

Lansing Township Board Minutes  
September 19, 2023  
Lansing Town Hall

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

Chairperson Duane Mortensen opened the meeting at 6:02 pm, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

\*\*\*Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to approve the Agenda with addition of Tim Stafford (SSD Assessment), Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded, motion passed.

Chad Wangen with SKB asked for the Board to listen to a problem with the cul de sac to the North of the vacated road has issues with the manmade water, to be investigated. Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to adopt the Resolution #2023-9-19 RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT SKB ENVIRONMENTAL'S USE OF THE VACATED RIGHT OF WAY OF 243<sup>RD</sup> STREET FOR ITS LANDFILL OPERATIONS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN UNLAWFUL EXPANSION OF A NON-CONFORMING USE, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded.

Roll Call:

Mark Ratigan: Yes

Gary Braaten: Yes

Chairman Duane Mortensen: Yes

Steve Torgerson: Yes

Robert Morgan: Yes

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Tim Stafford requested the Town Board forgive the \$7,144.17 that is assessed to the property 54028 270<sup>th</sup> St, because he just purchased it and was not aware of the assessment to the property and the unpaid water/sewer billings for 2023. After much discussion, the Supervisor's requested that Mr. Stafford pay \$200 a month to the SSD (\$100 will be for the current charges, and \$100 would go towards the assessed amount) for 5 years – which brings the total he'll pay SSD to \$6,000. Supervisor Bob Morgan made the motion to accept \$6000 over 5 years from Mr. Stafford with the 1<sup>st</sup> payment being October 1, 2023 and ending October 2028, Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded, and the motion passed. After an agreement was drafted quick at the meeting, Mr. Stafford, Chairman Mortensen and Clerk Allas signed it (3 original copies).

Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2023, as written, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Diana Witt presented the Treasurer's Report with a beginning balance of \$425,257.77 and total ending balance on hand of \$431,607.60. Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and approve to pay the claims and payroll, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, and motion passed.

Zoning Report: Chairman Duane Mortensen spoke of the CUP to be started with a church to be built by the Buddhist community, discussion of their responsibility of calcium chloride on the 31<sup>st</sup>, no parking on the road, and after the church is built to add a house. Fett Racetrack is being looked into since ½ of the track is in Freeborn County.

Subordinate Service District Report given by Bernie Boverhuis: Wastewater: Pumps and controls working properly at this time with no problems to report this month. Average daily flow to ponds for August was 19,000 gallons. Water: All pumps and controls are working properly at this time. All weekly samples taken were okay. Samples taken last month and sent to lab were also okay. Bacteria samples were taken on 9/7 and sent to lab as required. These results were also okay. Total water usage for August 2023 was 570,000 gallons. More delinquents have paid some, after Bernie Boverhuis put out 5 cards to residents.

Road Committee: Supervisor Mark Ratigan said the 2 culverts that needed to be put in (Harrington and 20<sup>th</sup> Ave) are complete. Bernie Boverhuis had been out road grading today, and will try to after the rain this weekend. Supervisor Gary Braaten brought up to seal coat next year on township black top roads. Supervisor Mark Ratigan would like the pot holes under the 1-90 bridge on 12 Ave NW to be filled and the hole on 255<sup>th</sup> by Chairman Duane Mortensen's residence, and ask Bastyr when he has extra black top to fill in. Chairman Duane Mortensen will keep tabs on the LRIP granting process for 31<sup>st</sup> St again and speak with Mower County. Supervisor Robert Morgan brought up the tree limb that is hanging over 255<sup>th</sup> St and ROW by Dan Sinkink, needs to be taken care of. Also brush on 31<sup>st</sup> St could be looked at and taken care of. Ziegler repaired the hour meter on the motorgrader, has around 5600 hours on it and it wasn't reading.

Firecalls: Rain Prehsoeklwee on 555<sup>th</sup> Ave 9/12/2023 had a small grass fire that spread to RR ties, Clerk Allas will send the \$500 invoice to him.

Elections: Clerk Allas asked the Board for permission to hire a few more election judges with the 4 elections next year (Presidential Nomination Primary March 5, Township March 12, Primary August 13, and General Election November 5). Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to approve Clerk Allas' request and arranged for training, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed.

Website Update: Chairman Duane Mortensen and Clerk Kristine Allas will continue to work on finding someone to take over the website.

Bernie Boverhuis brought the Board up to date on the Airport Expansion, after public hearing, it will go to Mn Department of Transportation for approval.

Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk