

Second Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
January 27, 2010

TOWN of BIG LAKE
"Sherburne County's First 5-Member Township Board"
P.O. Box 75, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309

On Wednesday, January 27, 2010 the Big Lake Board of Supervisors met at the Big Lake Town Hall located in the Big Lake Lions Park at 21960 County Road #5, Big Lake Township, Sherburne County, State of Minnesota. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only.

Chairman Hofer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 2 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken by the chairperson.

Board Members Present: Bob Hofer, Chairman
 Mike Hayes, Supervisor
 Norm Leslie, Supervisor
 Jim Stahlmann, Supervisor
 Ken Warneke, Treasurer
 Laura Hayes, Clerk
 Kristie Woolard, Deputy Clerk
 Todd McLouth, Township Engineer

Board Members Absent: Larry Alfords, Supervisor

All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Supervisor Leslie motioned to approve the Second Monthly Meeting agenda. Supervisor Hayes seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda as presented.

Supervisor Stahlmann motioned to approve consent agenda items: a) Appoint Election Judges for March 9, 2010 Township Election. b) Approve Staff and Board Member Attendance to April, July & October Sherburne Association of Township's Meetings (list of meeting dates and times will be posted). c) Approve List of Claims (Disbursement List will be Received at Meeting). Supervisor Leslie seconded. Each Supervisor abstained from approval of their payroll claim. Supervisor Hayes abstained from approval of Clerk Hayes payroll claim. All present were in favor. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Stahlmann advised he had received a report concerning the speed limit on 205th Avenue between 170th Street and 166th Street. Supervisor Stahlmann advised he would like to talk to the neighbors on that portion of the road in the spring, possibly during the road tour, to inquire if they have noticed any safety issues on this portion of the road. There was brief discussion. Treasurer Warneke advised this road was not designed for; and, does not encourage pedestrian use. He noted this is a collector road. It was further noted that approximately 3 years ago, 205th Avenue was redesigned and widened 2 feet. Sherburne County Sheriff's Deputy, Captain Steve Doran advised that the State legislature has increased the rural residential speed limit to 35 mph. Treasurer Warneke confirmed that when it becomes necessary to replace current speed limit signs in rural residential areas, they would be reposted from 30 mph to 35 mph.

Sherburne County Sheriff's Deputy, Captain Steve Doran advised that Monday, January 25th was the first day with the new second floor security scanning equipment at the Sherburne County Government Center.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

a) Other-Updates-Meetings – Clerk Hayes advised she received an email request today from the City of Big Lake inquiring if the Township would be contributing to the marketing campaign again this year. Clerk Hayes noted that since this item was received after the agenda was finalized, the Board was not being asked to make a decision now. She further advised she will be asking for additional information for the Board to review, and a formal request would be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN ROADS

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Township Engineer, Todd McLouth advised he had nothing new to report to the Board at this time.

-Treasurer Warneke advised he responded to a couple of complaints regarding snow storage and the need to utilize the majority of the right-of-way for future snow storage.

-The plowing companies have been winging back snow and ice residue from last freeze/thaw.

-Treasurer Warneke noted the highly traveled and collector streets are in good condition. The residential areas are in need of further attention.

-Treasurer Warneke requested the road committee meet following tonight's meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Chairman Hofer advised that he had nothing to report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Supervisor Leslie inquired if the Township was interested in participating in the discussion of an athletic complex as mentioned at the Annual Joint Big Lake City, Big Lake Township, Orrock Township, Sherburne County and ISD#727 Meeting. The Board unanimously agreed to participate in the discussions; and, to appoint Supervisor Leslie as the Township's representative on the committee.

-Supervisor Leslie advised he attended the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and gave an update on the Township's 2009 activities, goals for 2010 and general Township information. There were approximately 50 attendees.

BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER

a) Other-Updates-Meetings – Treasurer Warneke advised the Finance Committee needs to meet to create a budget for 2010.

-Treasurer Warneke advised requests have been received for final costs of the Aspen Hills Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) repair from property owners who have since sold their houses and have escrow funds being held for the assessment. Treasurer Warneke advised the 2010 assessment was an estimated cost of the project for the first year only. Treasurer Warneke inquired if there were any legal fees that should be added or any unpaid engineering fees. He noted, that in his opinion, the Township should absorb the administrative costs. The Homeowner's Association will be meeting on February 16th. It was determined that the Township committee members should meet with the Homeowner Association Board prior to the Township's February 10th Regular Monthly meeting to discuss.

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-Treasurer Warneke reviewed the tax levy status for years 2004 through 2009. He advised the delinquency rate on taxes in Big Lake Township for 2009 was 3.1%. The delinquency rates for all levy years was 5.2% of the current years levy. Treasurer Warneke advised the report demonstrates that the Township has a good tax base and taxpayers.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Hayes to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Leslie seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk