

November 27, 2018 Board Minutes

Royalton Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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Approved

7:30 p.m., 27 November 2018, Chair Jeff Schlaeger called the Royalton Township regular board meeting to order with Supervisor Marshall Pearson, Supervisor Wayne Olson, Treasurer Wendy Tchida, and Clerk Duane Swanson present. Also present was Road Superintendent Dan Saumer. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of dump truck/DOT, ditch cleanout, and clerk's announcements. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of 30 October 2018 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Tchida gave her report, noting that the township has a current balance of \$299,214.56 in the treasury. Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pearson moved, Chair Schlaeger seconded, to approve payment of checks #8999 - 9035 totaling \$8,861.78. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Schlaeger, Supervisor Olson, and Supervisor Pearson voting "aye."

Public Forum was offered. No one spoke.

Planning Commission recommendations:

The board acknowledged receipt of the recommendation about the proposed land split near Maple Shores, noted Assessor Kelly Schroeder's determination that one platted and one unplatted parcel could not be combined into one PID and her recommendation that the acreages of two remote (disconnected) parcels could be added together to satisfy the ten-acre minimum requirement, and that the two smaller parcels thus counted could not be sold separately in the future. By consensus, the board recommended the following: have the original parcel surveyed into the two parcels with appropriate soil borings, bring a request for a land split to the board with counsel-approved language that the two smaller parcels be considered one, with only one primary dwelling and must not be separately sold in the future.

There were no recommendations on township levy and equipment budgets and fireproof file cabinets.

Old Business:

Supervisor Olson presented an order for abatement drafted by legal counsel noting that the property at 1386 Sherwood remains noncompliant with Royalton's zoning ordinances and asked that the order be approved and signed so that legal action can continue. Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve and sign the order. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Olson noted that legal action is proceeding to abate zoning violations at 9435 Apple Road.

Supervisor Olson noted that progress is being made on both the township's email address and data backup with resolution of these issues

John DeGray noted that brush removal at the turnaround on Eagle Lane remains on the work plan.

Supervisor Olson reported that discussion of 540th Street will be delayed until 2019 due to the early freeze-up.

New Business:

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve Resolution 2018-5 designating the Royalton town hall as the election polling place for 2019. The motion carried unanimously and shall be a part of these minutes.

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to approve a resolution accepting with thanks a \$60.00 donation from Marion M. Larson designated for the purchase of two United States flags. The motion carried unanimously and shall be a part of these minutes.

Clerk Swanson presented the proposed 2019 agreement for building inspection services between the Braham Milaca Building Inspector Board and Royalton Township noting that the town agrees to pay 70% of inspection fees and 100% of plan check fees collected by the Inspection Board. The board declined to sign the agreement and requested information on whether or not these fees were the same as the current agreement.

As requested by the board, Clerk Swanson presented a draft letter regarding junk vehicles at 9451 Brunswick Road (PID 29.0157.000). By consensus, the board tabled action until the December meeting.

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to set the date of the 2019 Board of Audit meeting as 26 February 2019 at the end of the regularly-scheduled board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Swanson noted that an applicant briefing will be held at the Pine County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday, 28 November 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to address damages occurring to town facilities and roads during flooding on 12 July 2018. Supervisor Pearson volunteered to attend. The office will gather figures on the expenses Royalton incurring during the flooding.

Clerk Swanson noted that an informational letter from the Braham Fire Department had been received and is available for review. Royalton's 2019 proposed payment amounts to \$9,321.12, down slightly from the 2018 assessment.

Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to repair the speedometer on the dump truck as part of the MnDOT inspection at a cost of approximately \$650.00. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Schlaeger, Supervisor Olson, and Supervisor Pearson voting "aye".

Road Superintendent Dan Saumer reported that the ditching along Hummingbird Road is complete and has already reduced water levels enabling better grading of the road. Other proposed ditching projects will be on hold until 2019.

Clerk Swanson noted that the Pine City fire department meeting scheduled for 28 November has been postponed until 20 December 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk Swanson reported that filing applications for one supervisor (3-year term) and one treasurer (2-year term) will be open between 1 January and 15 January 2019. The required advertising will be published in the Pine City Pioneer and posted on the town bulletin board.

By consensus, the board authorized advertising for a back-up snowplow driver. Supervisor Olson will draft requirements for the advertisement.

FYI

The next regular board meeting will be 11 December 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

At 8:06 p.m., Supervisor Olson moved, Supervisor Pearson seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk

Jeff Schlaeger, Chair/Supervisor

Wayne Olson, Vice-Chair/Supervisor

Marshall Pearson, Supervisor

