

Lansing Township Board Minutes
December 20, 2022
Lansing Town Hall

Members Present: Duane Mortensen, Gary Braaten, Mark Ratigan, Steve Torgerson, Robert Morgan, Kristine Allas, Bernie Boverhuis, Absent: Treasurer Diana Witt.

Chairperson Duane Mortensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Resolution Designating Annual Poll Place for Election, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, motion passed.

Chad Wangen of SKB, was in attendance. Supervisor Steve Torgerson made the motion to approve the RESOLUTION 12202022 AGREEING TO AMEND THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE FORMER VEIT DEMOLITION DEBRIS FACILITY Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed

Roll Call:

Supervisor Mark Ratigan: Yes

Supervisor Gary Braaten: Yes

Supervisor Duane Mortensen: Yes

Supervisor Steve Torgerson: Yes

Supervisor Robert Morgan : Yes

Chad Wangen asked for the remainder of the escrow fund \$441.00 to stay with the Township for future planning. He also informed the Board of the idea that there may be plans in the future to move the Cul de Sac to the East side of the pond, it would be easier for the motorgrader to back in and come out, easier access for local farmers.

Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to approve the Minutes, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Clerk Allas presented the reports of Treasurer Diana Witt with a total ending balance on hand of \$468,695.88. Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and approval to pay the claims and payroll, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded.

Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to approve the RESOLUTION TO COLLECT UNPAID WATER/SEWER CHARGES and assess to the property, Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Mark Ratigan: Yes

Supervisor Gary Braaten: Yes

Supervisor Duane Mortensen: Yes

Supervisor Steve Torgerson: Yes

Supervisor Robert Morgan : Yes

Yea: 5 No: 0

Zoning Report: Bill Stegemann will be going off the Planning Commission after being on for 3 terms – Thank YOU Bill. Supervisor Steve Torgerson made the motion for Clerk Allas to publish for the positions to be filled in the Mower County Shopper, and our official newspaper Austin Daily Herald for up to 3 positions, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed.

Subordinate Service District Report: Water: all pumps and controls working properly at this time. No problems to report this month. All weekly samples taken were okay. Quarterly bacteria and fluoride samples were taken on 11/21 and 12/2 as required and sent to lab. Results were ok. Hawkins filled fluoride barrel and exchanged chlorine tank on 12/14. Total water usage for November was 493,000 gallons.

Wastewater: all pumps and controls working properly at this time. Transferred primary pond to secondary pond from 11/16 through 11/22. Predischarge samples taken on 12/2 were okay for discharge. Ran final discharge from 12/10 through 12/15. Two samples taken during discharge were both ok. Ponds are set for winter. Influent samples taken on 12/14. I took extra one pump to MN Pump for repairs. They sent a quote to repair pump with a total cost of \$1,300. Average daily flow to pond for November 2022 was 16,000 gallons/day. Bernie Boverhuis asked for 2 pumps (in the future) for the SSD, for emergencies.

Road Committee Report: Supervisor Mark Ratigan gave a short report of the 2 areas that were cleaned out: north and south of 20th Ave M. Bustad cleaned ditches; 262nd Ave Bastyr pushed back brush. Bernie Boverhuis is getting around ok with the snowplowing, but there are about 3 properties that he is having trouble getting around. Discussion of Fett property: Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion for Attorney Gilchrist to send the letter to T Fett, Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Mortensen will notify the attorney.

Minnesota Benefit Association: Clerk & Treasurer have shown interest in disability insurance, and the board's consensus was to not try for the life insurance benefit at this time. More discussion to be had regarding disability insurance.

Firecalls: waived fee for rollover call.

ARPA Funds: discussion of the funds are eligible for the listing from last month's meeting. Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to go ahead and pay for the furnace/ac/exchanger with \$11,000 from the ARPA funds as listed. Consensus of the Board was to wait for bids on the bathroom re-do before spending/transferring any ARPA Fund amounts to other accounts. Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Website: No report.

Election: Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to approve the RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ANNUAL POLLING PLACE, which resolves the Lansing Township Board to continue to have the election in person at the Town Hall, and as always Absentee Voting can be accomplished thru Mower County Auditor/Treasurer Office, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Mark Ratigan: Yes

Supervisor Gary Braaten: Yes

Supervisor Duane Mortensen: Yes

Supervisor Steve Torgerson: Yes

Supervisor Robert Morgan : Yes

Yea: 5 No: 0

Township Election is set for Township Day March 14, 2023 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to hold the Special End of the Year Meeting, Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 5 p.m., Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk