

SCAMBLER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2019, 7:00PM

Present: Dave Ritchie, Todd Langseth, Dennis Carlblom, Erick Johnson, Mike Johnson, Dave Pederson, and Lou Ann Zurn

The meeting was called to order at 6:59pm by Dennis Carlblom with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

Approval of Agenda: Dennis Carlblom requested to have the 215th Avenue overlay project added to the agenda under Old Business. Dennis Carlblom motioned to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was 2nd by Erick Johnson. All in favor, approved.

Clerk's Report Minutes: The Clerk's Minutes from the Thursday, November 14th, 2019, Scambler Board Meeting were attached to the agenda for review. There were no corrections noted. Mike Johnson motioned to approve the November 14th, 2019, Scambler Board Meeting Minutes as presented and was 2nd by Todd Langseth. All in favor, approved.

Treasurer's Report: David Pederson led the discussion and review of the Treasurer's Report. David Pederson requested to add as check #4946, in the amount of \$45,582.66, made out to Central Specialties, Inc. This payment is Scambler Township's 25% of the cost for the 215th Avenue project in partnership with Dunn Township. David Pederson also asked for the approval of the Scambler Board to transfer \$500 from the Township General Fund to the Township Fire Fund. After discussion, Dennis Carlblom motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report with the addition of Check #4946 in the amount of \$45,582.66 and pay bills. The motion was 2nd by Todd Langseth. All in favor, approved. Dennis Carlblom also motioned to transfer \$500 from the Township General Fund to the Township Fire Fund and was 2nd by Mike Johnson. All in favor, approved.

Communications: Lou Ann Zurn read the Notice for MAT District 9 Special District Meeting & Election, which will take place at the Sverdrup Town Hall on Wednesday, December 18th, 2019, Underwood, Minnesota. Lou Ann also noted the corrected address attached to the flyer: 22815 County Hwy 36. Dennis Carlblom made note that there may be a quorum of Supervisors attending this meeting. The remaining communications were read and discussed.

Zoning Report: Todd Langseth reported there was nothing new to report.

Road Report: Mike Johnson spoke about the busy snow removal efforts during and after the Township received approximately 12-inches of snow the beginning of this month. There were only a few snow related complaints Mike received. Mike referred them to Randy and Jordan Arntson to take care of as time permits. Mike reported the roads are in pretty good shape. There are some roads that still have some solid, compacted snow, which will be dealt with as weather conditions improve.

Hospital Board Report: October 28th, 2019, Hospital Board meeting minutes and financial reports were available. The Minutes will be kept in the Clerk's Office if requested.

Property Board Report: At this time, Mike Johnson addressed Dennis Carlblom stating he feels that the American flag should fly in front of the Town Hall at all times. Dennis Carlblom explained there is an ongoing problem with the pulley mechanism on the flag pole that requires renting a lift to repair. Discussion followed, and different location and types of flag poles were suggested. Dennis Carlblom will research the problem.

Other: There were no listings on the agenda.

Old Business: 1) Website Update – Sandy Tingelstad. Discussion was tabled at this time, as Sandy will be arriving at the Board Meeting later this evening. 2) Dennis Carlblom led the discussion of the 215th Avenue overlay project completed earlier this year. Dennis reminded the Board Scambler Township partnered with Dunn Township for this project. Dunn Township Engineers oversaw the paving for the project. Recently, Scambler has received an invoice from a professional civil engineer we did not hire in the amount of \$3500. Discussion followed. Dave Ritchie motioned to file the invoice, but not pay it at this time, and was 2nd by Todd Langseth. All in favor, motion carries. Further investigation of this invoice will take place. Dennis Carlblom recommended for future township joint work agreements, the Board make sure to get all the details of the projects in writing to know exactly what expenses are included.

New Business: Presidential Nomination Primary update. David Pederson reported the 2019 Presidential Nomination Primary will be statewide on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020. Sandy will be posting the times for the Primary at the Town Hall. There will be four (4) Political Party Ballots to choose from: 1) Legal Marijuana Now Party 2) Grassroots Legalize Cannabis Party 3) Republican Party, and 4) Democratic – Farmer – Labor Party. Discussion followed.

At this time, Phillip Rotz addressed the Board, questioning the Board's recent approval of the changes to the Agricultural Preservation District Ordinance #2020.02. He feels the wording is vague, and is there a distinction between farmers and the general public in this ordinance? Mike Johnson said there was not, and discussion followed. Phillip Rotz then requested the Board send the changes to Ordinance 2020.02 to the Township's lawyer for review. Phillip also wanted it noted in the minutes that the Scambler Board never directed the Planning & Zoning Committee review the proposed changes to Ordinance 2020.02. Discussion followed.

Sandy Tingelstad arrived at the Board meeting and gave an update of the Township website renewal recent efforts. Sandy has received an official proposal from Arvig for web design. She has also gotten emails from two other web design companies for consideration. There was no action taken at this time. Sandy had also spoken with Wayne Johnson, Otter Tail County Board member, to possibly have the County take over the website, which would have to be addressed at an Otter County Board Meeting. She has not heard back yet. Dennis Carlblom recommended Sandy prepare a formal request to Otter Tail County to consider providing a website for Scambler Township. Further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

The next Scambler Township Board Meeting will be Thursday, January 9th, 2020, at 7:00pm

The meeting adjourned and checks were signed.

Submitted by:

Lou Ann Zurn, Deputy Clerk, Scambler Township