

April 28, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Royalton Township Board Meeting

6052 Royalton Road; Braham MN 55006

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Unapproved

7:30 pm, April 28, 2015, Chair Marshall Pearson called the Royalton Township Board Meeting to order with Supervisor Leslie Orvis, Supervisor Wayne Olson, Treasurer Wendy Tchida, and Clerk Roberta Folkestad present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Chair Pearson to appoint Supervisor Leslie Orvis 2015 Chair, second by Supervisor Olson, motion carried unanimously

Motion by Supervisor Olson to add additions of: code of ordinances, landscaping and spraying ditches to the agenda and to approve the agenda, second by Chair Orvis, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Pearson to approve the March 31, 2015 Board Minutes as printed, second by Supervisor Olson, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Olson to approve the March 31, 2015 Re-organization Meeting Minutes with an addition under no charge for non-profits: to “no charge for non-profits - with a \$200.00 deposit”, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Pearson to approve the minutes to the Board of Equalization as read, second by Supervisor Olson, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Olson to approve the Treasurer’s Report as read, second by Chair Orvis, motion carried unanimously.

After reading and discussing checks numbered 7509 through 7532 in the amount of \$5,759.19, motion by Supervisor Olson to approve and pay all checks, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

Public forum was offered.

Bob Adamak reported that the neighbor's dogs came at him again and their owner called him names. Mr. Adamak called the County and was told the township needs to do something about this. Vehicles from Workman's property are tearing up the road. Someone named TJ has been living in a travel trailer all winter. Bob Maslow built a dam, which causes problems for another property owner named Bob, no last name, who lives east of Mr. Adamak. Chair Orvis and Zoning Administrator John Kemen will go out there. Supervisor Olson will also go out there. Noted in the minutes there will be a quorum of supervisors.

Head Judge Duane Swanson thanked the board for loaning the "vote here" sign to the school for the May 12, 2015, Bond Referendum. He also encouraged the public to get out and vote. Royalton Township had very few people voting at the last school vote.

Planning Commission Recommendations:

There were no recommendations at this time. Chair Orvis stated the planning commission will be getting educated on signage.

Old business:

After discussion, motion by Supervisor Olson to give Primary Equipment Operator Alan Teich a 3% raise to \$19.57 per hour, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Olson to give the Secondary Operator Ray Purdy a 3% raise to \$19.06 per hour, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

There was only one quote received for removing the trees east of the maintenance building. This has been tabled until more quotes are received.

Representative Tom Miller from the Pine City Fire Department was in attendance to discuss the capital investments the fire department is intending to make. The ladder truck will have a bucket at the end of the ladder to make it much safer for the fire fighters. Roofs are getting harder to climb as they are metal and have thicker shingles. The City of Pine has paid for capital investments up until this time. These

new investments will be on a cost share plan involving townships and cities in the Pine City Fire Department Zone. Henry Fischer from Pokegama Township and Skip Stevens from the City of Rock Creek are two people the board can contact with questions. A newsletter may be sent out in the future updating townships about the fire department.

Information sheets containing facts about John Deere and Caterpillar road graders were handed out to the board by Supervisor Olson. V. J. Polkus from Caterpillar was in attendance. He described why Caterpillar road graders are worth more money. They are tougher, lower fuel consumption, and Ziegler is a family owned, many years in-business company. There was discussion from the public and the board. Motion by Supervisor Olson to purchase the JD 770D road grader for \$133,162.00, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Olson to purchase a mounted packer WR Series 3 for \$29,000.00, second by Chair Orvis, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chair Orvis to leave it contingent to the money in July whether the township pays outright for the road grader or pays part and finances part, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chair Orvis to have Supervisor Olson order the road patrol and packer, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

The mural on the maintenance building: tabled.

The property owner of the building on Apple Road with the tarps on the roof has been contacted by Zoning Administrator Kemen. The owner will be putting the roof on.

Zoning Administrator Kemen is working on contacting the English speaking daughter of the property owners with the chicken house on Apple Road.

The Brunswick Road property with multiple cars: tabled.

The property on the north side of State Hwy 70 looks much better: tabled.

After discussion about costs of dust control on Hummingbird Road, the board will do nothing about it at this time.

Possible gravel removal from Timber Drive: tabled until the May meeting.

Nothing has been done about the plumbing in the maintenance building.

Discussion about attorney fees being charged to property owners: tabled.

Table discussion: tabled.

New business:

Motion by Supervisor Olson to send a letter to the property owner at 5389 Hummingbird Road about the junk on their property and to include a copy of the junk part of the ordinance, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Olson to send a letter to the property owners on Eagle Lane about a turn-around for the road grader/snowplow, including a permission form for them to sign, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Pearson to have Eric Bjorklund build the turn-around and not to exceed \$1,800.00, second by Chair Orvis, motion carried unanimously.

The additions to the ordinance were signed by Chair Orvis and the signature sheet needed for the County Recorder's Office was also signed and witnessed.

Property landscape was discussed. There is a need for black dirt. Chair Orvis will contact Doug Eklund, who had offered black dirt for the landscape repair. Supervisor Pearson and Secondary Operator Purdy will get together and discuss what needs to be done this spring to make the yard look good.

Spraying road sides was discussed. It would be illegal for the township to do the spraying. Supervisor Olson checked that out after it had been suggested at a previous board meeting. The board will look for a licensed sprayer to do the road sides.

The 9:00 am, May 26, 2015 Special Meeting Committee of the Whole – Pine County Board of Commissioners will be held at Royalton Town Hall.

The next town board meeting will be held at 7:30 pm, May 26, 2015.

Being no further town business, motion by Supervisor Pearson to adjourn, second by Supervisor Olson, motion carried unanimously. 9:28 pm, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Clerk Roberta Folkestad

Chair Leslie Orvis

Supervisor Wayne Olson

Supervisor Marshall Pearson