

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MIDDLEVILLE TOWNSHIP
3014 CO. RD. 6 SW
HOWARD LAKE, MN 55349
June 11, 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 Deputy Clerk Briana Jacobs. Maintenance Man, Randy Klugow was gone on vacation. Others in attendance are noted on the sign-in sheet included with the approved minutes.
2. Kris Bakeberg and Colleen Marketon were on hand and had done some work already obtaining donations of food and materials for "National Night Out." This year it is on Tuesday, August 6. We will check out if the Mid Minnesota Concert Band is available to play music and hopefully the weather would be nice so it could be mainly outside. We would send postcards to all Middleville residents inviting them to a hotdog picnic out, planned for from 5:00–7:00 in the evening. It sounds like there would be representatives from the Fire Department and Sheriff Department in attendance. Walt made a motion and James J. second to go ahead with the plan. Carried unanimously 3-0.
3. Joey presented the Clerk's report: The May minutes were reviewed. The June misc. receipts in the amount of \$15,239.00 (of which 14,588 was "dust control" money from residents) and claims in the amount of \$30,759.14 were reviewed. Walt made a motion and James J. second to approve the Clerk's report (including claim #s 10314-10324 & EFT#s E062401-E062407). Carried unanimously 3-0.
4. Judy then presented the Treasurer's report: she stated that the balance on hand at the end of May was \$562,744.31. She noted that there had been interest income of \$123.12 in the month of May of which \$118.15 was reinvested. James J. 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 May books along with the Treasurer's report and bank statements. A motion was made by Walt and second by James J. to approve the audit of the Clerk's May books. Carried unanimously 3-0.
5. Planning and Zoning: 1) Jess expressed that regarding fences, it seems to be more recommendations rather than rules in the ordinances; except, in shoreland the fence cannot be more than 5 feet tall and it cannot block the neighbor's view of the lake and the set-back from the lake is the same as the principle building. 2) Jess again said there has been quite a bit of bldg permit activity. 3) She reiterated the same as last month that North Metro may need a CUP for their business, because it appears their "tree farming" is buying and selling tree plants (in Section 8). 4) She mentioned we have heard nothing back from the "squatters" on 10th St who were to respond. A letter will be sent from our lawyer with the next steps. James R. made a motion and Walt second to accept the PZ report. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.
6. Road Maintenance Report: Randy had texted Joey with 1) he was working on getting roads ready for dust control. 2) he's been blading. 3) he started hauling gravel. 4) he mowed the roadsides. 5) he will start the roadside spraying when he gets back.

7. Old Business: 1) Doug Bergstrom had given us a quote of \$960 to fix up the foundation under the Memorial Stone out at Smith Lake Townsite and Cemetery. James R. made a motion and James J. second to hire Doug to do that project. There was also discussion about getting the same work done in and outside the north shed door as had been done on the south side 2 or 3 years ago. Also the "shelled off" concrete around the edges and by walk in doors needs to be replaced. We will check with Doug on a quote for that too. Tony Elfmann may be available to help break up the old cement and do the backhoe digging.

8. New Business: we have been informed that Troy Gilchrist and Jason Hill are leaving Kennedy & Graven effective June 7, 2024 to form their own firm called Town Law Center PLLP. There was discussion on whether we should stay with them, or go with someone else, such as Ruppe and Couri. James J. had just been to a law seminar with all these guys and he was fine with staying with Troy Gilchrist. Jessica also was comfortable staying with Troy. James J. made a motion and Walt second to keep Troy Gilchrist as our Town Lawyer. Carried unanimously 3-0. Joey will email Kennedy & Graven to transfer our files to Town Law Center PLLP.

9. Meetings:

Jul 9 – monthly mtg at 7:00 pm

Jul 11 – quarterly Wright Co Ass'n of Twps supper mtg, Rockford Twp, 6:30

10. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Joey Berg, Clerk

James Raymond, Chairman