

Board Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
February 9, 2021

Attendees: Chairman Loewen, Supervisor Wicker, Zoning Administrator Froehling, Deputy Clerk Robinson, Andrew Gravidahl, Stearns County Sheriff's Office, Adam Molitor, Katie and Tyler Knutson, Kim Voight, Jessica Wessling and guest, Justin Hieserich, Maureen Hieserich, Joe Hendricks, Supervisor Kuechle was absent

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Loewen with the pledge to the flag.

Andrew Gravidahl, Stearns County Deputy, introduced himself and advised he would be attending some of our meetings. He reported that the County received 118 calls for Maine Prairie Township in January. The calls consisted of 911 calls, accidents, and traffic stops.

Planning and Zoning meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Board meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Supervisor Wicker/Chair Loewen to approve the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Ten (10) claims were presented for approval and payment for the month of January totaling \$14,252.67 (see claims list attached). Receipts for January totaled \$232,682.15. Motion by Supervisor Wicker/Chair Loewen to approve the Treasurer's report subject to Audit and pay claims as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Board of Audit : The accounting firm of Bergan/KDV completed the Township audit on January 18. The audit was reviewed by the auditors with the Board in a phone call on February 8th. Motion by Chair Loewen/Supervisor Wicker to approve the Board of Audit as presented by the auditors on February 8th. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Pearl Lake Recreation Club-2021 Liquor License: Motion by Supervisor Wicker/Chair Loewen to approve the license for 2021 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Township Approval for On-Sale and Off-Sale Liquor Licenses for Wessling

Entertainment LLC, dba Pearl Lake Lodge: Jessica Wessling appeared to inform the Board that Wessling Entertainment has purchased Pearl Lake Lodge and will begin operating the business on March 1st. She is requesting approval of the Board to renew the liquor licenses under the new ownership. Motion by Supervisor Wicker/Chair Loewen to approve the liquor licenses for 2021 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Annual Meeting-Fire Protection Contracts and Agenda/Minutes: Marty Bode, Rockville City Administrator, suggested to Supervisor Wicker that the City of Rockville and Maine Prairie Township may want to enter into a long-term contract for fire protection. The Board will take this under consideration but no decision was made at this meeting. Chair Loewen attended the

Kimball Fire Board meeting on February 8th. Calculation of costs for the upcoming year were not yet available. There were 198 calls for Maine Prairie Township by the Kimball Fire Dept. during year 2020. Supervisor Wicker will attend the Watkins Fire Board meeting on February 10th where the upcoming year costs will be presented.

The 2020 annual meeting minutes were reviewed with one change being made. The 2021 agenda was reviewed with two additions.

Road Maintenance Request for Quotes: Request for summer blading, gravel hauling, shoulder reclaiming and mowing will be published in the Tri-County News on February 11th and 18th.

Old Business:

Memorial Town Park: Supervisor Wicker reported that Krippner's are agreeable to signing the lease agreement as prepared by the Township Attorney.

Rockville Fire Contract: Discussions continue between the Township and the City of Rockville.

2021-2022 Road Maintenance/Seal Coating: Discussion of what roads will be seal coated and crack sealed over the next 2 – 3 years. Considering seal coating roads in 2021-22 that were included in the 2015 reclaiming projects. Those roads were Danzig Road, Edom Road, Evergreen Road, 163rd Street and 202nd Street. Chair Loewen and Supervisor Wicker will take a road tour to view roads that should be considered for crack sealing. This subject will be discussed further at the March 2nd meeting in preparation for presentation at the Annual Meeting on March 9th.

Supervisor Wicker reminded that it is Maine Prairie's responsibility for the maintenance of 133rd Avenue which is a shared road with Luxemburg Township.

Tree trimming needs to be done on East Shore Drive. Dennis will speak with _____ about trimming.

A letter will be sent to the railroad asking them to trim trees and brush along tracks on Adam Road and 83rd Avenue.

Discussion /Information:

The 2021 newsletter was reviewed and approved to go to press.

Board of Appeals Meeting scheduled for April 20th, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

The monthly March meeting will be changed to Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

There being no further business, motion by Loewen/Wicker to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Robinson
Deputy Clerk