

Royalton Township Board Meeting

January 25, 2011

Approved

January 25, 2011, Royalton Township Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Leslie Orvis, with John Kemen, Terry Lind, Wendy Tchida and Roberta Folkestad present. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by John Kemen to approve the agenda with the addition to new business of: Apple Road; Marshall Lind, Building Inspector; Ron Bjorklund; and two letters received; second by Terry Lind, motion carried.

Motion by Terry Lind to approve the Clerk's minutes, with two date corrections, from 2010 to 2011, second by John Kemen, motion carried.

Motion by John Kemen to approve the Treasurer's Report as read, second by Terry Lind, motion carried.

The bills were read and discussed. Motion by Terry Lind to approve and pay all bills presented, second by John Kemen, motion carried.

Old business:

Steve and Lorrie Abel were present about a building permit for a second dwelling on their property. The Planning Commission and Township Board have searched the Royalton Township Code of Ordinances for a possible way for them to add a second dwelling, but nothing was found. They were told that a ten acre minor subdivision, with 330 feet of road frontage, a driveway permit, septic system and all Township requirements would have to be met. Zoning Administrator John Kemen offered to help with any questions they might have about the process.

A letter has been sent to the property owners located at 5300 Royal River Road. There has been no response at this time.

New Business:

The City of Braham's Fire Contract was signed by Chairman, Leslie Orvis, and witnessed by the Clerk, Roberta Folkestad.

After discussion, Royalton Township Board unanimously enacted a Resolution Establishing an Absentee Ballot board. The Resolution was signed by all Supervisors, and witnessed by the Clerk.

There was discussion about fuel purchases for the Pit Stop at Rock Creek. There is a three cent discount given there. The Clerk will compile a list of people allowed to sign for fuel purchases there. The list will have both Alan Teich and Ray Purdy on it, and the three Supervisors: Leslie Orvis, John Kemen, and Terry Lind.

A letter was received from Seven County Senior Federation requesting a donation, but Royalton Township has a policy, to not donate Township Money to any organization.

The Braham Postmaster inquired if Royal Way, Royal River, and Royal Woods Roads were Royalton Township Roads, as the mail carrier had been stuck on them at least twice this winter. The Postmaster was told they were not Township Roads, that they were dedicated to the public roads.

After discussion, the Board requested that the Clerk send a bill to Braham Schools for snow plowing the loop between Hazelnut Road and Bluebell Road.

Chairman Leslie Orvis told the Board that Ron Bjorklund, of Bjorklund Construction, has passed away. Ron replaced several culverts and did road repair for Royalton the past few years. The Clerk will send a sympathy card to his family.

Motion by John Kemen to send a letter to the property owner, at 10286 Apple Road, Pine City; A complaint has been received concerning the vehicles at the property, also to include the blight and vehicle parts of the Code of Ordinances; second by Terry Lind, motion carried.

Motion by Terry Lind to send letters to Harvey Lindstrom, Royalton's Licensed Septic Inspector and Marshall Lind, Royalton's Licensed Building Inspector; inquiring if everything is okay with them, and to include updated contracts; explaining that the Annual Township Meeting is in March and the Township year begins then. Request comments or signed contracts returned by the February 22, 2011 meeting; second by John Kemen, motion carried.

There were two letters received by Chairman Leslie Orvis; Land Stewardship Project and MAT Insurance. Both were discussed and nothing was needed to be done about them.

There was also an email notice received by the Board concerning township opinions about cell-phone and internet coverage in Royalton Township, as part of Pine County. Pine County Commissioner Hallan would like to meet with someone from all the Townships concerning this. The Clerk will contact them by email to receive any information they wish to share.

For information:

There were Taxable Market Values for the board to read. The Annual Board of Audit is scheduled for immediately following the February 22, 2011 Board Meeting. The new printer was purchased from Office Max January 3, 2011. Travis Kemen came to install the new wireless unit, but rebooted the current one, so we did not need the new unit. He installed the new printer so it works independently from both computers. No safe for checks has been found yet. Pine City Fire Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 7:00 pm, at the New City Hall Council Chambers, 315 Main St. S; Pine City. The next Working Planning Commission Meeting will be rescheduled until Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm, due to a conflict with the Pine City Fire Meeting.

8:15 pm, The Board recessed for ten minutes to meet with the employees.

8:25 pm, the meeting reconvened. Being no other Township Business, motion by Terry Lind to adjourn, second by John Kemen, motion carried. 8:30 pm meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Roberta Folkestad, Clerk

Leslie Orvis, Chairman

John Kemen, Supervisor

Terry Lind, Supervisor