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Approved

7:30 pm. Tuesday, February 28, 2017, Chair Wayne Olson called the Royalton Township Board Meeting to order with Supervisor Marshall Pearson, Supervisor Jeff Schlaeger, Treasurer Wendy Tchida, and Clerk Roberta Folkestad present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Supervisor Pearson to add brush to the agenda and to approve the agenda, second by Chair Olson, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Schlaeger to approve the Treasurer's Report as read by Treasurer Tchida, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

After discussing checks number 8238 through 8265 in the amount of \$4,195.20, motion by

Supervisor Pearson to approve and sign all checks, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously.

Public forum was offered. Gene Dagostino from the corner of Brunswick Road and Frost Drive questioned the official status of Frost Drive. The Town Board stated Frost Drive is a township road. It has gone from limited maintenance to regular maintenance. Mr. Dagostino was concerned about the power lines. He was told the power lines were there before Frost Drive became a town road, and that the township has nothing to do with the power lines. The township gravels, grades, plows, and mows the width that is there. Mr. Dagostino plans to access power from the power line along Frost Drive, but have a driveway off Brunswick Road.

Planning Commission recommendations:

The planning commission discussed stabilization and the 2017 gravel purchase. They recommended purchasing 2000 yards' class 5 instead of 3000 yards, and to see how the road tests planned for this spring turn out before purchasing more gravel; stabilizing roads after the tests and comparing results between newly gravel roads to roads that have older gravel on them.

Old business:

Chair Olson and Zoning Administrator John Kemen met with Attorney Kevin Hofstad about property owned by Sheila Hecht, 3623 State Highway 70, PID#29.0241.000. The attorney sent a letter to Mrs. Hecht asking her to attend this meeting. Mrs. Hecht called Chair Olson and stated she could not attend tonight's meeting, but would attend next month's meeting. Discussion about fencing and the property was tabled until next month's meeting.

Road Superintendent Dan Saumer reported on the progress of the truck work being done. The transmission is installed, a new flywheel was installed, the lights are on the blade, and it was suggested to install a camera instead of a window, due a crease in the door. The blade that was removed will be returned to the township, and the truck can be picked up and returned to the town hall this week.

Chair Olson discussed the contract sent to the township from the office of Ledin, Hofstad, Troth, & Fleming with Attorney Hofstad. The contract will be for township board use only, motion by Chair Olson to approve and sign the one-year contract, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously.

There was road shoulder pull in discussion. Road Superintendent Saumer did research with Pokegama Township, Pine County, and Chengwatana Township. Chengwatana Township currently has road shoulder pulling in equipment that Royalton could use behind the tractor for the summer. Superintendent Saumer will report back next month with more information.

Pole-shed and fireproof storage discussion and table cart discussion was tabled until next month.

New business:

Superintendent Saumer requested permission to cut down a couple of trees near Scott Kemen's property and some trees that are tipped over on south Raspberry Road while the ground is still frozen. The board gave him up to ten hours work time to accomplish this. He will get a copy of the permission form from the clerk if the trees are large.

Motion by Supervisor Pearson to publish an ad requesting quotes for gravel, second by Chair Olson, motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about a \$375.00 sewer permit issued to David Latourelle for a new sewer. It was not installed due to Mr. Latourelle purchasing a home on other property instead of building new. The sewer inspector charged \$100.00 for two site visits. Motion by Chair Olson to refund \$275.00 to Mr. Latourelle, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, motion by Chair Olson to rescind the motion made last month to set the levy, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously.

The next Town Board Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

The Annual Board of Audit was held. Motion by Chair Olson stating that the books are found to be correct, second by Supervisor Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

Being no further town business, motion to adjourn by Supervisor Pearson, second by Supervisor Schlaeger, motion carried unanimously, 9:06 pm meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Clerk Roberta Folkestad

Chair Wayne Olson

Schlaeger Marshall Pearson

Supervisor Jeff Schlaeger

