

MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, May 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Eric Meyer. Members present: Supervisor Eric Meyer, Supervisor Randy Linn, Supervisor Mark Knowles, Supervisor Joseph Then, Treasurer Viki Monroe and Clerk Tammy Schefers. There were several people who attended the meeting in person. There was no Zoom for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

Sergeant Geoff Dowty sent out an e-mail report that stated there were 84 incidents for the month of April. He reviewed the report with the board members. He stated that there will be more enforcement throughout the next few months and summer for speed, seat belts, and phone in the hand.

OPEN FORUM (Time for Residents to Ask the Board Questions)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to accept and approve the agenda. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role Call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Mark Knowles – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then - Aye; the motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Supervisor Randy Linn made a motion to approve the April 15, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes and the rest of the consent agenda. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. Role Call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Mark Knowles – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then - Aye; the motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

Just for reference; Sherburne County sends an e-mail report of building permits each month to the Clerk for all the Townships. There were 3 building permits for Haven Township this month.

PUBLIC HEARING (Communication that the Board Notified Residents)

None

OLD BUSINESS

Cemstone Gravel Pit IUP Amendment – Supervisor Eric Meyer and Supervisor Mark Knowles will have a workshop with Cemstone on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the progress and where they are at with this project.

Hwy 10 Study Funding – There will be an upcoming meeting on June 26, 2024 that Supervisor Eric Meyer will attend to receive information on the next planning stage of this project.

Wet Hydrants – Supervisor Eric Meyer has been working with Palmer Bus Service in Teder's Industrial Park on this project.

Township Sign Replacement – Supervisor Joseph Then reported that the signs have been replaced so far that he had on his list for this spring. He will continue going forward with the rest of his list.

AED (Automated External Defibrillators) – There will be four more AED machines installed this summer within the township.

Road Planning / Bonding Options –

The board discussed bonding options from David Drown Associates, Inc. and Ehlers Public Finance Advisors that Supervisor Randy Linn reviewed with them. This would be for a two million dollar bond. After discussion on this, Supervisor Randy Linn made a motion that the board should accept, approve and go ahead with the two million dollar bond from Ehlers Public Finance Advisors for the 2024-2025 construction year with a resolution to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceed of the bonds to be issued by the town. The board would like to see a commitment letter from the bonding company for the funds and a time frame of how long it will take to complete. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role Call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Mark Knowles – Opposed Nay; Supervisor Joseph Then - Aye; the motion carried.

6338 45th Avenue SE – Driveway Permit & Culvert Update – Supervisor Eric Meyer is working on this with the property owner.

Tech Check – Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that Tech Check has suggested that the board may want to consider looking into a video surveillance camera system for the haven township hall. They had given him a proposal for interior and exterior cameras needed for the surveillance. The cost of this would be \$4,585.31 (this cost may double to use a manufacturer approved for federal funds). After discussion on this, the board members took a vote Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Opposed Nay; Supervisor Mark Knowles – Opposed Nay. Supervisor Eric Meyer then stated being this is a tie vote; they will carry this over until next month when they have a full board that is in attendance.

Neighborhood Meetings – The board discussed having neighborhood meetings to discuss issues such as Annexation; AED Machines; Fiber Optic; and one Garbage Hauler for designated areas. Tentative schedules for these meetings are as follows:

1 st Week in June	Prairie Woods Addition
June 2024	River Haven Addition
End of June	Deer Haven Addition; Airport
July 2024	Elk River Estates

Holcim-MWR, Inc. – Holcim is in the process of an application of wanting to develop the land they own in Haven Township (Holcim Haven Mine). Haven Township gave Sherburne County the lead on this project. Haven Township will observe Sherburne County and act when needed.

Palmer Bus Service – Palmer Bus Service is located in Teders Industrial Park. Supervisor Eric Meyer has been working with Palmer Bus Service, Traut Wells and Sauk Rapids Fire Department on getting a wet hydrant in place at this site. They are working on an agreement for this and when completed, the agreement for this hydrant will stay with the property if ever sold to a new party. Palmer Bus Service has spent funding on this fire hydrant project that is close to \$80,000.00. After board discussion, Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion that Haven Township should move forward to help Palmer Bus Service fund this Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) motor controller wet hydrant by providing \$35,000.00 to this project. The funds will come out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund. Supervisor Randy Linn seconded the motion. Role Call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Mark Knowles – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then - Aye; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

54th Street SE (Dirt Road) – Dennis & Rita Lietha talked with the board about 54th Street SE. He asked the board if they had any say in the intersection on 54th Street SE coming off of County Road 20 when they upgraded County Road 20. He does not like or agree with the 90 degree angle at the stop sign that goes onto County Road 20. They have farm equipment that goes on and off this road all the time and it is very difficult. The board members said that Haven Township did not create the 90 degree approach at this intersection. It is Sherburne County who he needs to address his concerns to about that.

The Lietha's also asked if they could please have a Dead End sign placed on the beginning of that road or a No Outlet sign. There is traffic of cars; trucks; UPS; FedEx; that goes on the road and it is difficult to get turned around at the end of the road. There are also cars who park on this road. They asked if a No Parking sign could be placed on that road also. The board will look into placing a dead end or a no outlet sign at the front of 54th Street SE.

Dennis Lietha also questioned the plaques that were made for residents who have served with Haven Township Board for over 20 years. The photo of the old bridge on the plaque that was used was referred to as the Lietha Bridge. He said that it was his family's photo that was used. He was disappointed and not happy with the board using this without

asking permission first. The board apologized and said that they did not do it intentionally and they did not realize that the photo used was his. The board made the comment that in years past, this bridge has always been referred to as the Lietha Bridge as long as anyone can remember. The board had good intentions of using the old bridge picture in honor of this Haven heritage and the Lietha Family. The board did ask for future permission to continue to use the photo and reference to the bridge. Dennis Lietha said no; please do not use it in the future.

Pleasure Land RV Highway 10 – Sign Variance – Franklin Outdoor Advertising has been questioning Haven Township to see if they can get a new location for a sign at Pleasure Land RV on Highway 10. They want to propose to move the billboard sign back on the property, so this would require a variance. Pleasure Land RV owner does not want this to happen yet. This will be removed from Havens list until the owner of the property comes to ask questions.

Knife River – Is in the process of expanding and wanting to address changes to the Mark Pit. Haven Township will address this at a future Haven Township Meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor (Chairperson) Eric Meyer

Orderly Annexation with the City of St. Cloud – Supervisor Eric Meyer has been having Neighborhood Meetings to address the Orderly Annexation Process with the residents.

Supervisor Eric Meyer has been working with Sherburne County on 911 numbers for the commercial building off of Hwy 10 for St. Cloud Childcare Inc.; Jubba Auto and Wiilo Event Center. He will work with Supervisor Joseph Then to get the 911 numbers ordered and placed where needed.

Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that Done Right Construction has some IUP issues in Deer Haven. He has cleaned up the woods on his property, expanding and now has the DNR and County issues to deal with. His IUP has currently been placed on hold. He is in a residential area with industrial equipment moving in and out of it.

Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that 52nd Street SE has been damaged with farm equipment. Supervisor Joseph Then took photos of the damaged road and it was reported to Sherburne County Sheriffs Department. Linda Kozak was present at the meeting and made the comment that this is the first year that they had farmed this area and did not intentionally damage the road and/or road approach. Supervisor Eric Meyer got a quote to fix the damage on the road. The quote was \$1,500.00. The board asked if they would be willing to split the cost of the repair. No comment was made. The board asked if in the future they could use a smaller tractor without tracks for this area - that would be helpful and appreciated. They also asked if they could talk with the property owner to make a bigger approach or a longer acceleration lane so it would not be such a sharp turn with the equipment onto the township road that would be helpful as well.

Supervisor Randy Linn – No more comments

Supervisor Mark Knowles – No more comments

Supervisor Joseph Then – Supervisor Joseph Then talked about the second layer on 65th Avenue SE / 40th Street SE; 35th Avenue SE was completed except for the shoulder work which will be finished by the end of June. He also made the comment that he went to the Sherburne County Association of Townships (SCAT) that was held at the St. Cloud Regional Airport.

Supervisor Joseph Then also stated that the sweeping of the roads should be completed this month.

Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that there was a quote to be looked at for 52nd Street SE (dirt road) and 54th Street SE (dirt road) for class V to make a better bed on these roads for crowning and drainage. The board also discussed the option of recycled tar vs. class V.

The board also talked about patching holes and getting quotes and a schedule in place.

Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Was not in attendance.

TREASURER UPDATE

The Treasurer reviewed the April Cash Control Statement; Receipt Register and Disbursement Register with the Supervisors.

CLAIMS LIST FOR APPROVAL

Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to accept and approve the claims 24078-24100 totaling \$84,705.20 as presented for the month of May. This motion will also include adding the banking service fees for the end of the month when the statements arrive. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. Role Call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Mark Knowles – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then - Aye; the motion carried.

CLERK UPDATE

Haven Township Annual Clean-Up Day – There was a good turn out of 162 households that participated in the Haven Township Annual Clean-Up Day. There were 23 Bikes that were donated to Bikes4Kids; 58 Nitrate water tests done by Sherburne Soil & Water Conservation District; Recycling of plastic pots for the Sherburne County Master Gardeners. The board made the comment that it went well.

COMMUNICATIONS

MN Association of Townships – Online Training / Newsletter Updates / Meetings
Sherburne County Planning & Zoning – Public Hearings
Sherburne County Association of Township Meeting Agenda
Sherburne County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan Steering Committee
Sherburne County Connect Agenda

Voice Mails
E-mails from Residents

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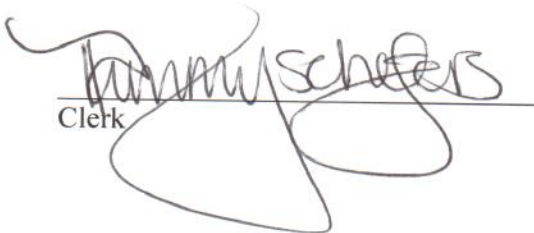
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ADJOURN

It was moved by Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded by Supervisor Randy Linn to adjourn the meeting. Role Call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Mark Knowles – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then - Aye; the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.


Chairperson

6-17-24
Date


Clerk

6.17.2024
Date