

Lansing Township Board Minutes
March 16, 2021
Lansing Town Hall

Members Present: Duane Mortensen, Gary Braaten, Lynn Allas, Mark Ratigan, Steve Torgerson, Kris Allas.
Others Present: William Stegemann, Bernie Boverhuis, Tim Duren, John Mueller

Chairman Mortensen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Allas gave the Oath of Office to Gary Braaten and Steve Torgerson as they took their position as Supervisors on the Board.

Lynn Allas made the motion to approve the Agenda with Addition of Tim Duren and John Mueller, Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed.

Designations:

Gary Braaten made the motion to appoint Duane Mortensen as Chairman, Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Mark Ratigan made the motion to appoint Gary Braaten as Vice Chairman, Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Lynn Allas made the motion to appoint Steve Torgerson on the Planning Commission, Duane Mortensen seconded. Motion passed.

Gary Braaten made the motion to appoint Duane Mortensen and Gary Braaten on the Fire Committee, Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Torgerson made the motion to appoint Gary Braaten and Mark Ratigan on the Road Committee, Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

Duane Mortensen made the motion to appoint Lynn Allas on the SSD Water/Wastewater Committee, Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Torgerson made the motion for Austin Daily Herald to be the Official Newspaper, Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

Gary Braaten made the motion for Farmers and Merchants Bank, Blooming Prairie and Austin to be the Official Bank, Lynn Allas seconded. Motion passed.

Mark Ratigan made the motion for Duane Mortensen or Gary Braaten, Kristine Allas, and Diana Witt to sign checks for the Board, Duane Mortensen seconded. Motion passed.

Mark Ratigan made the motion for Attorney Troy Gilchrist to be the Official Attorney, Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

Gary Braaten made the motion to continue the monthly Board Meetings for the third Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Lynn Allas seconded. Motion passed.

Tim Duren and John Mueller both spoke and thanked the Board for letting them come to the Board meetings each month.

Steve Torgerson made the motion that the Supervisors do not need to be paid for the Annual Meeting, Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

Lynn Allas made the motion to approve the Minutes from February 16, 2021, Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed.

Mark Ratigan made the motion to approve the Minutes from February 22, 2021 Special Board Meeting, Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Ratigan made the motion to accept the report, and approve the payment of claims, and payroll, and for the Jaguar Locates to be paid from the General Fund from this point forward, Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

MAT Shortcourse training 2021 is virtual, and cost is \$50 per participant. Duane Mortensen made the motion for Supervisors to complete the training either March 23rd (Lynn Allas) or March 30 (Steve Torgerson) (Duane Mortensen, Gary Braaten, and Mark Ratigan to choose a date later) at the Town Hall at \$100 each for the training; Treasurer Witt and Clerk Allas will view their training March 25th at \$100 each for the training, Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Zoning Report: Worlein Property, Clerk Allas read the letter from Attorney Marty Helle for the Austin Foundation/Worlein Family that petitions the Town Board to set a Hearing and issue Notice. Duane Mortensen made the motion to have Clerk Allas contact Attorney Gilchrist on how to proceed and an estimate of the cost of legal fees for the process, Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

SSD Water/Wastewater Report: Bernie Boverhuis reported Wastewater: pumps are good, no samples needed at this time, he assisted Brad Johnson from Jaguar locate at Andyville, 23,000 gallons per day for February. Water: phosphate pump is repaired, weekly samples are good, 650,000 gallons for the month of February. Water leak on County 2, Rural Water came and detected it (eastbound, southside lane) – Mark Husemoller and Damel has been contacted as well as Mike Hansen, Mower County Highway Dept, and Mike has waived the permit.

Road Report: signs are up in Seven Springs, Bernie Boverhuis has been out blading. Gary Braaten made the motion to publish and post bids in the Austin Daily Herald and the Mower County Shopper for opening at the April 20 Board Meeting, Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

- 1) Road Rock - Class 2 – priced by ton - MN DOT Specs. Minimum 4 trucks – completion by 6/26/2021.
- 2) Road Rock – 1 ½" Clean - priced by ton.
- 3) Gravel – Class 5 – priced by ton - MN Dot Specs. Minimum 4 trucks – completion by 6/26/2021
- 4) Ditch mowing with 9 ft mower (26 miles, both sides, 2 times per year)
- 5) Lawn Mowing – Town Hall, Water Tower, Sewage Ponds
- 6) Chloride for Dust Control priced by gallon.
- 7) Ditch Spraying (approximately 40 miles, 1 time per year)

Certificate of Insurance 1.5 million – required with each Bid.

Website Report: William Stegemann will add the reports from the Annual Meeting and the Bid Notice.

Firecalls: 24248 534th Ave, March 14, 2021. Lynn Allas made the motion for Clerk Allas to research assessing the firecalls Dune Acquisitions (former StarDust), Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed.

Gary Braaten made the motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm, Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk