

September 23, 2018 Board Minutes

Royalton Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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Approved

7:30 p.m., 25 September 2018, Chair Jeff Schlaeger called the Royalton Township regular board meeting to order with Supervisor Marshall Pearson, Supervisor Wayne Olson, Treasurer Wendy Tchida, and Clerk Duane Swanson present. Also present were Zoning Administrator John Kemen and Road Superintendent Dan Saumer. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 9879 Bears Ear Road, Genesis Wireless, and data backup. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of 28 August 2018 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the reconvened annual meeting of 28 August 2018.

Treasurer Tchida gave her report, noting that the township has a current balance of \$322,935.83 in the treasury. She confirmed that, in accordance with board action at the 28 August meeting, \$100,000 had been transferred from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund. Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pearson moved, Chair Schlaeger seconded, to approve payment of checks #8940 - 8968 totaling \$21,561.78 with check number 8942 being void. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Schlaeger, Supervisor Olson, and Supervisor Pearson voting "aye."

Public Forum was offered. No one spoke.

Planning Commission recommendations:

The findings of fact for Wayde Lerbs' commercial mining interim use permit will be worked on during the next working commission meeting.

Upon recommendation of the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator John Kemen, Supervisor Pearson moved, Chair Schlaeger seconded, to approve the two land subdivision split requests of the Thomas Belland Estate for land at 3588 Brunswick Road (PID 29.0192.000) and at 2202 Church Road (PID 29.0300.000) , to acknowledge receipt of positive soil boring tests for Lots 2, 3, 4, and 8; and to forward this approval to Pine County. The motion carried unanimously.

The LaDez Pangerl Estate land subdivision request, approved at the 28 August board meeting, had been forwarded to Pine County, and this issue will be removed from the agenda.

The township levy and equipment budget issue and the possible purchase of a fireproof safe have been tabled. The possibility of a township clean-up day will be removed from future agendas.

Old Business:

The board reviewed the situation at 4843 Brunswick Road, reported significant progress in reducing the number of junk vehicles, and, by consensus, tabled review of this property until the 2019 road inspection tour.

Board members reviewed five properties with alleged zoning violations whose owners had received letters from township counsel on 16 May 2018:

- 1.) Kathy Lakedon, 1390 Sherwood Street, was present to report on improvements to her property. She had bought this parcel with the intent of constructing a new dwelling but now may rent it. To replace the burned down building, a new structure with permitted footings, foundation, and concrete walls has been built. Ms. Lakedon hopes to have it finished within the calendar year. If it is rented she has in place a "crime-free no drug" rental agreement. By consensus, the board tabled review of this property until the 2019 road inspection.
- 2.) 6318 Pokegama Lake Road: Violations have been corrected and this issue will be removed from the agenda.

3.) 3493 Pokegama Lake Road: Violations have been corrected and this issue will be removed from the agenda.

4.) 4272 Timber Drive: No further violations have occurred and this issue will be removed from the agenda.

5.) 4696 Clover Lane: Some violations have apparently been corrected; others have not. By consensus, the board tabled this issue until the regular October 2018 meeting.

Supervisor Olson read an eight-page written plan by Nancy Dodd, dated 25 September 2018 and received by Treasurer Wendy Tchida, relating to her property at 1386 Sherwood Street. The statement contains her plans to provide temporary septic service and water that will make her dwelling compliant within two years and requests permission to retain her current number of five dogs. Zoning Administrator John Kemen noted that he had not received any new information on this property. Board members noted that this plan does not address adequately the issues identified in previous letters to Ms. Dodd by legal counsel. Supervisor Pearson moved, Supervisor Olson seconded, to proceed with civil abatement proceedings. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Olson reported that the issues relating to 9435 Apple Road are moving forward under the purview of the Pine County District Court.

John DeGray reported that the new culvert on Timber Drive has been installed and that Century Link personnel were present during the installation.

Supervisor Olson presented a quote from North Watch Security and Fire Alarms (Pine City) for installation and monitoring of a main control system and hardwired keypads in the town hall and shop. Total cost, including a year's worth of monitoring, is estimated to be \$864.36. By consensus, this issue was tabled with the understanding that Supervisor Olson would receive a firm quote.

No response had been received from Vincent Frye regarding the ditching issue off Homer Road.

The culvert at 5112 Raspberry Road North has been installed.

The town has received and filed a letter of resignation from assistant road superintendent Bill Coleman.

Gary Valvoda reported that he had purchased two new United States flags for the town hall, one of nylon and one of polyester. Mr. Valvoda will monitor the length of each one to determine which is a better purchase.

Road Superintendent Saumer reported partial receipt of the road signage order.

New Business:

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to authorize Clerk Swanson to complete and return to Pine County Public Works certification of Royalton's 27.0 road mileage. The motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to authorize John DeGray to remove trees, shrubs, and stumps from the right-of-way off the turnaround at Eagle Lane, with the wood to be made available to the current landowners. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Swanson and Treasurer Tchida reported that Genesis Wireless will be discontinuing email service as of 1 January 2019. The township does have an existing gmail account that could replace the current Genesis one. Supervisor Olson was asked to investigate and report back to the October meeting.

Supervisor Olson reported that he has been investigating a data backup system that would hold backups of the town's electronic data for six cents per gigabyte and would have more information at the October meeting.

Clerk Swanson reported that the town had received an inquiry about a possible sale of 9879 Bears Ear. The realty company had asked if township permits were needed regarding the garage that is too close to the road to comply with the town's zoning ordinance. Clerk Swanson will contact the realty company and report that the garage is grandfathered into compliance because it was constructed before the zoning ordinance was adopted.

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to sell a used township 24" x 30' culvert, without aprons, to John DeGray for \$200. The motion carried unanimously.

Road Superintendent Saumer reported that he had received the grader moldboard recently purchased but that it needs a two foot blade extension at a cost of approximately \$300. Supervisor Olson moved, Chair Schlaeger seconded, to approve this purchase. The motion carried unanimously, with Chair Schlaeger, Supervisor Olson, and Supervisor Pearson voting "aye".

Clerk Swanson reported that the town hall's Internet service had been down several days. With Dan Saumer's assistance, personnel from Genesis Wireless investigated and determined that the antenna and transmitter were not functioning. They were replaced and service was restored.

FYI

Chair Schlaeger called attention to information updates on the agenda: final Eagle Lane turnaround paperwork has been received and filed; the approved levy has been forwarded to the county auditor; the town has received copies of counsel letters sent to property owners in May; March-August checks to the security monitoring company have not been cashed; a phone request to tar 540th Street was received; Federated Cooperatives have locked in a propane price of \$1.399 until 15 April 2019.

The next town board meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, 30 October 2018.

At 8:25 p.m., Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk

Jeff Schlaeger, Chair/Supervisor

Wayne Olson, Vice-Chair/Supervisor

Marshall Pearson, Supervisor