

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

*MIDDLEVILLE TOWNSHIP*

*3014 CO. RD. 6 SW*

*HOWARD LAKE, MN 55349*

*January 14, 2025*

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, Treasurer Judy Forst, Clerk Joey Berg, and Maintenance Man Randy Klugow. Absent was PZ Administrator Jessica Efmann. Others in attendance are noted on the sign-in sheet included with the approved minutes.

2. Karen Erickson was present again with basically the same pleas, about the Smith Lake Townsite, as in previous meetings. She rattled off many old land transactions and state statutes. Unfortunately, her presentation was so disorganized, it was impossible to follow her “train of thought.” She asked if we had received letters regarding the cemeteries and Clerk Joey said we had received one letter from the Bill Fiedler family. Karen was surprised that that was all we had received. Joey asked her what he should put in the minutes about her presentation, since she has been dissatisfied in the past with the minutes. In her words, “The owners want the cemeteries back.” The board advised her to get legal help because they, as the Board of Supervisors, have done as much as they can.

3. Kirby Moynagh, our new County Commissioner, was present. He mentioned a few points:

1) the County is still waiting for direction from Middleville regarding - The County of Wright will act in place of Middleville Township as the local government unit for the regulation and enforcement of cannabis under Minnesota Chapter 342. He will email us a copy of the agreement we need to sign.

2) Kirby hopes to get to each Township’s meeting, in his district, twice a year...but at least one.

3) The county is looking for help in obtaining numbers of “homeless people” in our county. These figures are needed for purposes of obtaining Federal Grants for assistance in these areas. January 25 is the date set for collecting these numbers.

4) He is planning on having an article in the local newspaper on a regular basis.

5) Wayne Seppelt had comments on “high speed” internet and was wondering how “optic cable” routes are chosen. Kirby had no concrete answer to that question.

4. Joey presented the Clerk’s report: The December minutes were reviewed. The January misc. receipts in the amount of \$164.00 and claims in the amount of \$24,279.18 were reviewed. James R. made a motion and Walt second to approve the Clerk’s report (including claim #s 10427-10450 & EFT#s E012501-E012507). Carried unanimously 3-0.

5. Judy then presented the Treasurer’s report: she stated that the balance on hand at the end of December was \$694,387.82. We had received our 2<sup>nd</sup> half Town Aid from the State, \$2,205.50 and also our 2<sup>nd</sup> half Ag Market Value Credit, \$5,103.45. She noted that there had been interest income of \$116.40 in the month of December of which \$99.78 was reinvested. There was also a lost check in the banking system, #10362 \$147.93, which we have now added back in. Walt made a motion and James J. second to approve the Treasurer’s report. Carried unanimously 3-0. The board then did an audit of the Clerk’s December books along with the Treasurer’s report and bank statements. A motion was made by James J. and second by James

R. to approve the audit of the Clerk's December books. Carried unanimously 3-0.

6. PZ report: Jess emailed a brief report: 1) she has received no communication from Travis Mcilree or his lawyer. 2) she has received multiple calls regarding building on 212000-102300. This parcel currently has no building entitlements on it. 3) she is working on the Deed Restriction on the Zeidler farm after the building site split off. There is one remaining Building Entitlement, PID 212-000-233300. 4) Jed Zander is wanting to split off a building site on his PID 212-000-223300, a 40 acre bare land parcel.

7. Road Maintenance Report: Randy reported 1) he had plowed a little snow a couple of times. 2) he has been doing maintenance work on the equipment. 3) he showed the board his findings on a new truck. It was tabled for the moment. James J. made a motion and Walt second to approve the Road Maintenance report. Carried unanimously 3-0.

8. Old Business: James J. had talked with our attorney Troy Gilchrist about how to proceed with Travis Mcilree. Troy suggested that he could draft a letter and send to Travis about the agreed upon date of moving out by May 1; hopefully, that would then be adhered to. If not, the the next step would have to be civil court. The board agreed to move forward with directing Troy to create that letter.

9. New Business: 1) Joey had been to the Twp Association mtg last week and reported that the County is still hoping for some Township officers to help out on a "recycling committee" with ideas on distribution of some state funds that are available. 2) Walt and James J. have both attended the required training for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. Since State Statutes require there to be a quorum and at least one of the voting members be trained, we are now, for sure, in compliance. The assigned date for our Board of Review is Thursday, April 10 at 1:00 pm.

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

11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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Joey Berg, Clerk

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James Raymond, Chairman