

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MIDDLEVILLE TOWNSHIP
3014 CO. RD. 6 SW
HOWARD LAKE, MN 55349
August 15, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Raymond, at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Also present were Supervisors Walt Barlow and James Jacobson, PZ Administrator Jessica Elfmann, Treasurer Judy Forst, Clerk Joey Berg, and Maintenance Man Randy Klugow. Others in attendance are noted on the sign-in sheet included with the approved minutes.
2. Wayne and Deb Seppelt were present and expressed concerns about the Township's ability to enforce ordinance regulations, since nothing seemed to get done about their neighboring property issues over the last many years; even though the property owners knew they couldn't live there, without an entitlement, they kept on living there and, in fact, improving the living quarters. The board assured the Seppelts that it will be monitored. The board suggested we could request a monthly status report from the owner and a reminder of the one year time limit we gave them at last month's meeting. We will attempt to get a Deed Restriction recorded as soon as possible.
3. Bill Nibbe and Kirby Moynagh, both on the November 5 ballot for District 5 County Commissioner, gave their "campaign" views.
4. Colleen Marketon, Linda Bleth, and Kris Bakeberg gave a little report of our "National Night Out" activity August 6. Around 200 people of all ages were in attendance. People really seemed to enjoy it and hope we do it again next year. Colleen said that those 3 are willing to head it up again and they also had some other volunteers who would be willing to help.
5. Joey presented the Clerk's report: The July minutes were reviewed. The August misc. receipts in the amount of \$16,302.64 and claims in the amount of \$23,123.52 were reviewed. Walt made a motion and James J. second to approve the Clerk's report (including claim #s 10351-10364 & EFT#s E082401-E082407). Carried unanimously 3-0.
6. Judy then presented the Treasurer's report: she stated that the balance on hand at the end of July was \$637,282.53. She pointed out we had received our "Town Aid" from the State, \$2,205.50. She noted that there had been interest income of \$160.01 in the month of July of which \$143.99 was reinvested. James R. made a motion and Walt second to approve the Treasurer's report. Carried unanimously 3-0. The board then did an audit of the Clerk's July books along with the Treasurer's report and bank statements. A motion was made by James J. and second by Walt to approve the audit of the Clerk's July books. Carried unanimously 3-0.
7. Jess reported that the Sherwin house project is getting closer to happening, but we are still waiting for a Septic Design. She also rehashed the issue on 10th St (Item 2) and how we will be proceeding. Walt made a motion and James J. second to approve the PZ report. Carried unanimously 3-0.

8. Road Maintenance Report: Randy reported 1) the gravel in the pile is still wet and hard to work with. It has to be dumped in a pile and then spread out. 2) the gravel pile at our own pit is all hauled out now, so will be attempting to get it out of our pile at the 5th St site. 3) Scott Zubrod is now done for the summer, but Randy was thankful for all the help he was. James R. made a motion and Walt second to approve the Road Maintenance report. Carried unanimously 3-0.

9. Old Business: 1) The parcel division proposal of the Gary Gruenhagen property in Section 10 was discussed. The proposal is to combine PID #212-000-104201, a two-acre parcel with 3.27 acres off of PID #212-000-104300, making the new parcel 5.27 acres. This new parcel would contain the whole original farm building site with frontage on Ireland Ave SW. Walt made a motion to accept the land split proposal as presented with the understanding that on a building site of that size, there is a limit of 4,000 square feet of accessory building; and, also there will be a deed restriction on the remaining 37.38 acres containing zero building entitlements. James J. second the motion. Motion was passed unanimously 3-0.
2) Discussed the cement work outside and inside the shop on the north side. It was tabled for now and may be put off until next year.

10. New Business: none

11. Meetings:
Sep 10 – monthly mtg at 7:00 pm

12. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Joey Berg, Clerk

James Raymond, Chairman