

Monthly Board Meeting  
Minutes  
January 13, 2010

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

On Wednesday, January 13, 2010, the Big Lake Board of Supervisors met at the Big Lake Town Hall located in the Big Lake Lions Park Community Center at 21960 County Road #5, Big Lake Township, Sherburne County, State of Minnesota. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only.

Chairman Sanford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 3 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken by the Chairman.

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

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 agenda as amended. Supervisor Hayes seconded. All present 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) Approval of Minutes: Regular Monthly Board Meeting 12-16-09. b) Approve Attendance of Board and Staff to M.A.T. Sponsored Meetings for 2010. c) Approve Appointment of Nick Christenson, Mark Hedstrom, Jeff Novak and Charles Stern to Big Lake Fire Department. d) Approve Summary of Mailbox Post Installation Ordinance 2009-1/Superceding and Replacing Ordinance 2001-2 for Publication in West Sherburne Tribune. e) Approve Resolution 2010-01 Resolution to Adopt Amendments to the Big Lake Township Zoning Ordinance. f) Approve List of Claims (Disbursement List will be Received at Meeting). Supervisor Hayes 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.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK**

a) Sherburne County Sheriff, Joel Brott/Annual Report – Sheriff Brott presented the 2009 Sheriff's Department Annual Report. There were a total of 2469 contacts for Big Lake Township in 2009. This is an increase of 500 calls from the past 2 years. Sheriff Brott advised these are not misdemeanor or felony calls; they are non-criminal calls such as citations and responding to alarms. January 11, 2010 was the ribbon cutting for the Tri-County Regional Crime Lab, it is located in Andover, Anoka County. Sheriff advised security screening will be implemented on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor only of the Sherburne County Government Center. The County's position is that the Government Center is the people's building and therefore they don't want to give the impression that they aren't welcome.

b) Other-Updates-Meetings -

1) Big Lake Chamber of Commerce Business Expo Registration – Clerk Hayes advised the cost of a booth and sign for the expo is \$157.00. Supervisors Stahlmann and Leslie have volunteered to be in the booth. Clerk Hayes inquired if the Board would like to make a commitment to participate in the business expo. Supervisor Stahlmann motioned to approve participation in the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. Supervisor Hayes seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **TOWN ROADS**

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Treasurer Warneke advised there has been only one mailbox call since the last meeting. The call was in the Birch Lake Beach area for a multiple box post system. The damage was checked and appears to not be the result of a snowplow hitting the box. Treasurer Warneke advised there was a call from Aspen Hills regarding an electric pole that was damaged. It was determined the damage came from a private plow or vehicle.

Supervisor Stahlmann advised a resident of Rosecrest is planning to attend the next meeting to discuss speed concerns in the area of 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 166<sup>th</sup> Street near 170<sup>th</sup> Street. Chairman Hofer advised the area currently has yellow advisory speeds posted; however, these speeds aren't enforceable tickets. Sherburne County Commissioner, Ewald Petersen advised that MNDOT has control of posted speeds. A speed study must be done to consider reducing speed limits. This study can take up to one-year to complete.

Sherburne County Commissioner, Ewald Petersen mentioned a request made by a resident of Triple Oaks for a crosswalk near 203<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, across County Road 43 to the school campus. He advised, according to the County Highway Engineer, that crosswalks will not be installed between blocks because pedestrians develop a stronger sense of security than they really have.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

1) Other-Updates-Meetings – Chairman Hofer advised that he, Supervisor Stahlmann, Supervisor Hayes and Clerk Hayes attended the Greenacres forum that Representative Mary Kiffmeyer sponsored at the City of Big Lake. Sherburne County Commissioner, Ewald Petersen advised the Sherburne County Board, staff from the Assessor's office and representatives from the Minnesota Department of Revenue met the next day at a forum arranged by Senator Lisa Fobbe. He advised changes might be made during the next legislative session, which could take effect in 2011. He further advised the Department of Revenue recognizes some things in the program need a second look.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS**

1) Big Lake Fire Board – Supervisor Hayes advised that he, Supervisor Stahlmann and Treasurer Warneke attended the Fire Board meeting. There were 40 fewer fire calls in 2009 than in 2008. The Big Lake Fire Department is one of very few fire departments that require day shifts. The department is hosting one of the fire fighter 1 training classes.

2) EDA – Supervisor Hayes advised he and Supervisor Leslie attended the EDA meeting. He advised the commercial real estate market remains very quiet. It was noted during the meeting that the EDA needs to come up with a way to attract businesses to the expansion area.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER**

a) Monthly Report – Treasurer Warneke advised a new version of CTAS came out in December. A few issues have been noted with the new version. Treasurer Warneke presented the cash control statement as of December 31, 2009. He advised the total fund balance as of tonight's meeting, with claims through January 13, are approximately \$2,293,950.00. Treasurer Warneke noted the finance committee needs to meet and prepare the 2010 budget. He further noted total Township expenses for 2009 were approximately \$1,907,000. Supervisor Stahlmann motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Hayes seconded. All present were in favor. The motion carried.

## **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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk

