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

February 8, 2021

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, Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran, Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist.

The minutes for the January 11, 2021, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Laures and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

The minutes for the January 25 Board of Audit and Budget 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 and the motion carried.

Deputy Sheriff Dean Thompson presented the public safety report. There were 92 calls for service since the last meeting.

Sheriff Kevin Torgerson gave an update including details about the county law enforcement reorganization.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers Board claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Laures and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve and pay the Cascade Township portion (\$27,285.35) of the total claims including net payroll of \$17,767.48 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 \$630,707.95 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. Supervisor Hegrenes moved and Supervisor Black seconded to approve and pay the current month's claims of \$41,533.02 and gross pay of \$6,317.77 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran gave his monthly report. The 2019 truck was repaired; all trucks are up and running. Crew is getting caught up on shop work.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Kevin Graves, WHKS, presented an update on the status of the Subordinate Service District. He recommended funding through a "non-rated direct placement loan" in order to maintain our position in the PSIG application process. Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Black seconded that the township move forward regarding the loan for this project. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Graves will connect with the Mr. Bubany, David Drown Associates, Inc., regarding the loan process and application.

Board discussed the lack of update (requested at last month's meeting) from Mr. Dave Derby. The board directed Mr. Roger Ihrke, TCPA, to draft a letter to Mr. Derby notifying him that the barriers will be put up on the unauthorized access on February 22.

Clerk Rudquist notified the board that Supervisor Hegrenes is the only supervisor with a current Board of Appeals and Equalization Certification.

Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Black seconded to appoint Sara Rudquist, Gary Sieck and Arlen Heathman as election judges for the upcoming township election. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Black seconded to approve Zone Change Resolution Number R-20-01A as presented by Mr. Roger Ihrke. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve the Trails of Cascade Developer's Agreement. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve the Final Plat for Phase 1 of Trails of Cascade. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Brad Brech gave the Planning Commission report.

Board reported on the OCTOA and ROCOG meetings and reviewed the mail.

Supervisor Black presented an updated report on the road maintenance plan developed with the assistance of Mark Cochran. The board discussed the potential future road budget needs as related to road conditions and required repairs, focusing on the projected underfunded nature of the conditions.

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

- Tuesday, February 16, 6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Supervisor Lares shared with the board that he did not file an Affidavit of Candidacy for his seat for the upcoming election.

It was moved by Supervisor Lares and seconded by Supervisor Black to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Seven citizens registered their attendance at the meeting in person and calling in.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

Chairman R. Arlen Heathman

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