

Lansing Township Board Minutes

September 17, 2024

Lansing Town Hall

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

Chairperson Duane Mortensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Jayda Wood (Midwest Storage) and Bernie Boverhuis (bike rack), Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, motion passed.

Jayda Wood of Midwest Storage requested the Board to waive the fire call fee of \$1000 due to a person locking themselves in the storage building after hours, the Board decided to keep the invoice of \$1000 as it was sent, and Jayda will check with their business insurance.

Carol Turnball stated that the boat in the ditch was hers, but Troy Chavez stole it and sold it to Thomas Crawford of 929 Cedar Albert Lea. She is not sure who ran it in the ditch, but she has chosen not to keep the boat and signed an agreement for the Township to take care of it and assess the property owner. Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to hire Hansen Asbesterol to dispose properly and gather bills to be assessed to the Orth Estate property for 2 years, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Mark Ratigan - Yes

Supervisor Gary Braaten – Yes

Chairperson Duane Mortensen – Yes

Supervisor Steve Torgerson – Yes

Supervisor Robert Morgan – Yes

Passed. 5 Yea 0 Nay

SKB presented what they would like to do next. Chad Wangen will send notes to Clerk Kristine Allas.

Bernie Boverhuis requested permission from the Board to build/put up a bike rack at the Township Shed area for the kids that ride their bike to catch the school bus. Supervisor Steve Torgerson made the motion for Bernie to research, purchase (up to \$500 for 8-10 bicycles to park), and install complete, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion carried.

Supervisor Steve Torgerson made the motion to approve the August 20, 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 \$333,296.99, and to pay the claims/invoices, and payroll, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, and motion passed.

Zoning Report: Chairperson Duane Mortensen reported there still has not been any contact from M. Ruhland, owner of the property that is leased by Hush Exercise. Presented information regarding Michelle Learn Harmer, and the flood zone map.

Water Report: All pumps and controls working properly at this time with no problems to report this month. All weekly samples taken were OK. Bacteria samples were taken and delivered to lab as required. Fluoride and nitrate samples were also taken and sent to the lab as required. Total water usage for August 2024 was 421,000 gallons. Wastewater: All pumps and controls working properly at this time with no problems to report this month. Finished transferring primary pond to secondary pond 8/26. Predischarge samples were taken on 9/10 and sent to the lab. Waiting for the results. First fall discharge cycle will begin this week after receiving sample results. The average daily flow to the ponds for August 2024 was 22,000 gallons per day.

Road Committee Report: culvert repaired on 250th. Ditches have been mowed. Tree fell in the road/ditch by property formerly owned by Duane Harrington, Bernie Boverhuis made sure it was cleaned up. Stardust road – trees by John Taylor’s property, will be cleaned after crops are out. Culverts on 255th, and 12th Ave and 31st street needing repairs because of the bridge construction with the heavy traffic. Residents are asking for calcium chloride.

Fire calls: 3 medical lift assist to same address, medical seizure – no charges.

County Township Meeting – Adams 9/19 6:00 PM

Supervisor Steve Torgerson made the motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m., Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded, and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk