

Lansing Township Board Minutes
November 17, 2020
Lansing Town Hall

Members Present: Duane Mortensen, Gary Braaten, Lynn Allas, Mark Ratigan, Steve Torgerson, Diana Witt, Kris Allas. Others Present: William Stegemann, Bernie Boverhuis

Chairman Mortensen called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lynn Allas made the motion to approve the Agenda, Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Scott Hanson (for Jennifer Ronnenberg, MN Dept of Health) visited with the Town Board regarding the Wellhead Protection Plan and what Bernie Boverhuis, Clerk Allas, and committee needs to complete for Phase 1 and 2. Scott will check on a grant for property owners to seal their old wells.

Gary Braaten made the motion to approve the October 20 Minutes, (with correction of taking out the sentence after 243rd), Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Lynn Allas made the motion to approve the November 4 Minutes, Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed.

Mark Ratigan made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with SKB Host Fee 2020 balance \$80,782.55, Claims, and Payroll, Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

Zoning Report: discussion of Lansing Corners owner Ari Kolas; Fillmore fuels (Nicols).

Road Committee: Bernie bladed twice; Gary spoke with Kyle – wait until spring for ditch cleaning 243rd. Oil and coolant are good on road grader – upgrade blade? Reported of the garbage in ditches – 5-10 television sets, junk – Gary and Bernie will retrieve it and take it in to get rid of it.

Lansing Township Subordinate Service District Report: Water: pumps good, McCarthy inspected, flushed hydrants, 572,000 gallons for the month. Wastewater: pumps good, okay for discharge, samples good, Andyville – line to pump, their responsibility (Morris), 23,000 gallons a day.

Mail Balloting: Lynn Allas made the motion to keep mail ballot as is now, for not risking our people, for all elections, and save a lot of money, Duane Mortensen seconded – I had 5 irate people call me, 15- 20 commented that they liked the mail ballots. Steve Torgerson – can ask for ballot to be mailed, patriotic right, rather vote here at Town Hall. Gary Braaten – personal coming to Town Hall to vote and see some people that you don't see usually and come in and vote in the Town Hall.

Roll Call Vote:

Lynn: Yes

Steve: No

Duane: Yes

Gary: No

Mark: No

Steve Torgerson made the motion to repeal mail ballots and come back to the Town Hall for voting, Gary Braaten seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Lynn: No

Steve: Yes

Duane: No

Gary: Yes

Mark: Yes

Looking ahead depending on the Commissioner's decision, Special Election for Commissioner Tim Gabrielson's position may be mail ballot, and Township Election in March will be in person.

Covid19 Cares Act Funding: \$24,550 to Lansing Township used for Special meeting; janitor sanitizing, Proline PPE for maintenance and equipment/supplies for Town Hall, Business economic support to Lansing Corners \$2600, Meadow Greens \$2600, Chateau Speedway \$2600, The Windrift \$2600, conference call meeting expense, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, face masks, antibacterial wipes, Lysol spray, Jaguar Metro Net Internet installation and equipment, Simplified Tech technology purchase and installation to Town Hall for speaker system, microphones, projector, supplies for future zoom meetings. Simplified Technology is awaiting receiving the equipment due to backups.

Steve Torgerson made the motion assess the \$750 fire call fee to the property at 2910 12th Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912 (PID 08.032.0060), Mark Ratigan seconded, and Motion passed.

Lynn Allas made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 pm, Gary Braaten seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk