

Lansing Township Board Minutes

May 28, 2024 (rescheduled from May 21, 2024 storm)

Lansing Town Hall

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

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

Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Purchase of Township printer, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, motion passed.

Chad Wangen of SKB brought the Board up to speed for the expansion from July to November; it will go thru the wetland, add to the berm & excavate pond, and build up cul de sacs. The “township vacated road” will be the last improvement. The vegetation plan has been submitted, and will be started, trees planted on berm. Construction will be on the west side of berm only; 6’ trees will be a visual screen and will be watered with skid steer for now. Clerk Allas to send an invoice to SKB for the rock and calcium chloride when the Township receives it.

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

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report with ending balance of \$327,590.98, and pay the claims/invoices, and payroll, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion for Clerk Allas to order a new printer up to \$600.00 for the Town Hall and the current printer will be used by Bernie Boverhuis for his SSD reports, Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded, and motion passed.

Attorney Troy Gilchrist is leaving Kennedy & Graven Chartered and opening his own office for township law only; Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to continue to keep Attorney Troy Gilchrist and his partner Jason Hill for representing Lansing Township, and Clerk Allas to send an email letting Attorney Gilchrist know, Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded, and motion passed.

Zoning Report: Chairman Duane Mortensen reported Ulland Brothers have asked the County for an amendment to their CUP, which extends their crushing Monday – Saturday 7 am – 7 pm, no Sundays, and emergency services/public infrastructure, for the future such projects. Waiting on Michael Ruhland of HUSH to contact Chairman Mortensen.

Subordinate Service District Report: Water: All pumps and controls working properly at this time with no problems to report this month. All weekly samples taken this month were ok. Fluoride samples were taken on 5/16 and taken to lab as required. Bacteria samples were also taken and sent to lab on 5/16 as required and waiting for results. Total water usage for April 2024 was 392,970 gallons. Wastewater: Main pumps and controls working properly at this time with no problems to report this month. Pre-discharge samples results

were received and ok for discharge. First spring discharge started on 4/23 and went through 4/30. Two samples taken during discharge were okay. Transferred primary to secondary from 5/1 through 5/7 in preparation for second spring discharge. Predischage samples were taken on 5/16 and results were ok for discharge. Bergan second spring discharge on 5/24. Alarm sounding on Andyville pump. Discovered pump turning on at high levels. Will need to pull pump to further investigate. Average daily flow to ponds for April 2024 was 17,000 gallons per day. SSD committee meeting included delinquent account discussion, and the next meeting will be in August.

Road Committee Report: Paulson Rock totaled 3,081.62 tons; Supervisor Mark Ratigan will contact Paulson Rock Products for an amended invoice. Wilke road, by Schwartz, discussion about abandoning road. Bernie Boverhuis graded, and calcium chloride application to start soon. Culvert to 255th plugged (by Bud Engen's), concrete center may be collapsing (old Carol Brown's farm driveway). Bridge construction I-90 and 8th Ave may need to call the State of MN for spot chloride.

Fire calls: Jeremy/Michelle Learn Harmon – home on fire after lightning bolt strike.

Website: Clerk Allas will continue to send information to Bill Stegemann and ask him if he wants to continue administering the website or not.

Clerk Allas presented the settlement agreement with Jaguar Communications as they are discontinuing their cable television, and it was signed and returned.

Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m., Supervisor Steve Torgerson, and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk