

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2019

At 7:01 p.m. Chairman William McMullen called this February 4, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting to order and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were; Mike Barfknecht, Stephanie Russek and Renee Olson. John Czanstkowski Sr. is absent.

Motion to approve the January 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes Barfknecht/McMullen M/S/C Unanimous.

Motion to approve the January 17, 2019 Board of Audit and Budget Meeting Minutes Barfknecht/McMullen M/S/C Unanimous.

McMullen recesses the regular meeting and calls to order the Annual Planning & Zoning Meeting. Sean Riley, Wright County, is present this evening to discuss planning and zoning in Franklin Township. Riley states that our land use plan map is a guide and policy, not law. It is to provide the framework for decision makers to provide the direction the township is heading. McMullen asks how the land use plan handles solar farms. Riley states that the red area on the plan is transition area. When the plan was written and discussed with the City of Delano in 2010, there were no solar farms. Riley states that the land use plan is a good guide for somewhere between 10 and 20 years, depending on development. If nothing has grown, there is no reason to revise the plan. Riley also states that one of the conditions for a CUP is that you do not violate the land use plan.

Trends Riley is seeing now;

- 1) Solar is built out as far as Xcel goes. McMullen asks how many solar farms in Wright County. Including the state farms, Riley responds, 10-12 of varying sizes are in Wright County.
- 2) Wedding venues are being discussed quite a bit. He states it is difficult to put an entertainment center in an AG land use plan.
- 3) Gravel mining. McMullen asks the status of the permit at the Delano Gun Club. Riley responds that the EAW still needs to be completed. They are waiting on that now. Barfknecht asks if this could happen by spring and Riley responds it depends.

McMullen asks the residents in attendance if there are any questions. Milo Durbin asks what designates Cedar Lake as a lake. Riley says the DNR does. He explains that there are 3 classes of lakes and they have met one.

McMullen Adjourns the Annual Planning & Zoning Meeting and Reconvenes the Regular Monthly Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Open Quotes for the Official Township Publication Newspaper. One quote was received from The Delano Herald Journal for \$22.50 for one week and \$45.00 for 2 weeks. **Motion** to accept the Delano Herald Journal quote McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

Open Quotes for the Recycle Calendar Print Job. One Quote is received from Greater MN Communications, owned by The Delano Herald Journal for .75 cents per calendar, printing 1100 calendars for a total cost of \$825. **Motion** to accept Greater MN Communications quote McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous. Note made after the Motion that we are printing 100 less calendars this year.

Motion to solicit dust control sealed bids or quotes for the upcoming season. McMullen states that he believes the dollar limit has increased on sealed bids. Clerk Russek will investigate and will send requests out based on the dollar limit findings. McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

Motion to solicit for granite quote or sealed bid McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

Motion to solicit for granite hauling quote or sealed bid, based on the assumption that the product is coming from Martin Marietta McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

Motion to approve vacation and PTO as presented for 4th Quarter McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

Cedar Lake Estates PUD McMullen displays the large maps of the layout of the proposed PUD. He explains that the main area the township has direct responsibility for is the road. We have given the developers our road specs and that is what they have presented back to us on the map. They will now be taking these plans to Wright County. The County will review the lots and make sure MNDOT and the DNR are on board, road frontage and lake frontage are correct, and all plat development is correct. Discussion about driveways and stubbed in culverts. McMullen says that this does work better when everything is determined beforehand. Barfknecht states he is flexible. He understands people may want different locations for driveways. The board says it is not a deal breaker, we are willing accept it a different way, as long as there are culverts and the specs are met. Barfknecht talks about shoulders of the road. He states that you don't really need a shoulder, but it needs to be constructed that the road rounds off. McMullen says in Boulder Woods grass grows right up to the side of the road. McMullen asks about Otta Seal as an option for the road. Linda Splettstoesz says they have not really looked at that yet. McMullen also brings up the thought of a 22-foot 10-ton road lasting longer than a 9-ton, 24 foot road. He is still waiting to hear back from the engineers. Russek is going to research the letter of credit and escrow funds we will need. **Motion** that upon review of

the concept plan for Cedar Lake Estates PUD, file plan 120418, the road appears to meet township standards and is acceptable McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

Deferred Assessment Interest Formula McMullen states that the township has made a discovery in the last 30 days. In the 1990's when Farmington was done the first time, there was a provision where potential lot of splits were assigned a value. That amount did not have to be paid, it could be deferred. It could be deferred at 7% compounded annually. One of the residents called and wanted to pay it off this year. In a letter dated from 2015, written by a past clerk, Deputy Olson was able to see that we have not been compounding the interest; we have been charging simple interest, not compound interest. McMullen has reached out to attorney Pat Neaton who originally worked with the Township on the assessment about how to best move forward. He will report back at the next meeting about his findings.

OLD BUSINESS

Delegated Board Responsibilities McMullen Xtratyme has filed their papers with Wright County and they now have an Administrative Use Permit from Wright County. All that needs to happen now is to put up the antennae. We have not heard when this will happen. We will continue to stay in touch with Wright County and Xtratyme. Clerk Russek will check with Xtratyme regarding the contract//McMullen states the board has narrowed the health insurance benefit down to an HSA contribution. Before an official motion, McMullen would like to have a unanimous board present to pass this. Barfknecht is for the monthly benefit to employees. Russek will check with Wright County to see if there is a way to include township employees on their health plan. **Russek** attorney Couri has responded to the question regarding asking the homeowners association to collect for the maintenance on the road. In a nutshell, it cannot be done. //PTO accrual is presented but will continue to next meeting when Czanstkowski is present.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Miller will step in for snow plowing while maintenance employee Butterfass is gone on vacation.

The OPERA Contract is reviewed and executed by McMullen.

The Delano Fire Department year in review is reviewed.

Resident Bauman asks about how the damage on the Otta Seal project was finalized. McMullen states that 1/2 of the fix will be taken care of by person that damaged the road. McMullen also comments that so far, the Otta Seal project is looking good.

Motion was made to approve claims #15175 through #15179 total amount claimed \$ 1,597.58 dated 1-3-2019, to approve claims #15180 through #15197 total amount claimed \$11,466.11 dated 1-9-2019 and finally to approve claims #15198 through #15213 including Delano Municipal Utility ACH total amount claimed \$115,255.01 dated 1-23-2019 McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

At 9:07 p.m. **Motion** to adjourn this February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting
Barfknecht/McMullen M/S/C Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Russek, Clerk/Treasurer

William McMullen, Board Chair