems and put a load of reclaimed concrete on the squashed out town road. Chair Olson stated they did a good job.

The next Town Board Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

Being no further town business, motion to adjourn by Supervisor Pearson, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously. 9:04 pm, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Clerk Roberta Folkestad

Chair Wayne Olson

Supervisor Marshall Pearson

Supervisor Jeff Schlaeger