

July 30, 2019 Board Minutes

Royalton Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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Approved

7:30 p.m., 30 July 2019, Chair Wayne Olson called the Royalton Township regular board meeting to order with Supervisor Marshall Pearson, Supervisor Jeff Schlaeger, Treasurer Wendy Tchida, and Clerk Duane Swanson present. Also present were Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, Assistant Road Superintendent Alex Anderson and Deputy Clerk Priscilla Schneider. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Pearson moved, Supervisor Schlaeger seconded, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of claim and check update, ditching on Homer and Butterfly roads, condition of Bayberry Road, tree cutting on Hummingbird Road and Royal Heights Lane, and payment for Mystic Dove Road. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Schlaeger moved, Chair Olson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of 25 June 2019 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Schlaeger moved, Chair Olson seconded, to approve the minutes of the public hearing of 25 June 2019 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Tchida gave her report, noting that the township has a current balance of \$308,101.59 in the treasury. Supervisor Pearson moved, Supervisor Schlaeger seconded, to approve the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Swanson noted the addition of check #9288 to Bombard Tech in the amount of \$189.99 (to cover domain name registration) to the paid claims list. Chair Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve payment of checks #9264-9288 in the amount of \$43,800.25. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Olson, Supervisor Pearson, and Supervisor Schlaeger voting "Aye".

Public Forum was offered. No one spoke.

Planning Commission recommendations:

The commission had recommended approval of the draft findings of fact and decision on the William Cort interim use permit request with the revised explanation of business use and the incorporation of the section number in the decision. Chair Olson moved, Supervisor Schlaeger seconded, to approve the draft with suggested changes, to grant the interim use permit with conditions enumerated in the findings of fact, and to issue a check to Pine County for filing of the permit. The motion carried unanimously.

The commission also recommended that the board set a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems ordinance as required by Pine County. Chair Olson moved, Supervisor Schlaeger seconded, to set a public hearing for 6:30 p.m., 27 August 2019, in the Royalton Town Hall to consider proposed amendments. The motion passed unanimously. The board also requested that Septic Inspector Amy Thompson be present at the hearing.

There were no recommendations on the solar energy ordinance, which is being worked on, or on the policy book and township levy/equipment inventory.

Old Business:

Quality Carpet Cleaning will clean the town hall carpet on Thursday, 1 August. They will bring a certificate of insurance for the town records at that time.

The board reviewed septic compliance issues. A design for 11064 Harvest Road is in progress. Chair Olson moved, Supervisor Schlaeger seconded, to send required letter #1 to 8825 Greeley Loop unless Inspector Thompson informs the town that work is underway. The motion carried unanimously. No updates were provided on the other noncompliant properties that have later deadlines for compliance.

The board reviewed zoning issues emanating from the road inspection. Supervisor Pearson moved, Supervisor Schlaeger seconded, to proceed with legal proceedings to clean up disabled vehicles from 4843 Brunswick Road. The motion carried unanimously; Chair Olson will so inform counsel. By consensus, as approved at a previous meeting, the board authorized Chair Olson to proceed with legal work to clean up 1255 Royal Heights Lane. Zoning Administrator Kemen will continue to investigate issues at 1378 Sherwood and 5536 Pokegama Lake Road. Supervisor Schlaeger will talk with owners of 9451 Brunswick Road; no response has been received from the town's letter to the owners. Potential issues at 1390 Sherwood Street have been tabled until the August meeting and at 2667 Greeley Road until the 2020 road inspection.

In response to the town's letter to Shafer Construction regarding Frost Drive, Supervisor Schlaeger had received a call from the firm noting that talks will continue in the fall.

No payment from Pokegama Township for upgrades to Mystic Dove Road has been received. By consensus, the board determined to wait until the August meeting for any further action.

Road Superintendent Saumer reported that the training classes authorized at last month's meeting were full, so no registrations were accepted. He is on the list for notification of the next round of training.

New Business:

Nessel Township had requested cost of graveling 540th Street. Clerk Swanson presented a draft letter in response. Supervisor Pearson moved, Chair Olson seconded, to send an amended draft. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Swanson presented correspondence received during the month: The Pine County Historical Society requested that a donation be included in next year's budget; by consensus, the board authorized the office to respond that township policy is to not grant funds to other organizations, preferring the town residents contribute as they feel moved. A township seminar by Couri & Ruppe Law Office will be held in Rutledge on 7 September. The MAT District 7 meeting at the Big Lake Town Hall will be 8 August at 7:30 p.m. The township has received a request from Senior Living Help to add a link to their website from the township's website; after discussion the board, by consensus, declined to begin a practice of linking to other's websites.

The board reviewed issues relating to roads: Bayberry Road continues to have gravel and water problems and residents have complained; Road Superintendent Saumer and John DeGray explained that work is in progress to address these issues. Additional ditching on both sides of Homer Road needs to be done. Butterfly Road has had water running over it and needs to be ditched. Additional discussion followed about how successful ditching might be accomplished. Downed trees on Hummingbird Road because of the recent storms need to be removed. Tree cutting has begun on Royal Heights Lane.

At 8:12 p.m., Supervisor Pearson moved, Supervisor Schlaeger seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

FYI:

The fully executed agreement with Linda Wiener has been sent to her. Conditional approval for Patty Johnson's minor subdivision has been sent to Pine County.

The next regular board meeting is 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, 27 August 2019. This meeting will be preceded by a public hearing meeting at 6:30, planning commission at 7:00, and the reconvened annual meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk

Wayne Olson, Chair/Supervisor

Marshall Pearson, Vice Chair/Supervisor

Jeff Schlaeger, Supervisor