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CASCADE TOWNSHIP
OLMSTED COUNTY-MINNESOTA
BOARD MINUTES

September 14, 2020

OPENING BUSINESS

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

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

The minutes for the August 10, 2020, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Sieck 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 (\$22,611.85) of the total claims including net payroll of \$15,409.10 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township Cash Control Statement and bank statement. Supervisor Hegrenes moved and Supervisor Black seconded to accept the Cash Control Statement with an end-of-the-month balance of \$418,767.78 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Laures seconded to approve and pay the current month's claims of \$28,772.41 and gross pay of \$5,627.20 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran gave his monthly report. He updated the board on his health. Complaints about 65th Street have been addressed with replacing signs and blading. Dust control will be applied tomorrow. Someone has been dumping trees at 55th Street NW. Proof roll at Friederichs Forest looks great; the sand bank will need to be monitored. Sweeping following chips will

be completed this month. Remaining work includes tree removal at St. Mary's, striping town hall parking lot, and replacing a culvert.

Supervisor Heathman reported on a virtual meeting between the city and the school district regarding 65th Street. The township will need to continue maintenance until the city takes the road.

Deputy Sheriff Tracey Pagel presented the public safety report. There were 101 calls for service since the last meeting. Dep. Pagel also reported on the speed assessment done on Chippewa Drive. Citizens (Brad and Linda Brech, 7075 Mesabi Ct. NW; David and Darlene Lucas, 7203 Voyager Ct. NW; Wade and Shelley Lenz, 1569 Chippewa Dr. NW; Tim Nolden, 1664 Chippewa Dr. NW) shared their concerns and opinions regarding Chippewa. Supervisor Sieck proposed law enforcement during the busy times (7:30am – 10:00am; 4:00pm – 6:00pm). Supervisor Black moved that the township hire an off-duty officer to work three staggered shifts per week for enforcement for a 3-week period. Supervisor Sieck seconded. Supervisor Laures amended the motion, adding that Supervisor Black contact the county sheriff's office to set up law enforcement three times a week in addition to hiring additional off-duty enforcement. Supervisor Black amended the motion to include installing no-parking signs in the sight-restricted areas of both sides of Chippewa at Mark Cochran's direction according to state statute. Supervisor Sieck seconded. All voted in favor and the motion with amendments carried.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to recess the Board Meeting. Supervisor Heathman redacted his motion. Mr. Roger Ihrke presented the preliminary plat and platting variance request for Trails of Cascade. Board discussed the requested bike lane. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Laures seconded to approve the variance request with staff findings and recommendations. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Black seconded to approve the preliminary plat as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Black seconded to recess the board meeting and open the public hearing for the Township Dog Ordinance revisions. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve the revisions as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Heathman seconded to close the public hearing and reconvene the board meeting. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Black presented the letter drafted by the township attorney regarding responsibility for dangerous dogs. Board directed Supervisor Black to have the attorney send the letter to the county attorney and the county sheriff.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Wayne Kuehn (5931 St. Mary's Drive NW) presented concerns about a culvert near his property. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to authorize Mark Cochran and his team to perform the repair within the township right-of-way. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Brad Brech reported on the August Planning Commission meeting.

Board reviewed the mail.

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

- Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 6:00pm (in-person and call-in available)
- OCTOA Meeting – Thursday, September 24, 2020, 7:30pm, Cascade Town Hall

It was moved by Supervisor Laures and seconded by Supervisor Black to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Twelve citizens registered their attendance at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

Chairman R. Arlen Heathman

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