

Lansing Township Board Minutes

August 20, 2024

Lansing Town Hall

Members Present: Duane Mortensen, Gary Braaten, Robert Morgan, Steve Torgerson, Mark Ratigan (arrived at 6:47 pm), Treasurer Diana Witt, Township Clerk Kristine Allas, Public Works/Maintenance Bernie Boverhuis.

Chairperson Duane Mortensen called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to approve the Agenda, Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded, motion passed. Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to approve the July 16, 2024, Minutes as written, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with ending balance of \$340,932.09, and to pay the claims/invoices, and payroll, Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded, and motion passed.

Steve Jacobson represents the owners on Hunt Farm: There is a drainage problem on the North side of 243rd St side by the old school. The road committee will check into it, and maybe take care of it after harvest 2024.

Zoning Report: Chairperson Duane Mortensen reported there still has not been any contact with M. Ruhland; he is the HUSH owner. Chairperson Duane Mortensen presented the permit for a 16' X 24' shed for D. Long. Mower County Environmental services worker Mindy has been driving around the township and is working to clean up some properties.

Water Report: All pumps and controls working properly at this time with no problems to report this month. All weekly samples taken were OK. The consumer confidence reports were received and filed with MDH as required. Total water usage for July 2024 was 507,000 gallons. Wastewater: All pumps and controls working properly at this time with no problems to report this month. Perimeter tile samples were taken on 7/31 and sent to lab as required. Replaced an E-one pump at Andyville on 6/22. This required purchasing a new pump from MN Pump. Dropped off two bad pumps we had on hand. One of these pumps was completely shot. Other pump was repairable at a reasonable price. I have one more pump to drop off to them and have looked at, we currently have one good pump on hand. Started to transfer Primary pond to Secondary pond in preparation for first fall discharge cycle. The average daily flow to the ponds for July 2024 was 23,000 gallons per day. Treasurer Diana Witt presented the delinquents as of date and shared them with the Board. Clerk Kristine Allas shared with the Board the Certificate of Commendation to Lansing Township WWTP – Congratulations Bernie!

Road Committee Report: Supervisor Gary Braaten reported that all the rock is delivered and spread in Lansing. SKB will be creating a pond north of the office, and south corner for cul-de-sac (west of Hwy 218). The house that burned is being cleaned up; presently cleaning brush. Looking further into the boat owner? Asbestos with the boat? Supervisor Mark Ratigan will contact Asbestorol to test the boat and contents. Chairperson Duane Mortensen will contact the owner Jacqueline Orth to move it, or it will be assessed November 1st. Kristine Allas asked for rock/gravel to be put back into the NE corner of their property where the grader pulled it out awhile ago. Jon Hillier will mow ditches but hold off for awhile. Ellingson situation was tabled.

Resolution #2024.08.20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH INTERESTED OFFICER UNDER MN STAT #471.88, Subd. 5: Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to approve the Resolution with Mark Ratigan, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Gary Braaten – Yes

Chairperson Duane Mortensen – Yes

Supervisor Steve Torgerson – Yes

Supervisor Robert Morgan – Yes

Passed 4 Yea 0 Nay (1 abstention)

Sealcoating on 255th St – policy is 50 County and 50 Township for responsibility of payment.

Primary Election: 52 total voters, 1 new registrant, and a few absentees.

Supervisor Steve Torgerson made the motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m., Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk