

# REGULAR MEETING

## September 14, 2016 at 7:30pm

### Minutes

*Present: Supervisor Jim Kelley, Supervisor Burl Ives, Supervisor, Dennis Kortekaas, Supervisor Ken Haubrich, Treasurer Becky Adams, Clerk Cari Alleman*

1. **Pledge to the flag**, followed by the reading of the township mission statement
2. **Motion to approve agenda**, Supervisor Ives, seconded by Supervisor Haubrich approved by all
3. **Consider approval of Minutes** from the Regular Meeting on August 10, **the P&D Meeting on August 24 not approved**, Work session August 25, Work session August 29. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Haubrich, Seconded by Supervisor Ives

#### **Discussion:**

Take out Supervisor Kortekaas on P & D on license and business from floor

Facebook managing and who is going to take care of it, want to bring it into work session or P & D: concerns needs to be discussed; check with MAT to see if there are any policies with Facebook and social media seeing to this...

#### **3. Business from the floor**

- Luke Gardner & Jeff Hayford about commercial ideas –south of Figgins property and north of Ron’s mini storage, on the right hand side of Highway169. Hayford is asking for the land to be zoned commercial for a sale of the property, land is roughly 10 acres, between adjoining commercial properties, Ron’s Mini Storage is not zoned commercial, it’s a farm residential, or residential commercial. The board is looking to zone the 169 corridor both sides of the road, Hayford is asking for the board to zone commercial as he has plans to build a new facility (Ford) or in the city limits or at the current spot. Hayford needs to have plans to Ford by the middle of November at least the 20th, to tear down and build a business in the same location is hard, and to have the new site zoned commercial; needs to have a turn lane put in... all the turn lanes and required road structure is there. The county handles our zoning, the board needs to approve or have a plan first and then bring it to the county. There is a house there now with a detached garage. The board wants to follow through with the comp plan (add wording to include the hwy 169 corridor both sides) and to see and the next step is a public hearing where Mr. Swenson (county) would attend and have a larger scale map to see what is zoned in that area.  
Does the public hearing have to be on the township or the county level. What are the exact steps that need to happen and what are the steps that need to happen Motion to have meeting on September 26 to talk about the comp plan and zoning at 7 pm, made by Supervisor Ives seconded by Supervisor Haubrich, passed by all
- John Casper- mailbox destroyed- Sunny Beach Road, where all were replaced and place on the driveway of the resident, contacted him requesting be fixed and reinstalled, motion to fix and reinstall the mailbox made by Supervisor Ives, seconded by Supervisor Haubrich  
Discussion: looks like it is rusted and the resident should contact those who are going to fix it motion passed by all

#### **4. Consent Agenda**

#### **5. Roads**

- Construction Update
- 2016 Road Improvement Project: Birch Street to get the new mailbox in a resident's driveway. Upon the site visit, there is utilities in the ditch, it is public property and would be able to put it in the culdusax instead of putting it on the other side of driveway, nothing wrong with the original side of the driveway, resident was ok with putting it on the other side of the driveway. Advise to move the mailbox : location to relocate the mailbox to the other side of the driveway made by Supervisor Ives seconded by Supervisor Haubrich passed by all
- Substantial finish is done and now onto a punch list on the Sunny Beach Road Project; Birch Street still doing the concrete, some small things to be addressed, the day the company was putting in the mailboxes, a new house was being built and there was not a mailbox at the site, Supervisor Ives added a mailbox to be installed at the address as it was not on the list and there was not a house there before. Could have erosion, will control and will be monitored
- Qualities and total about \$10,000 approximately over the original estimate; rough estimate in the way the numbers are coming in... that included the base bid and alt 1 & 2. Shoulder work to be monitored through out and look at next spring to make sure that they are good and don't need any more gravel, over all the residents are happy and they are trying to address all the concerns out there right now. Will continue to monitor.
- Pine Landing and Wesleyan Drive Culvert Replacement – not much progress, still trying to get a hold of the contractor to continue with the finalizing of numbers. The work has been done and now we are just waiting on the final numbers.
- Schmidt Road Metal Removal- update on bids- three printouts, personal summary, potential contractors Hammerlund and Casper-
  - Casper does not have equipment and they would purchase a magnet to run out there and have as many workers out there, the township would keep the magnet attachment for the ASV.
  - Hammerlund straight hourly rate, magnet is more robust in the gravel road, based on the numbers and the amount of work that needs to be done Hammerlund would come out there cheaper to go over the road.
  - Motion to wait until P & D made by Supervisor Ives, seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas Discussion: Supervisor Ives wanted to talk to Casper Construction about the bid before they make a decision. Motion passed by all.
- Sunny Beach small section of land by the park, in the winter we plow snow and put it there, the gentleman would like to donate this to the township. By the Wendigo Park and the little triangle that they have more communication about this, Motion to look into further made by Supervisor Kortekaas seconded by Supervisor Ives and passed by all
- Isleview Road on Birch and Apache striking (Lines on the road) Iselview and Jeff Davies and it was under his opinion that we both (Harris Township and City of Grand Rapids) own the road, it would have to be surveyed to see where the road is actually in the townships boundaries, City of Grand Rapids would like to come to some kind of agreement to see how we are going to maintain the Road, the City of Grand Rapids owns the other half of the road, 500 feet is what is in question, it is on the south side of the road, can the township or the city come to an agreement and have a survey done and see if we can split to cost in half. Motion to have Supervisor Haubrich discuss the Isleview, Birch, and Apache road with the City of Grand Rapids made by Supervisor Ives, Seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas and passed by all, Addition: the last residents of the road is in a fire number of Grand Rapids and does receive service from the township, if we do take the residents we could maybe take the residents into the township. If we can have Jayson there, if needed to assist with Supervisor Haubrich

## 6. Recreation

- Hale Lake- Talked to Roger- he is going to be writing up a letter for us describing what needs to be done to make that into a workable landing. Since the site is county owned is not feasible for a boat landing, coming to the P & D meeting and they will be addressing the issues and will be contacting the residents who were in favor of the landing.

## 7. Correspondence

- Board Action items:

- Approve the cemetery deed for Beverly Carlson motion to approve the cemetery deed by Supervisor Ives seconded by Supervisor Haubrich passed by all
- Yellow pages directory listing- motion to table until P & D made by Supervisor Ives seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas motion passed by all
- Update from Shaw and Shaw for the vacating of land- Supervisor Ives would like the past history with the last one the township dealt with, for the P & D
- Noteworthy items:
  - Notes from meeting with Media Com
  - Notes from phone call with Lawyer about supervisor pay
  - Notes from text messages and emails between the supervisors
- Non-action items

## 8. Old Business

- Employee Manual- waiting on update from the lawyer
- Just received word doc of comp plan- updated the sheet we wanted and is in the packet-
- We have received 3 that are interested in the open Supervisor seat- I have forwarded all the emails onto the supervisors- Interviews will be held September 19 at 7 pm at the town hall two it he audience Pat Medure and Andy Scholl, the third is Ken Fourest.
- Lighting for town hall- Supervisor Ives update- one quote is a local company one is a retro fit, use existing fixture one kit can go with direct light here can go from a 4 bulb to a 2 bulb, for what the lights to give out, clerk to make copies and send out and put on the agenda for the regular meeting in October made by Supervisor Ives, seconded by Supervisor Haubrich, Discussion: Supervisor Ives has done retro fits to leave the fixture in and do a hard wire, costs a little more but with LED lights. Don't get hung up on the price of the light fixture, you get what you pay for with the lights.
- Noxious weed update- had the one on one with meet two hours stayed out here that are noxious, took a drive and showed weeds that are noxious in Grand Rapids, the wild parsnip is a very harmful and look like a dill weed or tenses, will blister your hands if touched, early summer is blooms, the best we can do is look next spring or summer to see if we have it. Low line and low land in the ditches best to spray 24D is what can be used... the one on one is more beneficial than the group meetings, drove a couple roads and had a two hour time limit.

## 9. New Business

- Dumpster at the service center- notice from waste management that they will no longer service the size dumpster we have, Local Boys have a quote monthly charge is comparable with the pickup charge, vehicle they use to pick the dumpsters with is leaving so they will not be able to pick it up. Motion to approve the Local boy made by Supervisor Kortekaas seconded by Supervisor Ives, Passed by all
- Tree removal letter- Maintenance crew put together a letter, want the land owner to sign off to make sure the land owner is aware, if the homeowner wants the wood they need to notify the township and we will leave the wood. By law the homeowner has 14 days to notify the township if they do not want the right of way to be brushed, we have a small crew, and the board will have to agree on what roads needs to be done motion to have an attorney to look at the letter made by Supervisor Kortekaas seconded by Supervisor Haubrich passed by all. Clerk will send to the attorney, fall works into the work schedule works better
- FEMA Meeting- update Supervisor Haubrich and Supervisor Ives went to a meeting fact finding meeting for the folks at FEMA the they are trying to update maps from the local governments to see what they want we don't do any flood ordinances and people who live around water that if you are prone to flood insurance with the new mapping with the county they can do the LAZAR mapping they can map and show that they are over the 100 year flood bank, Harris Township and the Pokegama lake and we are controlled by the Army Corp of engineers and anyone who lives on the River needs to look into the flood zone and the one culvert that is failing on Wood Tick and they will now add to the flood map, they think they will have end date for the end of Itasca County will be the end of winter...FEMA will be working with the county

better and a topographical map will be coming out of this mapping that is in the 2 foot increments, should be able to explain better.

- Flag pole out at the cemetery passed solar style to light the flag at night. Our flag pole has a little lean to it and it has been shimmed before
- Cemetery policy the decorations needs to be removed after Labor Day. Did we do anything to remind people about removing the decorations, just the plants out at Christmas, they do not take out the hook. Could put something on the Facebook after the policy.

**10. Treasurer's Report** – dated September 14, 2016 (of August 2016 financials) closed the American Bank account last week and the road and bridge fund is in the black and we will need to move money out of capital improvements funds and what we need to have a budget to actual numbers and we will be done with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter here and will get better numbers at the P & D. Motion to approve the treasures report made by Supervisor Kotekaas and seconded by Supervisor Haubrich, passed by all. Final numbers could possible in the next month, should put on the regular scheduled meeting

**11. Approve payment of bills** for August, 2016- inform that a \$25 dollars is coming off because the Itasca Association of Township is paying for, Cell phone we are paying for text messages, same thing that someone is getting all of the phone are unlimited and they will be adjusted. Motion to approve paying of bills, Supervisor Haubrich seconded by Supervisor Ives, passed by all

**12. Public Input** (*please limit comments to 5 minutes*) Open field over by Zorbas, owned by State of Minnesota, people are using it to sell their used vehicles and stuff, that is state land and Supervisor Kortekaas to see what if we can do anything, going to call DOT as it is in the right of way.

Organic options to kill the weeds goats can be used or weed control, a resident doesn't appreciate being poisoned in the lake with the weed killer.

Pat Medure appreciated the survey and Nichole Arbor with the survey

**13. Adjourn** Motion to adjourn at 9:07 pm by Supervisor Haubrich and seconded by Supervisor Ives; passed by all

**UPCOMING Events / Meetings**

Mon. Sep. 19 Work Session.....	7:00pm Harris Town Hall
Wed Sep. 28 Planning & Development Meeting.....	7:30pm Harris Town Hall
Mon Oct. 3 Itasca County Twp. Association Meeting.....	7:00pm Blandin Foundation
Wed Oct. 12 Regular Meeting.....	7:30pm Harris Town Hall