

August 28, 2018 Board Minutes

Royalton Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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7:39 p.m., 28 August 2018, Chair Jeff Schlaeger called the Royalton Township regular board meeting to order with Supervisor Marshall Pearson, Treasurer Wendy Tchida, and Clerk Duane Swanson present. Supervisor Wayne Olson participated in the meeting via SKYPE. Also present were Zoning Administrator John Kemen, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, and Deputy Clerk Roberta Folkestad. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Olson moved, Chair Schlaeger seconded, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Pine County sheriff's communication. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Olson moved, Chair Schlaeger seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of 31 July 2018 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Tchida gave her report, noting that the township has a current balance of \$387,301.13 in the treasury. Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Olson moved, Chair Schlaeger seconded, to approve payment of checks #8889 - 8939 totaling \$64,410.06, with check numbers 8913, 8914, and 8938 being void. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Schlaeger, Supervisor Olson, and Supervisor Pearson voting "aye."

Ken Gagner, Superintendent of the Braham School District, was present to share information about the Braham School District operating levy referendum that will be on the general election ballot in November. School Board Chair Steve Eklund distributed an informational brochure to Braham district residents. Superintendent Gagner noted that it costs \$11,000 to educate one child per year in Braham, less than any of the surrounding districts. The operating referendum is set at \$460 per student for a period of ten years, raising approximately \$338,000 annually. When added to the existing \$724 per student levy, Braham would still be under the statewide average

operating levy of \$1,205. 34% of the levy would be contributed by the state. Mr. Gagner noted that this levy applies only to one's residence and one acre of land surrounding it. The audience thanked Mr. Gagner with their applause at the conclusion of his presentation.

Public Forum was offered. No one spoke.

Planning Commission recommendations:

Based on the public hearing earlier this evening, the application for an interim use permit to mine sand/gravel by Wayde Lerbs will be reviewed at a working commission meeting on September 18.

The Thomas Belland estate cartway and subdivision request is on hold pending soil boring tests.

Sherri Pangerl Anderson addressed the board on the subdivision request of the Ladez Pangerl Estate. The commission reviewed the additional septic information furnished by a second

inspection service. The commission recommended to the board that the request be approved with a contingency. Chair Schlaeger moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve the subdivision request, noting that the south ten-acre parcel was not buildable until Septic Inspector Amy Thompson and Assessor Kelly Schroeder deem it otherwise and that a letter be sent to Pine County noting this action. The motion carried unanimously.

The commission tabled the township levy and equipment budget issue and the township cleanup day discussion.

Old Business:

The paperwork finalizing the Eagle Lane turnaround remains with legal counsel awaiting the clerk's signature.

The junk issue at 4843 Brunswick Road was tabled until the next meeting.

Nancy Dodd, 1386 Sherwood Street, was present to update the board on her property issues. Ms. Dodd claims to be making progress. The old septic system has been abandoned (MPCA form reporting this, dated 10 August 2018, was provided to the board). A new well has been dug (Statement dated 20 August 2018 from McCullough and Sons Well Drilling Real was provided to the board). She has her name on the list for housing assistance through the Lakes & Pines Community Action Council and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency but that will take time (letter provided to the board). Per Ms. Dodd, she has five dogs and is hoping to reduce that number soon. After discussion, Chair Schlaeger moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to delay the beginning of legal action at this meeting and to require Ms. Dodd to submit a written mitigation plan covering all four areas of which she is in violation within the next 30 days. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Schlaeger moved, Supervisor Olson seconded, to proceed with legal action regarding 9435 Apple Road and to sign the "Order for Abatement of Nuisance and Land Use Violations" as prepared by legal counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

In other old business, no action has been taken on the culvert on Timber Drive; Supervisor Olson is making progress on the monitoring service issue; a letter has been sent to Vincent Frye regarding his culvert on Apple Road but no reply has been received; the culvert at 5112 Raspberry Road North has not yet been installed.

A letter has been written to Bill Coleman requesting his resignation as assistant road operator; Road Superintendent Saumer has talked with Mr. Coleman, who is agreeable to signing the letter.

Gary Valvoda is still considering options for a new flag. He proposed buying one nylon and one polyester flag, costing \$19.95 and approximately 28.95, respectively, in order to determine which works better. The board, by consensus, encouraged Mr. Valvoda to proceed.

New Business:

Chair Schlaeger moved, Supervisor Olson seconded, to approve purchase of a 27" moldboard extension for the grader at a cost of \$2483.00. The motion carried unanimously, with Chair Schlaeger and Supervisors Olson and Pearson voting "aye".

Supervisor Pearson noted that this was Deputy Clerk Roberta Folkestad's last meeting. He gave a moving tribute to her for her many years of service to the township and wished her well. A hearty round of applause was offered.

Clerk Swanson reported that he had received a survey from the Pine County Sheriff containing a questionnaire about mitigation plans. This survey needs to be returned immediately in order to qualify for any FEMA disaster related monies. Clerk Swanson was directed to work with Road Superintendent Saumer to complete this survey. A meeting on Wednesday, 5 September 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hinckley Fire Hall has been called to discuss this. Supervisor Olson volunteered to attend this meeting; attendance is compulsory if the township is to receive disaster assistance.

Clerk Swanson noted that the road and bridge fund has a deficit of \$37,000 after the unexpected cost of \$50,000 for flood related gravel expenses. Treasurer Tchida recommended that \$100,000 be transferred to the road and bridge fund. This must be done before the end of the year. Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to transfer \$100,000 from the general fund to the road and bridge fund. The motion carried unanimously, with Chair Schlaeger, Supervisor Olson and Supervisor Pearson voting "aye".

FYI

Chair Olson will follow-up with the security monitoring company checks that have not been cashed for months. The Minnesota Association of Townships District 7 meeting will be Wednesday, 5 September 2018 at Cambridge.

The next town board meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, 25 September 2018.

At 8:24 p.m., Supervisor Pearson moved, Supervisor Olson 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