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**CASCADE TOWNSHIP
OLMSTED COUNTY-MINNESOTA
BOARD MINUTES**

September 13, 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, Lenny Laures, and Arlen Heathman, Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran and Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist.

The minutes for the August 9, 2021, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Hegrenes and seconded by Supervisor Black to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

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 (\$20,686.74) of the total claims including net payroll of \$14,304.39 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township Cash Control Statement and bank statement. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to accept the Cash Control Statement with an end-of-the-month balance of \$775,531.66 as presented. 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 \$33,224.90 and gross pay of \$4,387.02 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran gave the road report. Road crew has been working on erosion control on 55th Street, prepping for winter, and the third mowing of the season. Further work on 55th will have to wait until after decisions are made regarding the SSD and work begins in that regard.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Kevin Graves, WHKS, presented an update on the plan outline for the SSD project, addressing the 4 areas: the MPCA grant decision; the connection documents with City of Rochester; the easements; the as-bid costs from contractors.

1. The 29 individual homes are not considered eligible for PSIG funding by the MPCA. There has to be point source impact on the Zumbro River, and these properties do not meet that stipulation.
2. The documents with the city of Rochester have been finalized and signed.
3. Documentation for the easements is prepared and ready to move forward. It is ready to send to the township attorney once there is confirmation that the project is moving forward.
4. Bids were taken on Thursday, September 9, through Olmsted County. Two bids were received with Elcor Construction coming in at the low bid of \$2,894,000.

As the project sits, the mobile home parks qualify for 80% PSIG funding; the individual homes do not qualify for this funding. Due to that exclusion, the cost for the individual homes is estimated to be \$33,000. Sheila Craig indicated an appeal to MPCA to ask for another opinion may bring the percentage closer to the \$2.8 million PSIG approval amount. There is a possibility of moving the individual home costs to \$12,000-\$15,000 range.

Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Black seconded to direct Sheila Craig to contact MPCA and pursue another opinion for PSIG inclusion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Board is looking for best- and worst-case scenario cost numbers for the individual homes. Supervisor Laures offered to contact the City of Rochester for connection cost numbers.

Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Black seconded to schedule a special meeting with the sole agenda item of updates regarding the SSD for Monday, September 27, 6:00pm. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Deputy Sheriff Jens Dammen presented the public safety report. There were 93 calls for service since the last meeting.

The Board discussed the annexation of 65th Street and the landowners adjacent to this annexation. Supervisors Hegrenes and Laures will reach out to these citizens and ensure they are aware.

Mr. David Derby addressed the Board's questions regarding the termination of his original driveway access.

The information for the Gascioigne building has been sent to CMS as the township's building authority.

Mr. Joe Murphy, Oak Bluff HOA, addressed the Board's questions about the community burning pile on their property. Burn permits are obtained; burning guidelines are followed.

Mark Cochran and Supervisor Sieck rehearsed the history of actions taken on Chippewa Drive over the last year, including additional patrols, speed analysis, speed reduction to 35 mph, and recent installation of "no parking" signs by the Olmsted County sign authorities in response to citizen complaints. Several citizens expressed their concerns in favor of and against the newly installed signs. Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to install stop signs on all 3 corners of Chippewa Drive and

Mesabi, to install “slow down” and/or “steep grade” signs on the hill, to install “limited visibility” signs where appropriate, and to remove the “no parking” signs. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Brad Brech presented the Planning Commission update.

Mark Cochran reported on a leak in the roof of the Town Hall that was repaired by KBS (Kreofsky); the roof is in need of attention as the shingles are showing deterioration. Supervisor Heathman will follow up on this.

The Board and Mark Cochran answered citizen questions regarding the status of construction on 55th Street.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to allow the Interstate Hi-Flyers 4-H club to use the town hall as requested. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Black reported on his meeting with the city and county regarding billing for the SSD. The charges would be approximately \$1,000 per month at the beginning, reducing to approximately \$750 per month over time.

Supervisor Heathman reported on the TCPA meeting.

Citizen Lori Coolidge (7447 Hamilton Ln NW) asked the board about a future subdividing of her property.

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, September 21, 6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting
- Thursday, September 23, 7:30pm – OCTOA Meeting

It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Black to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Thirty-five citizens registered their attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

Chairman Gary Sieck

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