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CASCADE TOWNSHIP OLMSTED COUNTY-MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES

August 9, 2021

OPENING BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sieck at 6:00pm in person at the Cascade Township Hall and via the call-in declaration in response to COVID-19. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Supervisors Gary Sieck, Dean Hegrenes, Mike Black, and Arlen Heathman, Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran and Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist.

The minutes for the July 12, 2021, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Hegrenes to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Deputy Sheriff Dean Thompson presented the public safety report. There were 78 calls for service since the last meeting.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers Board claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Hegrenes and seconded by Supervisor Black to approve and pay the Cascade Township portion (\$29,262.03) of the total claims including net payroll of \$17,013.43 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township Cash Control Statement and bank statement. Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Black seconded to accept the Cash Control Statement with an end-of-the-month balance of \$894,754.95 as presented, including a deposit of ARPA funding of \$150,577.62. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to approve and pay the current month's claims of \$116,548.36 and gross pay of \$5,692.77 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran gave the road report. Andrew McCullough resigned in July. Mark has one candidate in mind who will be hired in the next few weeks. Road crew has been working on 55th Street and cleaning up after a storm. Certain work on 55th Street will be delayed (cross culverts and curb) while waiting for the SSD work to progress.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor Heathman reported that he forwarded all the information he had from Mr. Gasciogne (West River Road) to TCPA. He will follow up with them before the next board meeting.

Kevin Graves, WHKS, presented a detailed and updated plan outline for the SSD project, describing 4 areas that are being addressed concurrently: appealing the MPCA grant decision; connection agreement with City of Rochester; easement discussions; bid letting. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to approve the Sanitary Sewer Connection Agreement contingent upon review by the township attorney and final review by Dean Hegrenes with Supervisor Hegrenes given authority to execute it on behalf of the board. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Black moved to approve the Wastewater Facilitator Agreement with Sheila Craig as presented. Supervisor Black amended his motion to add a cap of 100 hours for this agreement. Supervisor Hegrenes seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Black moved to approve the plans and specifications for the SSD and to set the bid-letting date to Thursday, September 9, at 8:00pm. Supervisor Heathman seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The board discussed the Orderly Annexation Agreement for 65th Street NW. Supervisor Hegrenes will connect with Dillon Dombrovski for further clarification.

The resignation of Supervisor Teresa Walters was announced. Supervisor Hegrenes moved and Supervisor Black seconded to appoint Mr. Lenny Laures to Supervisor Seat 2 for the remainder of the year with the seat to be up for election at the next township election. All voted in favor the motion carried. Supervisor Hegrenes moved and Supervisor Black seconded to appoint Mr. Laures as the board liaison with Sheila Craig for the SSD. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran reported to the board that the original driveway for Mr. David Derby was to be terminated by September 1 as discussed at the April 2021 Board Meeting. At this time nothing has been done to accomplish this. The Board directed Clerk Rudquist to send a letter on behalf of the board reminding him of this deadline.

Mark Cochran reported on the multiple issues that Trails of Cascade Phase 1 has had regarding proof rolls and seeding.

Brad Brech asked about the “no parking” signs on Chippewa. Board directed Mark Cochran to install the signs as approved previously.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to approve the Olmsted County Maintenance Agreement as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to approve consideration of an employment contract for Mark Cochran. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Citizen Jim Brumfield, 264 Majestic Rd, described a burning pile on property owned by Oak Valley HOA and concerns he had about it. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded that Clerk Rudquist send a letter to Oak Valley HOA expressing the concerns regarding this situation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Brad Brech presented the Planning Commission update.

Supervisor Heathman reported on the MAT District 1 meeting. Supervisor Hegrenes reported on the OCTOA meeting.

Board reviewed the township mail and upcoming town hall rentals.

It was noted that a quorum of the Cascade Town Board may be present at the following meetings:

- Tuesday, August 17, 6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting
- Thursday, August 26, 5:00pm – 7:00pm – Cascade Township Picnic

Dr. Mike Newbeck, Byron Public Schools Superintendent, introduced himself.

Supervisor Heathman offered to be the board representative for TCPA.

It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Hegrenes to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Nine citizens registered their attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

Chairman Gary Sieck

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