

**Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

Township Board Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Minutes

The July monthly meeting of the Princeton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Gene Stoeckel at 7:00 p.m. Supervisors attended the meeting in person at Township Hall. The meeting was open to in-person attendance, plus remote participation via GoToMeeting.

Supervisors present: Mike Bishman, Thomas Duden, Dan Hiller, Gene Stoeckel, Bill Whitcomb

Staff present: Ken Henchen, Clerk-Treasurer Terry L. Pflieger, Zoning Administrator Scott Richards (remotely via GoTo Meeting)

Public attendees: Jason Betzler, Ron Gensler, Joel Minks, Nancy Moan, Dan Patnode, Karen Sartell, Jean Stearns. There were three online attendees.

All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda Mr. Bishman moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Hiller seconded it. Motion carried.

Open Forum Joel Minks suggested that Ken Henchen should replace the doorknob on the north entrance of the meeting room. He also requested again that the Zoning Map be updated and printed. Scott Richards said he had been waiting for action from the City of Princeton, but since there has been none, he will have the map updated and printed.

Ron Gensler asked that the board update the animal control ordinance, citing that the sheriff's department is overwhelmed with animal control issues. He also stated that any purported "Guardian Dog" exemption should be struck from the record, stating that this designation has not been found in the Town Ordinances.

Approve Meeting Minutes

July 20 Monthly Meeting: Mr. Bishman moved to approve the minutes of the July 18th monthly meeting. Seconded by Mr. Whitcomb. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Clerk Treasurer Report—July 31, 2023 for August 15, 2023 meeting

General Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 138,283.11
Receipts	\$ 20,952.44
Disbursements	\$ 13,399.62
Ending Balance	\$ 145,835.93
Road & Bridge Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 374,797.06
Receipts	\$ 0.00
Disbursements	\$ 5,642.96

Ending Balance	\$ 369,154.10
ARPA Fund	\$ 124,159.69
Total Cash Beginning Balance	\$ 712,369.61
Receipts	\$ 20,952.44
Disbursements	\$ 23,007.58
Ending Balance	\$ 710,314.47

August 2023 Payroll

Gross	\$ 5,365.50
Net	\$ 4,534.87

Mr. Hiller moved to approve the July Cash Control Statement, Receipts and Disbursements, July Payroll, and Claims for Approval in one motion. Mr. Bishman seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Pflieger reported that Doug Dahl will be working in the office in her absence on August 24th. She asked what his wage should be. Mr. Bishman moved that Mr. Dahl's wage should be at the top of the Deputy Clerk/Clerical pay scale, which is \$22/hour. Mr. Duden seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Report

- **100th Avenue Storage Buildings Rezoning & CUP-Second Reading**

Mr. Whitcomb moved to waive second reading and approve Ordinance No. 2023-4, An Ordinance Amending The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Rezoning To C/I Commercial/Industrial Land Use Classification And Zoning For Property in Section 6 at 100th Avenue South of 70th Street, PID 16-006-0203. Mr. Hiller seconded. Roll was called: Mr. Bishman-Nay, Mr. Duden-Aye, Mr. Hiller-Aye, Mr. Stoeckel-Aye, Mr. Whitcomb-Aye. Motion carried due to 4/5th approval. Ordinance No. 2023-4 is adopted.

Mr. Bishman moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-16, a Resolution Approving the Summary Language for publication of Ordinance No. 2023-4. Mr. Hiller seconded. Roll was called: Mr. Bishman-Aye, Mr. Duden-Aye, Mr. Hiller-Aye, Mr. Stoeckel-Aye, Mr. Whitcomb-Aye. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2023-16 is adopted.

Mr. Duden moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-13 a Conditional Use Permit to allow Mini Storage Buildings on the subject property with conditions. Mr. Whitcomb seconded. Roll was called: Mr. Bishman Aye, Mr. Duden-Aye, Mr. Hiller-Aye, Mr. Stoeckel-Aye, Mr. Whitcomb-Aye. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2023-13 is adopted.

- **3976 Brickton Road**

Mr. Hiller moved to waive second reading for the August 15, 2023, meeting and approve Ordinance No. 2023-3, An Ordinance Amending The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Rezoning To AC Agriculture Conservation Land Use Classification And Zoning For Property in Section 20 at 3976 Brickton Road. Mr. Bishman seconded. Roll was called: Mr. Bishman-Aye, Mr. Duden-Aye, Mr. Hiller-Aye, Mr. Stoeckel-Aye, Mr. Whitcomb-Abstained. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2023-3 is adopted.

Mr. Hiller moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-15, a Resolution Approving the Summary Language for publication of Ordinance No. 2023-3. Mr. Bishman seconded. Roll was called: Mr. Bishman-Aye, Mr. Duden-Aye, Mr. Hiller-Aye, Mr. Stoeckel-Aye, Mr. Whitcomb-Abstained. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2023-15 is adopted.

Mr. Hiller moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-12, a Resolution to rescind the Interim Use Permit issued October 18, 2016, for 3976 Brickton Road. Mr. Bishman seconded. Roll was called: Mr. Bishman-Aye, Mr. Duden-Aye, Mr. Hiller-Aye, Mr. Stoeckel-Aye, Mr. Whitcomb-Abstained. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2023-12 is adopted.

Old Business Township Legal Seminar. Mr. Stoeckel encouraged board members to attend this free training present by Couri & Rupe Law Office.

New Business

- Request for snowplowing bids. Mr. Duden will reach out to last year's vendors. Mr. Hiller suggested we put an auto-extend clause in the contracts if the vendor will work at last year's prices.
- ARPA funds-dedicate to Helman bill. Mr. Hiller moved to use the entire ARPA fund amount of \$124,159.69 for Helman road repair. Mr. Bishman seconded. All aye. Motion carried.
- Special Events Permit-Long Siding Station Car Show Sept. 16th. Mr. Hiller moved to approve this permit. Mr. Bishman seconded. All aye. Motion carried. Permit approved.
- Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Newspaper Ad.-Mr. Hiller moved to give Ms. Pflgebraar permission to place an advertisement for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer in the newspaper. Mr. Duden Seconded. All aye. Motion passed.

Supervisor Reports

Fire Board—Dan Hiller. The next Fire Board meeting is September 5th.

Airport Commission Liaison— Gene Stoeckel. There was no meeting this month.

City Planning Commission Liaison— Gene Stoeckel-no meeting yet this month.

Township Planning Commission Liaison—Mike Bishman. There was no Planning Commission meeting this month.

Road report—Bill Whitcomb

- 40th St. construction is complete, as well as the slope flattening on 82nd Ave & 33rd St.
- Fog seal will be applied to 82nd Ave & 33rd St.
- The Second application of chloride was applied on July 31 and August 1.
- Roadside mowing will be completed after Labor Day.
- More brush removal planned.
- Several roads were graded since last month's meeting.
- Waiting to hear back from Wyanett concerning our last proposal (which was our original one).
- Mr. Whitcomb plans to apply for another LRIP grant (Local Roads Improvement Program). A total of 103 million in funds are available. Max available for 1.5 million for one project. Meeting concerning this are on the MAT website on Aug. 24th and Sept 6th.
- Someone needs to speak with owner of the vehicle sitting on Sunset Drive before winter.
- Proposed work for 2024:

- Pave portions of 50th section 30 (depending on the road agreement).
- Pave 40th St.
- Pave 54th Ave.
- Repair sinkholes on 59th Ave, 7th St and 33rd St.
- Apply gravel shouldering to all paved roads where needed.
- Crack fill and surface treatment on Silver Lake Oaks & Brickton Road (fog sealer or rejuvenator).
- Finish up spray patching not done in 2023.
- Traffic count chart on 50thAve. Mr. Whitcomb developed a sample scoring matrix for deciding which roads should be paved. He suggested the town adopt this matrix to make sound and unbiased decisions on how roads should be treated.

Brush Removal—Mr. Duden

- The tractor is not yet ready to leave the shop for “testing”. Not sure if this will happen this year, as it was struck by lightning.
- Took a couple of trees down on 40th and 60th.
- Wild Parsnip was found on County Road 13 between Jim Orton's and Virgil Schmatz' properties. The county has been notified.

Adjourn

Mr. Hiller moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bishman seconded. All aye. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by the Town Board September 19, 2023

Eugene Stoeckel, Chairman
