

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 16, 2017 7:30pm

### ATTENDANCE

Supervisor	Jim Sipe
Supervisor	Dan Peine
Supervisor	Doug Wille
Treasurer	Leo Nicolai
Clerk	Molly Weber

This meeting was called to order by Jim Sipe, Supervisor at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and using the consent agenda. **Doug Wille made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Dan Peine seconded it. Motion carried.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Derek Virkus from HBC Communications 507-474-4777 was in for a Utility ROW Permit to install a new fiber optics line and pedestals leaving north on the west side of Hogan Avenue in Hampton Township. Total construction footage will be 1,982 feet. Permit fee is \$500.00 (since total construction under 5,000 feet) and escrow is \$1,982.00. They will also install pedestals to provide services to homes passed along the route. Work will begin as soon as possible and end no later than 09/01/2017. Check number 075379 for \$1,982.00 and check number 075380 for \$500.00 were given to Leo Nicolai by Derek Virkus. The utility owner is Hiawatha Broadband Communications with contact Ben Ranft 763-276-4895. They will stay in the ROW as far back as they can. Derek was instructed that it was very important for him to meet with Jason Otte before beginning the project. He was also instructed they will need to do another inspection upon completion of the project. **Dan Peine made a motion to approve the Utility Permit for HBC Communications. Doug Wille seconded. Motion carried.** Molly will mail out a permit card with permit number U-17-02. Derek Virkus will set up an inspection meeting with Jason Otte before starting the project.

Doug Wille brought up the fact that \$1.00 per foot wasn't much for escrow money on a project in case something went wrong. The supervisors discussed this but decided to table it until June. This can be changed by a motion or resolution since it is not part of the zoning ordinance fee schedule.

Deputy Smidt – said the most recent action is people stealing trailers. Latest one was a trailer with 2 new snowmobiles. He said to be sure to keep your stuff locked up. Or he said they will borrow someone's trailer, then go steal someone else's stuff, like 4 wheelers or bobcats. Reminded everyone to call the sheriff's office if they see anything suspicious.

### ROAD REPORT

Arvig – Jason Otte said they are going to work with Mark Haepeska to fix his ditch on 222<sup>nd</sup> Street on the south side of 222<sup>nd</sup> east of Highway 50. Arvig never met with Jason Otte before doing the project therefore they did not do it the way they should have.

Otte Contract – Jim Sipe reworked the Otte contract. He corrected the dates & initialed there and signed it. He gave it to Jason Otte to review, initial the date change and sign it and return both copies to us at the June meeting or drop it off before then.

Black top bid from Greg's Meat to 52 – Jason Otte has contacted McNamara but is waiting for the bids.

Copy of Road Tour Report – Jim Sipe gave Molly Weber a copy but Jason Otte was also going to mail a copy.

Envirotech Sales Quote 2017 – Jim Sipe signed this. Molly Weber will keep a copy and send a copy back to Envirotech.

Jason Otte will contact them about when they plan to do chloride-maybe shoot for end of next week. He will let Molly Weber know.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

- Blake Otte
  - 507-291-0196
  - Requesting a Building Permit to remodel one of their barns @ 26829 Donnelly Avenue

Blake was not present but may come in June.

- SoCore Energy – Andrew Dahlen
  - 406-270-4288
  - [andrew.dahlen@socoreenergy.com](mailto:andrew.dahlen@socoreenergy.com)
  - We are working with Dakota Electric and Great River Energy (who provides Dakota their wholesale power) to develop distributed solar projects throughout their service territory. This project would be 2MW, or approximately 15 acres in size. We are proposing it be located across the street from Dakota's new substation, on parcel number 170310075011. This project is sized to the local energy demand of the area, so the energy would be consumed locally and no major transmission upgrades would be required.
  - We are also working with Prairie Restorations, Inc., to plan pollinator gardens at the base of the array. Not only does this improve storm water and erosion control conditions, but provides vital habitat for bumblebees and butterflies. I will have pictures of the type of flowers we will plant during the meeting. I've attached a picture of a similarly sized project of ours under construction.
  - hold Public Hearing Tuesday 6/20/17 @ 6:30pm – Planning Commission will run this meeting.

Andrew Dahlen who works on the start of the project was present with Jonathan Roberts who works on the construction of the project. Mark Rathmn from Great River Energy was also present. Craig Knudsen from Dakota Electric was present to support SoCore. Craig stated that Dakota Electric keeps in touch with the residents and members who express interest in solar. Great Rivers feeds energy to Dakota Electric substation, then Dakota Electric provides it to the residents. Dakota Electric and 27 other plants get energy from Great Rivers. Great Rivers also has different energy sources like wind. Members want renewable energy that is local. Solar is modular and compact and prices have come down. Great Rivers like the price of SoCore so that is why they chose them for this project. Dakota Electric would be the power supplier. The system would track north to south then slowly track east to west. It is a driven pile system, 15-20 feet below surface based on the soil. There would be a 7 foot tall chain link fence. There would be no noise or order from it. It would be sized to the local energy demand so no infrastructure needed. Prairie Island restoration supplies seed packets for pollinators and deep root system for bees and such. SoCore signs a 25 year lease with the resident and removal is part of the lease after the 25 years. Great Rivers has a 25 year lease with SoCore. The panels are flat at noon and the highest is 7 feet, otherwise 5 feet. They face east & west throughout the day. East in the morning, flat at noon & West in the evening. There is 25 foot clearance between it and the outside of the fence. It would be 2 mega watts which feeds about 400 homes. It is attached to weather station and adjust to weather as necessary. This property is zoned AG. Jim Sipe called Troy's assistant and he said it would stay AG. Dakota County would deal with this property leasing out part as commercial. This is an allowable Conditional Use which needs a Conditional Use Permit with a Public Hearing. A Conditional Use is forever so whoever has the property can have the solar, not just the 25 years of the lease. Jim Sipe said since a Conditional Use is forever we would need Troy Gilchrist to help us get this registered on property deed. Troy's fees will come out of the escrow money and the document will be recorded with Dakota County. **Jim Sipe made a motion to authorize a Public Hearing for the permit request for SoCore Energy on property owned by Douglas Felton parcel id number 17-03100-75-011. Doug Wille seconded. Motion carried.**

Doug Wille brought up the fact that \$1.00 per foot wasn't much for escrow money on a project in case something went wrong. This can be changed by a motion or resolution. Currently it is \$1.00/foot with a \$1,000.00 minimum. The board members decided to table this topic until June.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Revision of Zoning Ordinance-Full Version-Fee Schedule – Special Meeting will be held Monday June 12, 2017 at 6:30pm. Jim Sipe sent 3 documents for this meeting. 1. Changes to the existing ordinance 2. Fee schedule ordinance 3. Fee schedule

NEW BUSINESS

Dakota County Solid Waste Water Plan Meeting – 5/30/17 from 2-4pm. Jim Sipe will attend this.

MATIT Insurance Renewal – Board members decided we will stick with what we have and pay the bill in June.

Upcoming Couri & Ruppe Legal Seminars – Jim Sipe might attend.

Met Council Building Permit Survey – Molly Weber needs to check with Benny Svien to see if he takes care of this.

Molly Weber retro pay for back to back meetings – Town Board approved retro pay for 2017 for a total of 4 meetings that were missed.

OTHER BUSINESS-Board Members Only

The Board will sign the Minutes and the Treasurer Report.

Doug Wille made a motion to approve signing of checks 5522 to 5533 and a motion to approve the claims list. Dan Peine seconded it. Motion carried. Checks were signed.

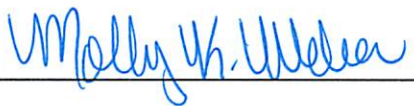
Township Letters of Information: The supervisors will go through this while the Chair, Treasurer and Clerk sign checks. They will let the clerk know if there is anything we need to address. Pera emails are to continue to be forwarded to the Supervisors and they can delete them if they so choose. Molly Weber should file these and drop them off of site after a year.

ADJOURNING OF MEETING

Jim Sipe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Doug Wille seconded. Motion carried.

Date Signed: 6/20/17

Supervisor: 

Clerk: 

**HAMPTON TOWNSHIP REPORT**  
May 2017 – June 20, 2017 Meeting

**BEGINNING BALANCE:** **\$272,922.49**

**INCOME:**

Permits - Mulvihill, L. Endres, R. Sunquist, and Public Hearing – Hiawatha Broadband ROW	\$10,093.82
Permits – J. Cooper, K. Weatherly	247.00
Escrow Account Transfer	1000.00
Dust Control	8740.00
Account Interest	17.32
ICS Account Interest	<u>55.34</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$20,153.48</b>

**EXPENSES:**

M. Weber – Clerk	\$1501.22
B. Svien – Permits	4237.37
Post Office – Stamps	49.00
J. Otte – May Rent	500.00
CNS Solutions – Website	90.00
Kennedy & Graven – Legal Fees	361.00
MN Assoc. of Townships – Clerk Training	30.00
Otte Excavating – Road Work	2235.00
Dakota County – Sand & Salt	109.80
No. Cannon River WMO – Dues	4157.15
M. Weber – Milage & Reimbursements	217.38
General Corrosion (Hiawatha Broadband Escrow Refund)	1000.00
Century Link – Phone	<u>87.51</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$14,575.43</b>

**ENDING BALANCE:** **\$278,500.54**



Jim Sipe, Chair

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Leo Nicolai, Treasurer

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