

# May 30, 2017 Board Minutes

Royalton Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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Approved

7:30 p.m., 30 May 2017, Chair Marshall Pearson called the Royalton Township regular board meeting to order with Supervisor Wayne Olson, Supervisor Jeff Schlaeger, Treasurer Wendy Tchida, and Clerk Duane Swanson present. Also present was Deputy Clerk Roberta Folkestad. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Olson moved, Chair Pearson seconded, to add to the agenda Department of Natural Resources involvement in turnarounds, noise issue, brushing, road supervisor contact, and Hedwig Wroolie complaint and to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Olson moved, Chair Pearson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular 25 April 2017 board meeting with the addition of the following sentence to the second from the last paragraph on page 4: "The board reviewed the quote and reaffirmed its previous decision." Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Schlaeger seconded, to approve the treasurer's report as read. The report showed a current balance of \$361,419.93. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Pearson moved, Supervisor Schlaeger seconded, to approve check numbers 8336 through 8370 in the amount of \$30,357.95. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum was offered; no one spoke.

Planning Commission recommendations:

The board reviewed the survey of the proposed land split of PID# 29.0221.000 by Michael McGaffigan. Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Schlaeger seconded, to approve the proposed split of a thirty-acre parcel into two 15 acre-parcels, contingent on the approval of Zoning Administrator John Kemen and with the completion of soil borings (or a notation that such tests must be done before the parcel could be considered buildable). The motion carried unanimously.

#### Old Business:

The board reviewed the status of the removal of "junk" from 3625 State Highway 70 (PID #29.0241.000). No permits have been requested as was understood at the last meeting. There seems to have been no significant change in the property. After discussion, Supervisor Schlaeger moved, Supervisor Olson seconded, to consult with the township attorney in order to begin the legal process of getting the property cleaned up. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Swanson read a letter from Edwin Garthune in response to the board's letter about his driveway and lack of culvert on Crestview Avenue. Mr. Garthune claimed that he had consulted with Zoning Administrator Kemen and received approval for a driveway with no culvert. He

noted that the ponding visible to the board on the road inspection trip was temporary. Deputy

Clerk Folkestad reported that Zoning Administrator Kemen remembered agreeing with Mr. Garthune's position. By consensus, the board directed John DeGray to view the situation, consider options, and report back to the board. Supervisor Olson will inform Mr. Garthune of this action. The board agreed that a culvert will be installed if needed and will be paid for by the township.

The board was informed of the following responses to its letters resulting from the road inspection:

- 4670 Canary Road: Don Damann reported to Zoning Administrator Kemen that the driveway had existed "forever"; he just improved it. The board directed Zoning Administrator Kemen to follow-up with Mr. Damann with the proviso that if the ditch holds water a culvert must be installed.
- 5536 Pokegama Lake Road: New owner Choua Wanglue Vang is working with former owner Mr. Anderson to have the property cleaned up.
- 2667 Greeley Road: Carrie Kissner contacted the township to note that many of the vehicles are not owned by them and that they are working with the owners to have them removed.
- 1390 Sherwood: Kathleen Lakedon maintains that this is a one residence property and that she is clearing it up.

- 2119 Pokegama Lake Road: Ms. Wickman was given Marshall Lind's telephone number and told to contact him about a permit.
- 57362 Elmcrest: A permit had been issued; this issue requires no further response.
- 4843 Brunswick: There has been no response.
- 4673 Canary: There has been no response.

Chair Pearson directed Zoning Administrator Kemen and board members to review these issues before the next meeting in order to determine appropriate actions at that meeting.

Road maintenance supervisor Dan Saumer reported that he had contacted the county about the time line for replacing its culvert at the intersection of Homer and Elmcrest. The county is aware of the issue, accepts responsibility for it, but does not have a definite timeline for addressing it. The field driveway on Raspberry North has been moved to the highest point with no culvert required; the installation of the second culvert is in process. The turnaround on Mystic Dove will require a letter to the homeowner involved.

Deputy Clerk Folkestad reported that she will send letters to Nessel Township informing them that they will have responsibility for 540th Street as of June 1 for a period of one year and to Pokegama Township informing them that they will have responsibility for Mystic Dove as of June 1 for a period of one year. The letter to Pokegama should note that Royalton will be brushing later in the year (when we rent the brusher) and that we do not recommend any additional gravel at this time.

The board directed the Clerk/Deputy Clerk to write another letter to the telephone company about the culvert on Timber Drive and to include a photograph of the line going through it.

John DeGray reported that installation of the three culverts authorized at the last meeting had been delayed because of the wet weather. He also reported that he had not investigated the drainage situation at the intersection of Church Road and Highway 70.

Chair Pearson had talked with Pokegama Township. They will not be chloriding roads this year so Royalton will be unable to piggyback on their order. Supervisor Schlaeger reported that Royalton can piggyback with the county, who is planning to do so by the end of June.

Supervisor Olson reported that he had discussions with Joshua Koelsch of the Department of Natural Resources with the following updates: The DNR will remove the outer row of trees at the Bears Ear turnaround and will install a parking lot for 4-6 vehicles on their land. Royalton still needs to determine the land ownership at the center of the turnaround. The DNR will create parking lots for 4-6 vehicles each on Cabin Drive and Maple Shores. The DNR is getting approvals for access to Maple Shores.

Supervisor Schlaeger reported that brushing and tree removal will take place on Bluebell, Hazelnut, and Mystic Dove later in the season. The board directed that letters be sent to affected property owners.

Supervisor Olson reported that he had many complaints from residents along roads that have been reclaimed. Many of these callers did not leave their names. Supervisor Olson stated that unless a caller leaves his/her name, he will not be getting back to them. The board concurred with this policy and noted that reclamation of the roads will continue.

Chair Pearson updated the board on the pole building construction noting that the pad had been installed and that the power line had been moved.

Supervisor Olson reported that he and Zoning Administrator John Kemen had visited the property on Canary Road that has been the subject of noise complaints. They talked with Madeline Pennings and had scheduled meetings with Max Schantzen for 22 May and 29 May, both of which were cancelled. Madeline Pennings was present and addressed the board about the complaints. She noted that one of the vehicles did have a loud exhaust system and that reconfiguring should help with the noise. She was concerned, however, that if this were completed, there would still be other complaints forthcoming. She characterized neighbor reaction as a "gossip" issue. Chair Pearson thanked Ms. Pennings for her attendance and urged her and Mr. Schantzen to study the zoning ordinance as it relates to noise and to continue dialogue with their neighbors. Barb Dreyer also addressed the board on this issue, noting the "noise log" that she shared with the board and reiterating her experiences of being unable to

carry on conversation with family and with winery guests because of the protracted noise. The board thanked Ms. Dreyer for her comments and encouraged her to continue keeping the board informed.

New Business:

Clerk Swanson and Deputy Clerk Folkestad reported on their conversations with Mrs. Hedwig Wroolie about her concerns over water backing up onto her property due to the supposed filling up of the space on Royal River Run where the culvert washed out. Supervisor Olson and Zoning Administrator Kemen had viewed the property on 5 May and could not detect any increased level of water. Board members are encouraged to continue to monitor this issue.

The board, by consensus, authorized attendance of Clerk Swanson and Deputy Clerk Folkestad at the Minnesota Association of Townships summer training courses at St. Cloud on 19 June. Early registration carries a \$50.00 per person fee.

Chair Pearson noted that builders' insurance had been added to the township policy, a new flag and lanyard had been purchased by the township and installed by Gary Valvoda; letters approving the Kyle S. Bowman land split had been sent to the county; that a Pine County Board of Commissioners special meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., 14 June. He also noted that a special meeting of the Pine County Commissioners will be held at Royalton Township from noon to 3:00 p.m. on 8 August 2017. The next town board meeting will be Tuesday, 27 June 2017, at 7:30 p.m.

At 8:52 p.m., Supervisor Schlaeger moved, Supervisor Olson seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk

Marshall Pearson, Chair

Wayne Olson, Supervisor

Jeff Schlaeger, Supervisor