

Lansing Township Board Minutes
October 20, 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, Blake Zietz, Mike Bulbany

Chairman Mortensen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Blake Zietz from Simplified Technology, Austin, MN gave a presentation on the estimate of \$11,292.00 of electronic equipment for the Townhall; including 75" display (wall mount) video cable, desktop computer, and audio equipment.

Mike Bulbany from David Drown Associates gave a presentation after the request of the Board to either refinance the SSD loans, and/or raise rates for water and wastewater.

Mark Ratigan made the motion to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2020, and Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

Lynn Allas made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims, and Payroll, Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

Zoning Report: Northern County Coop to extend CUP was brought before the County.

Road Committee: Gary Braaten reported that ditches were picked up, patch fixed on 255th St, Turtle Creek 3 added to the Township's blacktop certification. Blade was inspected, injector, tie rod, discussion of the \$5,821.67 billing invoice. Ditch cleaned by Paul Ebeling and 31st was bladed.

Subordinate Service District: all is working fine, 515,000 gallons of water. Wastewater: 9/21-28 Samples were ok, lift stations pulled and inspected – liftstation 1 repaired, and Empire vacuum the pumps, 21,000 gallons per day. Subordinate Service District Committee recommended an increase to the rates of \$6 per month to the sewer, and \$4 per month to the water by January 2021. Lynn Allas made the motion to increase rates of \$10 to the sewer rate and \$2 to the water rate, Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed.

Bill Ryther brought up for township to repair and maintain ditch on 243rd.

Bill Ryther brought up a letter he received from EDF Renewable Energy which proposes to build solar energy.

Election: mail ballots were sent out around September 21st and/or voters are to vote in person at the Mower County Election Office inside City Hall 500 4th Ave NE, Austin, MN.

COVID19: Jaguar/Metro Net internet is being installed to the Townhall and shop. Lynn Allas made the motion to accept the whole estimate plus 1 extra mic from Simplified Technology and be covered with the COVID19 Cares Funds, Duane Mortensen seconded. Motion passed. Clerk Allas received 4 applications from Chateau Speedway, Meadow Greens Golf, the Windrift, and Lansing Corners for business assistance with the Cares funding. Gary Braaten made the motion that the leftover CARES money after the internet/audio & video technical equipment - be split equally between the 4 businesses, Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed. Wellhead Protection: Clerk Allas reported that at the November Board meeting, there will be a presentation for an Informational Hearing on the Township's focus.

Website: Bill Stegemann handed out the update for 9/21/20 – 10/20/20. 76 unique visits and 128 page views with 1.5 average pages per visit for the last 30 days.

Lynn Allas made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 pm, Gary Braaten seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk