

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2019

At 7:03 p.m. Vice-Chairman, William McMullen, called this June 3, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting to order and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were; William McMullen, Mike Barfknecht, Stephanie Russek and Renee Olson. John Czanstkowski Sr. is absent.

Motion to approve the May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes Barfknecht/McMullen M/S/C Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Otto, Burau Property, Paul is present this evening to discuss a development that dates back to 1998. Otto states that the County minutes dated 1999 agreed with future development. The current plan has been altered slightly to go around existing homes. Otto states the County has asked them to come to the township to confirm the new road would be accepted by the Township, if built to Township standards. McMullen references the County minutes dated April, 1999 and asks Otto if the upgrades stated in the minutes to Deegan Avenue have been handled. McMullen viewed the property Friday night, May 31, 2019 and Deegan Avenue was flooded with parts under water. McMullen reads the specific County minutes; "No development may take place on lot 7 until Deegan Avenue has been upgraded to comply with floodplain access standards." McMullen does not believe anything has been done and asks Otto to bring the Township the documents if it has been. McMullen believes the road needs to be at least to a 20 foot equivalent. Otto confirms that the road needs to be raised. McMullen raises a second issue; the Town policy has changed and we do not want orphan PUDS. We don't want one paved road surrounded by gravel or granite. McMullen states that with the Harkass addition, that developer was required to pave 1/2 mile out to satisfy that rule. . McMullen states that we have an Otta Seal trial in the Township, that might also be a surfacing option. Otto believes that Deegan is a little different and he feels it is an undue burden on the property development to pave it all. McMullen states that 5 of the 6 homes will be complaining if they are not paved. We are trying to learn from our past mistakes McMullen states. Otto believes it is not fair to get a free road for the people that have not developed yet. Otto talks about options of an escrow or paving to the next development. Neighbors in attendance believe Deegan has been raised. McMullen does not believe it has been raised to where it needs to be. Barfknecht does not really know what to think about the paving. Barfknecht states that the township has been thinking about different road surface options but we have not decided which way we are moving ahead yet. Otto believes that just because you are first does not mean you need to take care of everything. Otto says they cannot move forward with the County until the road is determined. McMullen says if the road is raised and paved, or perhaps Otta Seal, to 9 tons, we could make that motion. Otto says there is no problem with raising the road, but the surface is what he is challenging. More discussion about road surface options. McMullen also states that if the development is left granite and built up, the Township would accept the road. After further discussion, **Motion** that Franklin Township accept a future road from the Burau property development, a 9 ton design rated unpaved granite road as presented in drawings June 3rd, 2019 to the Town Board with the understanding that acceptance is contingent upon the upgrade to Deegan Ave to a 9 ton design rated unpaved granite road from the intersection of the new road to the Eastwood, Deegan and Eaken intersection. The elevation of Deegan must be the equivalent to higher than when the Crow River is at 20 foot flood stage at the official measuring point in Delano. Township road engineers will work with the developer to ascertain necessary road specifications and elevations to the upgrade needed on Deegan Avenue. McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

Paul Otto, John Klinkner property. Paul Otto is present representing the Klinkner property, approximately 80 acres on the north end of Fountain Lake. He is asking for shoreline rezoning. Both road frontages look good and there is more than 300 feet. **Motion** to accept the concept plan for the Klinkner property for the rezoning change. We expect that driveway permits will be requested and culverts installed for the driveway entrances McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

Notice of Intent to amend Wright County Code of Ordinances The board has been presented with a private party ordinance amendment. This is not coming from Wright County. The Farm Accessory Mobile Home Ordinance is being challenged to be amended to include language that allows the conversion of an accessory structure into a habitable living space as a temporary residence by a farm employee. McMullen is not in favor of changing the ordinance. McMullen believes this is creating another house on a property. Bauman agrees that this changes the entire County statute. **Motion** that we are not in favor of change to the Farm Accessory Mobile Home McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

40th Street Options Knife River sent a quote of \$182,000, for just under a mile of work which does not include building up of the problem area of 40th Street. McMullen feels it is a good starting point. More discussion about using the money that has been earmarked to fix the low spot and to go through a freeze thaw cycle and then decide how to proceed. Resident Neumann will write up the specs for the work we are looking for; 2 lifts, address the soft spots etc and get to Stephanie to send out for quotes.

Cedar Lake PUD additions to developers agreement Linda & Dale are present this evening. She states they are working on clearing up title issues regarding lake shore and after that they will be going to the County for their application. They believe they are 60 days out from the application. Russek explains to both Linda & Dave that she is working on the Township developers agreement to add items like indemnification and soil preservation that were not items in the original agreement they have reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Delegated Board Responsibilities Barfknecht The Braun Ave Culvert has been ordered, we are unsure to the time of arrival, thinking it will be a couple weeks out. Resident Durbin asks about the culvert downstream and McMullen states he is not aware of anything else going on.//Temporary Otta Seal repairs have been done, we are still working on this//**McMullen** The Xtratyme contract has been signed and communication today is that they are busy working on it and waiting to hear back from financiers.//Based on a conversation with the County, McMullen believes the 107th Street speed bump on a driveway that comes off 107th Street is a driveway easement. He will talk with Mrs. Lindquist tomorrow **RUSSEK** Wetters have agreed to the culvert partnership with the Township. They will pay for the culvert, we need to let them know when we will be out to do the work.

OTHER

The City of Independence is going to replace 2 culverts south of 90 street. We typically split costs with other townships that have shared roads. **Motion** that we work with the City of Independence on a cost share basis for replacing culverts McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

Jean & Don Hayes, Brighton Ave, have contacted the Township regarding the new construction on 65th Street and they are wanting to make sure it gets dust control. Russek will respond to them that the Township will make sure it gets dust control.

Calder Avenue resident requests to mow ditches. Russek will respond that we will be out, but it will be after granite and dust control.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Durbin would like to thank Township maintenance employee Tim Esler, here tonight, for his great work.

Linda Spletstoeszer asks whether we are or are not going to require paved roads in PUDS. McMullen states that every PUD will look different and we will have to look at each one separately. Based on the specifics of the development, we will make decisions going forward. Tim Esler comments that if the road gets a lot of traffic, it gets beat up very quickly. Barfknecht asks Spletstoeszer what she thinks. Linda states as a realtor, the first question typically is if the house is on gravel or blacktop. She thinks it is a deal breaker for developers to be on granite, but understands what the township is saying about orphan roads in the township.

After Board Review, Motion to approve claims # 15322 through #15333 total amount claimed \$19,874.14 dated 5-1-2019, also to approve claims #15334 through claims #15350 total amount claimed \$32,908.58 dated 5-15-2019 and to approve claims #15351 through #15364 including Delano Municipal Utility ACH total amount claimed \$142,358.38 dated 5-29-2019 McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

At 8:50 p.m. **Motion** to adjourn this June 3, 2019 Regular Meeting McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Russek, Clerk/Treasurer

William McMullen Board Vice-Chair