

Royalton Township Board Meeting  
February 28, 2012  
Approved

7:42 pm, February 28, 2012, Royalton Township Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Leslie Orvis with John Kemen, Wayne Olson, Wendy Tchida and Roberta Folkestad present. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Wayne Olson to add, under new business, letter to Pine County and to approve the agenda, second by John Kemen, motion carried.

Motion by John Kemen to approve the January 31, 2012 minutes as read, second by Wayne Olson, motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Olson to approve the Treasurer's report as read, second by John Kemen, motion carried.

After reading the claims, motion by Wayne Olson to discuss one of the time sheets later in the meeting and approve and pay checks, second by John Kemen, motion carried. Check numbers 6345 through 6367, for a total of; \$9,774.61 with check number 6362 voided, were paid.

Old business:

Sergeant Kunz was not at the meeting.

The owners of Knutson Tree Service were in attendance and presented a quote of \$125.00 per hour. They have done FEMA work for Cambridge Township and several other area townships. After discussion, motion by Wayne Olson to hire Knutson Tree Service to do up to \$5,000.00 work for Royalton Township, second by John Kemen, motion carried. John Kemen has a copy of their certificate of insurance.

The status of the illegal trailer house at PID#29.0134.000, on the Brunswick Road, was discussed. The owner wants to fix it up and sell it. Motion by Wayne to give him thirty days to get it removed from the Township, second by John Kemen, motion carried. The Clerk will write a letter and inform him he has thirty days to remove it or the township will have it removed at his expense.

Insulation in garage ceiling will be discussed at a later time.

After discussion motion by Leslie Orvis to enact the Royalton Township Resolution # 2012-1; Policy on Issuing Certificates of Compliance and Certificates of Occupancy, second by John Kemen, motion carried.

There will be an Interim permit discussion at the next working Planning Commission Meeting.

Wayne Olson presented information that the cost to run the road grader per year is about \$18,035.00. Depreciation is about \$3,400.00 on a seven year cycle and we are five years into it. There will be discussion about purchasing a new machine at the annual meeting.

Wayne Olson reported that Sergeant Kunz, Roberta Folkestad and he called upon Ms Carol Gaard in response to her complaints about the barking dogs. After discussion, motion by Leslie Orvis to take no further action at this time, second by Wayne Olson, motion carried, with John Kemen abstaining.

Prices and a recommendation from Travis Kemen about a new computer were discussed. Motion by Leslie Orvis to purchase a Toshiba with 750 gigabytes hard drive and 6 gigabytes memory at Office Max for \$999.99 plus tax, second by Wayne Olson, motion carried.

Three new fire extinguishers were purchased to replace the ones that were over ten years old. The one in the road patrol was okay.

The website email addresses and upgrade were discussed. Motion by Wayne Olson to upgrade at \$150.00 to the 2.5 software, second by John Kemen, motion carried.

New business:

Pine City Fire Contract was signed by Chairman Leslie Orvis and, Supervisor John Kemen, and then witnessed by the Clerk, Roberta Folkestad.

After much discussion, motion by Wayne Olson to leave the proposed 2013 levy at \$219,000.00 and to start an Equipment Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 out of either the Road and Bridge Fund or the General Fund, second by John Kemen, motion carried.

There have been reports about junk on property on Pokegama Lake Road. The Supervisors will drive past to view this. It will be put on the agenda for the next meeting, with possibly a letter to the property owner and Pine County about the junk.

After discussion, the Clerk will compile a report of Board/Planning Commission activities from the past year for the Annual Meeting.

Items for the Annual Meeting agenda are: road grader fund, dirt work for the new town hall, a town hall lay out plan, 540th street work to be done, a township mower, long term plan for clearing the ditches to keep the roads in better condition.

Motion by Wayne Olson to place an ad for gravel quotes, using the same wording as last year; due at the March 27, 2012 Board Meeting; second by John Kemen, motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Olson to purchase a battery charger from NAPA for up to \$250.00, second by John Kemen, motion carried.

Motion by John Kemen to cash out the general fund overflow Certificate of Deposit, due to mature on March 17, 2012; valued at \$51,588.04; and deposit it into the checking account, second by Wayne Olson, motion carried.

After discussion, motion by Leslie Orvis to have the Clerk write a letter to Pine County Engineer, Mark Lebrun, asking what signage in Royalton they are in ownership of, and to include a copy of the Anderson Passe road sign evaluation, second by Wayne Olson, motion carried.

The road patrol operator's time sheet was discussed and found to be in order.

The reorganization meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on March 27, 2012.

Wayne Olson thanked John Kemen for the good work he has done while on the Township Board!

Nancy Dahlin-Teich reported some information about Interim Permits in the legislature.

The Board of Audit met to audit the 2011 books. Everything was found to be in order.

Being no further Township business, motion by John Kemen to adjourn, second by Wayne Olson, 9:55 pm, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Roberta Folkestad, Royalton Township Clerk

Leslie Orvis, Supervisor

Wayne Olson, Supervisor

Marshall Pearson, Supervisor

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