

TOWNSHIP OF SAND CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
MVEC, 7:00 p.m., DECEMBER 01, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Chad Sandey
Supervisor Bruce Hunstad
Supervisor Bill Schneider
Treasurer Michelle Rutoski
Clerk Rita Tauer

Also Present: Herb Baldwin, Todd Dvorak, Les Thill
Todd Becker, Dave Bohnsack, Shelley Pauly
Phil & Renee Geis, Kevin and Sheila VonBank
2 Deputy's from Scott County Sheriff's Dept. (Mike & Jason)
Kyle Renneke/Stantec Engineering

The December 1st, 2016 Monthly Township Meeting was called to order by chairman, Chad Sandey. Minutes for November was presented to the Board. A motion to accept the November Minutes as written was made by Bill/Bruce-U. A motion to erase the recordings of the Nov. Twp. meeting was made by Bruce/Bill-U. The Treasurers Report was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Bruce/Bill-U. Motion to add the Northwest Asphalt charges to the bills and agenda made by Chad/Bruce-U. The following bills were pd. with a motion by Chad/Bruce-U.

#5728	Northwest Asphalt	\$23,840.50
#5729	MAT	\$490.00
#5730	Couri & Ruppe	\$318.75
#5731	Southwest News Media	\$326.62
#5732	Rita Tauer	\$708.25
#5733	Dvorak Excavating	\$13,090.00
#5734	Stantec	\$23,346.81
#5735	Contech Engineered Solutions	\$890.55
#5736	Bryan Rock Products	\$335.84
#5737	Rita Tauer, elections	\$225.00
#5738	Mary Pauly	\$491.25
#5739	Stacy Horkey	\$225.00
#5740	Catherine Moore	\$210.00
#5741	Anne Heimkes	\$461.25
#5742	Phyllis Kroyer	\$453.75
#5743	Martha Reger	\$499.19
#5744	Deb Pauly	\$105.00
#5745	Myron Pauly	\$112.50
#5746	DeeDee Farrell	\$300.00
#5747	Bill Schneider.	\$88.02
#5748	Payroll	\$207.79
#5749	Payroll	\$461.75
#5750	Payroll	\$669.54
#5751	Payroll	\$341.69
#5752	Payroll	\$1,269.81

Chad asked if anyone had a comment or question during the public comment period.

The Scott County Sheriff's Dept. was present with 2 deputies. There were 42 calls in November, however with the Counties new system it is hard to track. Some of the calls were drivers going into the ditch due to the weather, suspicious activity, 1 false alarm report of burglary. The clerk commented on the website report of 5 mailbox smashing on Bluff Dr. This happened on or around the Friday after thanksgiving. The deputies took the information from the clerk and may follow up on it. The report was called to the nonemergency number.

No report from Curt Hennes, Chairman of the Prior Lake/Spring Lake Watershed District who was not present.

The chairman opened a Public Hearing within the Monthly Meeting to receive any disapproval or protest to vacate easements. Phil and Renee Geis were present for this meeting. Chad explained that a request was received to vacate easements located on Lot 1. Block 2 of the Plat of Streeds Pony Hill

within Sand Creek Township. A resolution setting a public hearing to vacate the easement was approved on Nov. 3rd, 2016. The clerk carried out all orders to prepare for the public meeting. The chairman asked for any person or persons attending this public hearing and wanting to protest the vacating of easements. There were none, so the petition was approved and signed. The Public Hearing was then closed with a motion by Chad/Bruce-U.

With all paperwork in place a Resolution Approving Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easement was present to the chairman. The resolution was read by the chairman. A motion to accept and approve the resolution was made by Bruce/Bill-U. Resolution (01-2016-12). Resolution was sign by the clerk and chairman, the clerk will take all paperwork to the County to get it recorded.

The Bluff Dr. 2016/2017 Road Repair Project was awarded to Rachel Contracting, Inc. A pre-construction meeting was held Nov. 21st.; with the forecast of more cold weather and snow, it was determined to wait until spring to start the work. Kyle Renneke announced the County approved alternate #4 which included guard rails. The Township attorney wanted some revisions made on the contract before being signed, therefore, this was tabled until revisions were completed. Motion to approve the first and final payment to Northwest Asphalt Co. for the 166th Street bituminous repair project, contingent upon receipt of contractor's final documentation made by Chad/Bruce-U.

Todd Becker and Dave Bohnsack with AutoNation were present to introduce themselves and talk to the Board about what needs to be done to get into compliance. Todd indicated he has been working with the County on this issue which created a miscommunication on the part of the township. The County has sent a letter from AutoNation regarding the conditions they would like to amend in their CUP. More information on this issue next month.

A request from Pheasants Forever was received by the clerk. Pheasants Forever would like to have a benefit at the Ridges at Sand Creek on Feb. 23, 2017. The clerk presented a resolution to the Board for their action. After little discussion by the Board, a motion to approve the request from Pheasants Forever to hold a one-day off-site charitable gambling event on Feb. 23, 2017 at the Ridges at Sand Creek made by Bruce/Bill-U. The clerk will send the resolution to the County. Resolution (#02-2016-12).

Some discussion regarding the Scott Watershed Management Plan Update. A letter was sent to the clerk and forwarded to the Board. The Scott WMO's current plan expires the end of 2018 and they are asking for comments regarding 3 issues. 1: Priority issues or opportunities and expectations on these. 2: Summaries of relevant water management goals for the next 10 years. 3: Pertinent water resource related data, reports or other materials. Comments are needed by Dec. 14th, 2016. The Board can go on line and review the entire plan, however, it was noted to be very, very large. A mention for an issue to comment on was the past possibility of the gravel mining in the aquifers and possible wells. Maybe sediment reduction plans, or protection of our fresh water.

Discussion regarding the future planning, the planning committee and the 2040 Comp Plan by all. The supervisors and Herb Baldwin were present at the 2040 Comp Plan Meeting. The Board discussed what they got out of the meeting and how they interpreted what or how the next comp plan will be. Herb Baldwin would like an opportunity to be a part of the 2040 Comp. Plan and be proactive. Herb commented that he is also attending the City of Jordan's discussions for the Comp. Plan. Chad commented the Board wanted to get through the first Comp. Plan meeting and then gather thoughts on a committee to help the Board. Now that they have done this, the Board is ready to discuss further with Herb Baldwin about putting together the committee. More discussion on this topic. Herb handed an update to his Draft to the Board. The Board will review. It was decided that at the January Twp.

Meeting and agenda will be put together for township residents and the clerk will place in the "JI" newspaper and post it, urging residents that may be interested in the future plans of the Township to attend and discuss with the Board. The Board will choose a committee then. After more discussion by all, it was determined the Board should come with some ideas of what the agenda should be discussing. The 2040 Comp Plan should be placed on every agenda for discussion but for a limited amount of time.

Chad discussed the Solar Garden Ordinances. The County stated they will be moving forward with amending the ordinances and may even do a moratorium to get a better handle on the subject. He was asked to have Sand Creek Township be a part of this.

The Board discussed the clerk transition process. One thing to discuss is how, in the future, will the township be storing information. More discussion on how the new clerk will take on responsibilities and what can't be placed with the clerk. How will jobs change among the entire Board to adjust to everyone's abilities? After some discussion, a decision was made to have the new clerk purchase a cell phone and get a number specifically for township issues. Also, the new clerk was asked to purchase a new lab top and printer for township work. A motion to purchase a cell, lab top and printer for the township made by Bruce/Chad-U.

The Board reviewed the road tech position. After the newsletter went out early November, there were 3 person inquiring about the road tech job. All seemed good candidates, however, all have backed away with different valid reasons. Maybe the board should run without a road tech until spring. Bill has been doing a great job handling everything regarding the roads. Chad would like Bill to talk with Charles Kiaser once again; maybe just as a backup in case of a storm or trees down, as someone to call for help.

Chad and Rita reviewed what was interesting at the Annual Twp. Conference in St. Cloud. The 2017 conference is in Rochester Nov. 16, 17, 18th.

This year's conference was called Rural Broad Band, because it was noted that many rural areas do not have even slow internet service. They talked about the challenges, the innovations, and the progress they have made. Chad also reported on the last day meeting when everyone votes on the resolutions which are presented. Three of the resolution that passed were written by the Scott County Townships. These will move forward to the legislative sessions this year.

Bruce reported he also attended the 2040 Comp Plan Mtg. Also attended the County Board Mtg. Bruce commented the County Board is a very positive place and very active in all aspects of government.

Bill also attended the 2040 Comp Plan Mtg. He reported roads are not in good shape at present. The roads need grading, but with the continued rains it is hard to control. Bill indicated there is a sediment/erosion project taking place on Sawmill Rd. and Xanadu which is really tearing up the road with their heavy trucks and equipment: try to stay away from this area. The rest of the roads are in o.k. shape. The roads that Dvorak has graded are in good shape. We are trying to grade all the roads in preparation for the freeze and winter months. The culvert on 185th St. has been marked, however, there is about knee deep muck. If it doesn't clear up, Dvorak may have to blow it out come spring. Todd indicated there is a need to clean out the entire ditch and reseed the area. Also, to mark off the entire township right-of-way so it can't be used again. Bill submitted the road survey report. A motion to accept the road report and the road survey report made by Bruce/Chad-U.

The Board reviewed the up-coming meetings in December and who will attend.

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The clerk asked for advice with an email received. The clerk asked the supervisors to complete the noxious weed survey back to the County before Dec. 31st. Mention of a house tear-down on Harlow Ave.

Motion by Chad/Bruce-U to close the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Tauer, Clerk

Chad Sandey, Chairman