

DRESBACH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

January 2, 2018

6:00pm

ATTENDEES: Sheila Craig, JoAnn Demorest, Jeff Demorest, Deb Tesch, Jeff Tesch, Gordon Bateman, Bruce Nordeen, Judy Baeder, Mariel Carlisle, Tim Mormann, Stephanie Swartz, Mark Grade, Tuan Bute, Pat Burns, Dave McCann

-Call to order at 6:05pm

-Pledge of Allegiance

-Approve minutes: **Approve minutes from 12/5/17 Tuan made a motion, Dave 2nd, Discussion vote 3-0 approved.**

Suggestion made to remove the line regarding Pat Burns owning Burns Valley Road.

-Treasurer: Presented Accounts payable to be approved and the Treasurer report for filing.

GUESTS:

-WENCK: Did not attend. Discussed with residents that all correspondence with WENCK must go through the Board or Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

-QTH: Web hosting and domain: Nothing new to report.

-Update piping to La Crescent: Dresbach is on the Agenda for Jan 8th meeting at 5:30pm

-Unaffordability clarification from last meeting. Request was made to get a quote from WENCK and Sheila to explain:

From Peter Daniels, WENCK:

"Group, the definition of "affordable" is a criteria that funding sources use when consider grant needs. It may not necessarily be what individuals consider "affordable", but it is a target used by funding agencies for determining if grant assistance to a community is needed. In this case, the MN PFA considers 1.4% of a community's median household income (MHI) as affordable for wastewater projects."

From Sheila Craig, Community Sewage Treatment Facilitator:

"Affordable/unaffordable are terms use to determine PFA funding for a project based on 1.4% of the community's median household income. If a project is awarded construction grants such as PSIG (Point Source Implementation Grant) and the costs are still above the 1.4%, WIF (Wastewater Infrastructure Fund) money can also be requested to bring the costs to an 'affordable' level."

-Change in the Jan 16th meeting: Jan 16th will now be a regular monthly meeting and Jan 23rd will be the Public Hearing for the Facility Plan at 6:00pm.

-March budget meeting: March annual meeting will be March 13, 2018 at 6:30pm

-Drainage ditch/MNDOT contact: MNDOT contact is Anne Meyer regarding drainage ditch and Winona contact is Anne Morse regarding the Bike Path. Kim spoke with Anne Meyer and we will reach out to her in the Spring to give directions and details about where attention needs to be addressed. Dave Kramer forwarded me a copy of the agreement.

Discussion about whether to mow or not. **Tuan motions to not mow bike path any longer, Dave 2nd, vote 3-0 approved.**

Need to keep communications open though if anyone sees something that needs to be addressed.

-Beet Treat: Nothing new to report. Table until next Fall with new Truck

-5th Street: Vacate-first step need to get a detailed legal description. Could cost \$2000. Gordon would like permission to maintain the road without vacating. The Board will meet Gordon tomorrow around 12:30 to look at the area wanting to maintain.

-Ditch/Haying procedure: Tuan will look up in the Spring

-Porta Potty: Would like contract for the vendor so they know when to pick up and drop off each year. Kim will type up a Contract to present to A1 to deliver April 1st and pick up Dec 1st for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Resolution for Policy: Will get ready for next meeting

-Resolution to shut down road in winter: Put "Road Closed" sign up. Post in paper 30 days before? **Tuan motioned to change the date, Pat 2nd, vote 3-0 passes**

-Resolution for annual Equalization meetings: **Need to re-establish our qualifications and fill out the necessary forms. Will have ready for the next meeting. Pat made a motion to approve, Tuan 2nd, Discussion, vote 3-0 passes**

-Fence requirements for Pete's: Table until next meeting to reach out to the County and the State regarding ordinances for alcohol outside of taverns.

-Outside audits: Kim updated that in 2017, Dresbach Township will be required to have an outside audit. Firms need to be approved by the MN Dept of Audit. Will ask for suggestions and try to keep the costs down.

-Scanner/Copier: Kim has one quote from Loeffler. Board asked to get two more quotes from Tri-State and Laser Products for next meeting

-Community Garden: Tabled until February

-Map of mowed areas: Need an updated map of what gets mowed in Dresbach Township. Need to know what the Township maintains.

-Finance Committee: Stephanie resigned. Meeting scheduled for Thursday, Jan 11th at 5:00pm

-Mail Ballot voting: Tabled until we have more information.

-IRS refund/numbers: Kim updated the Board and residents that there are issues regarding multiple FED ID numbers. Kim has been communicating with the IRS, but has really figured out how to move forward. Will require more phone calls. Asked everyone present if they knew who Christopher J Virta was? No one knew who he was or why he would be attached to our FED ID#. Kim will update findings when she has them.

-Microphone: Updated per Pat's previous request to purchase an additional microphone. Cost for an additional microphone is \$391.00. Board was unanimous saying NO.

-Salt/Sand: Aerie Heights from 2016/2017 Winter. Need to bill them for 1.5 tons at contract price and 2 hours at \$80/hr. Aerie Heights is the only road in the Township that is not maintained by the Township.

FROM THE FLOOR:

Mariel asked about a Holiday Potluck. Kim said she was too busy to organize something in Jan. Suggested that we do something in the Spring with Spring Clean Up Day.

Adjourned at 8:04pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kim M Low

1/18/2018