

Perham Township Monthly Meeting

March 2nd, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Shawn Sweere

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Shawn Sweere, Kelly Karsnia, Stanley Marotz, Duane Altstadt, Marie Ashland, Ryan Brummurl, Clare Brummund, James Limmer, Mike Tougas, Chantal Tougas, Cory Solberg, Jeff Stabnow, Jade Berube, Allan Sazama, Charles Shure

*The Twp had technology issues with the Zoom link. The Clerk was unable to retrieve those attending by Zoom.

MINUTES: Approve meeting minutes from February 2, 2021 Board meeting.

Motion: Kelly Karsnia

Second: Stan Moratz

Carried: yes

GOPHER FEET: none

ROAD REPORT: presented by Allan Sazama. Roads look good except for the melting on the gravel.

LICENCES, PERMITS, FEES:

Building Permits: None

Approach Permits: None

Liquor Permits: None

Agriculture Permits: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read by Duane Altstadt.

PERHAM TOWNSHIP MONTHLY TREASURERS REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND LAST MEETING

2/2/2021

CHECKING \$260,237.70

TOTAL CASH ON HAND **\$260,237.70**

CHECKS WRITTEN

14 checks 8472 – 8485 \$10,650.33

1 ACH \$37.50

Total disbursements \$10,687.83

DEPOSITS

Otter Tail County Town Road Allotment \$30,114.93

Checking Acct Interest \$30.99

Deposits 1355, 1356 and 1357 \$900.00

Total Checking Deposits \$31,045.92

TOTAL CASH ON HAND

3/2/2021

CHECKING \$280,564.80

TOTAL CASH ON HAND 3/2/21 **\$280,595.79**

Motion: Stanley Moratz

Second: Kelly Karsnia

Carried: yes

READ AND PAY BILLS: See Disbursement Table by Marie Ashland, Clerk.

**Disbursement List
01/05/2021**

Payable	Address	Invoice Details	Calculations	Amount	Check #	Fund
Joe Wasche Trust	PO Box 194 Perham	January rent \$675.00 monthly internet \$35.00		\$ 710.00	8486	General
Arvig	PO Box 110, Perham	2/22/21 Web & Email GSuite		\$ 80.00	8487	General
MATIT	PO Box 415 St. Michael MN 55376	31575102 premium notice insurance payment		\$ 27.00	8488	General
Sazama Rd Maintenance LLC	39787 CO Hwy 35 Perham	plowing salt/sand in February		\$ 3,304.25	8489	R&B
Marie Ashland	postage	stamps/postage		\$ 77.00	8490	General
Duane Altstadt Jr	Perham	Feb salary \$200.00 Mar meeting \$75.00	\$275.00 less SS \$17.05 Medi \$3.99	\$ 253.96	8491	General
Marie Ashland	Perham	Feb Salary \$300, Mar meeting \$75.00 City of Perham Informational Meeting \$75.00	\$450.00 less Pera \$22.50 Medi \$6.53	\$ 420.97	8492	General
Shawn Sweere	Perham	Feb Salary \$150 City of Perham Informational Meeting \$75.00	\$225.00 less SS \$13.95 Medi \$3.26	\$ 207.79	8493	General
Kelly Karsnia	Perham	Feb Salary \$150 City of Perham Informational Meeting \$75.00	\$225.00 less SS \$13.95 Medi \$3.26	\$ 207.79	8494	General
Stanley Moratz	Perham	Feb Salary \$150 City of Perham Informational Meeting \$75.00	\$225.00 less SS \$13.95 Medi \$3.26	\$ 207.79	8495	General
PERA		Marie & Employer contribution	(.05x pay)x2	\$ 45.00	ACH	General

Gopher Feet \$3/pr

\$ 5,541.55

Signature / chairman

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Respectfully submitted, Marie Ashland, Clerk

Motion: Kelly Karsnia

Second: Stanley Moratz

Carried: yes

ROLL CALL: Shawn Sweere, Kelly Karsnia, Stanley Moratz

OLD BUSINESS:

As discussed at February Board Meeting, Supervisors will set Road Review Meeting. This will be set at the Annual Board Meeting

Discussion of the City of Perham's inquiry to install city sewer and water to residents along Little Pine Lake.

Charles Shure addressed the Board via Zoom. He stated concerns as to the cost to residents for this project - \$35,000 per homeowner, the cost to tear out existing septic systems, and the 30% to 40% increase to property taxes. He questioned the environmental impact of ripping out land for installation of the City Sewer/Water. He expressed concern that the estimates presented by the city were low. He went on record that he does not want it/that it does not make sense.

Mike Tougas asked how this would impact others in the Township.

Cory Solberg went on record for himself and nine of his neighbors living on Lilac Dr that they are against the annexation and installation of City Water/Sewer.

Supervisor Shawn Sweere went on record that there was no communication between the City and Township prior to the first letters being sent to residents. He has been in contact with MAT (MN Association of Townships) lawyers on the topic and is learning what other options are available. He asked residents to educate themselves on the financial difference before making a decision. He worries about the state of the Residents and Perham Township if the annexation goes through. At the time of the meeting, the City is no longer looking at annexing Lilac Dr and Lakeside EST. Residents living on Yellow Pine Dr were at 11 for annexing and 10 against the annexation.

Supervisor Kelly Karsnia informed residents that currently there were 33 residents that had not submitted surveys to the City of Perham. He stated that Perham Township was in the process of sending out their own survey on the matter so the Township would also have a record of those for and those against the annexation. This will ensure the Township is able to do due diligence to the residents impacted.

Supervisor Stanley Moratz asked residents to think of the cost versus what you already have.

Residents will have the opportunity to discuss this further at the Annual Town Meeting as well.

Follow up discussion on required surveying/marketing of property at 45125 Little Pine Loop Road.

Since the January 19th meeting, and further information regarding what would satisfy Ottertail County on filing requirements, Kelly Karsnia made a motion to amend the motion made on 1/19, 2021 and go forward with a sketch of property line to appease Ottertail County.

Second: Stanley Moratz

Carried: yes

Review and discussion of proposed budget for 2021. Supervisors discussed setting the budget at

\$,285,000.

Shawn Sweere stated that paperwork was completed with UCB for a line of indebtedness should the Township need it to pay for the Township portion of 450th Avenue upon completion of the road.

Supervisors asked if anyone present was interested in moderating the Annual Meeting on March 9th. They will reach out to find a Moderator.

LRIP grant was submitted to Vance Bachmann, District 9 Director in February, and to the state of Minnesota March 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

East and West Ottertail Township Assoc. 2021 spring meeting was held Monday March 1, 2021 at 3:00pm via Zoom. Shawn presented update. There was not a lot to update. Meeting discussed conducting meetings during COVID.

City of Perham Council meeting will be March 8th, 2021. Topic of discussion will include the process of annexation of Yellow Pine Dr.

East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding the 2021 Local Weed Inspectors Meeting on March 17th at 8:30 am at the Perham Chamber of Commerce.

Pre Construction conference meeting for Project No. S.A.P. 056-634-011 (CSAH 34) Grading, Paving, Drainage, Lighting and Multi Use Trail has been scheduled for March 23rd at 1:00 pm.

Board of Review – Equalization has been set for April 15th, 2021 at 1:00pm. Meeting will be held at Town Hall, 120 2nd Street SE, Perham.

Duane Altstadt, Treasurer requests motion to sign the Board of Audit for Perham Township.

Request from T-Mobile for multiple project scopes to existing cell tower located at 41557 450th Avenue, Perham (par ID # 51000250187002)

Motion was made by Shawn Sweere to have them

submit a Conditional Use Permit.

Second: Kelly Karsnia

Carried: yes

Second Amendment Resolution from Carroll County Board of Supervisors discussion.

Supervisors will review and discuss at Annual Meeting March 9th, 2021.

Website is currently under construction. The Township Board is working hard at getting it updated and current. Please continue to check it. Minutes are still posted on the Township bulletin board at the Oasis.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisors received multiple correspondences from residents living on Lilac Dr and Yellow Pine Road regarding the installation of City Water/Sewer.

10 assessment searches were completed and sent to Am. Title Co.

U.S. Census Bureau, West-Central MN Partnership Specialist - update on state census self response rate for month of January by County.

Otter Tail County Historical Society expressed gratitude to Perham Township for their 2020 contribution.

Minutes of Perham Fire and Rescue Department were mailed to Township on 2/1/2021

Ottertail County Auditor-Treasurer shared Special Assessment Master List for Perham Township.

Otter Tail County provided Levy information for the Annual Meeting.

Stenger Dust Control/Corbin Excavating mailed new price list for 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: meeting was adjourned by Shawn Sweere at 7:43pm.

Next meeting will be March 9th, 2021 at the Perham Township Hall.

Submitted by Marie Ashland, Clerk-Perham Township. Submitted as final