

**MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 19, 2011**

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, December 19, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Schlingmann. Members present: Jeff Schlingmann, Mark Knowles, Kathi Sims-Kosloski, Mike Pesch, Mike Zniewski, David Meyers and Tammy Schefers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to add Public Comment on the Bensen Ponds. He then made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

There were four building permits.

SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

The Sherburne County Sheriff gave the report for the month of November. There were 49 incidents. There was also a question on the parking in Sherwood Shores. The Board will give the Deputy the Haven Township Parking Ordinance so they can enforce it when needed. The road is also being damaged by people parking on the sides.

BILLS OUTSTANDING

Mike Zniewski	\$ 625.00
Mike Zniewski	\$ 174.24
Tammy Schefers	\$ 520.00
Tammy Schefers	\$ 10.29
Jeff Schlingmann	\$ 605.00
Jeff schlingmann	\$ 402.56
Mark Knowles	\$ 1,930.00
Mark Knowles	\$ 112.88
Kathi Sims-Kosloski	\$ 2,010.00
Kathi Sims-Kosloski	\$ 297.77
Randy Linn	\$ 730.00
Randy Linn	\$ 14.04
Michael Pesch	\$ 360.00
Michael Pesch	\$ 10.53
David Meyers	\$ 450.00
William Meyers	\$ 270.00
Carol Kruchten	\$ 102.00
B & G Excavating	\$ 467.50
Clint's Excavating, LLC	\$ 2,456.00

Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 752.20
Jeff Rhodes	\$ 1,357.50
Minden Township	\$ 505.00
MN Association of Townships Agency	\$ 489.00
Citescape Wireless Internet	\$ 539.88
Frontier	\$ 59.76
Connexus Energy	\$ 81.29
Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer	\$ 217.20
PERA (Deposit)	\$ 647.87

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to accept and approve the bills. Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Environmental Assessment for County Road 7 – The purpose of the Environmental Assessment is to examine the Sherburne County Corridor between 12th Street SE (Del-Tone Road) and Sherburne County Road 3. (CSAH 7 Alignment Alternatives) No new update.

Regulating town road right-of-ways / Installation of utilities Ordinances – The board will put it on the next agenda.

Election to November – Haven Township Election Practices

1. Hours during which absentee ballots are available will be posted on the web, newspaper and posting places as per the Clerk. The times are as follows:
 - A. From the time absentee ballots are available, the time to get the ballots are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and March 10, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
 - B. No absentee ballots are available on Sunday.
2. No campaigning is allowed on Haven Township property. When campaigning takes place in the parking lot or anywhere on the Township property, “Immediate action shall be taken” to stop the behavior by the election judge.
3. Any currently seated Town Board Member may be part of the canvas process and offer a signature to verify the results.

The canvassing process may be delayed upon request, but must be completed within 72 hours.

Screen & Projector Bid – Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann talked about a bid he had received from a company for the pull down screen and wireless projector for the Township Hall. This will help with presentations given at the township hall and the residents can see what the board is referring to on any subject. After more discussion on this subject Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to have Chairman Jeff Schlingmann not exceed

the amount of \$2,000.00 to complete this project. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried. For the record, Supervisor Randy Linn e-mailed this to the board: I will miss the proposals, but see the need for this. I would like us to spend less than \$900.00 on this if possible. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann is still looking into other options. No new update.

Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision Ordinance – The Haven Township Planning Commission Board met on December 5, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Haven Township hall to discuss and finalize the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. They then recommended to the Township Board to approve the fourth and final draft. After discussion on this issue Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to approve, adopt and publish an abbreviated version the fourth and final draft of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances for Tract I and Tract II. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board – The term for Eric Meyer being on the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board will expire at the end of the year. A new representative and a new alternate will need to be named. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made the comment that she would like to see someone who is currently on the Haven Township board or a citizen representative who attends regular meetings all the time be assigned to the Planning Advisory Board. Dennis Lietha made the comment that he would like to serve on the Sherburne County Advisory Board. Supervisor Randy Linn made the comment that the Haven Board should publish the opening opportunity, with a decision expected for the monthly December 19th meeting. After more discussion on this issue Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to leave this issue to decide until the monthly December 19, 2011 board meeting. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried. The board will put the word out they are looking for applicants to fill these positions. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann made the comment that Eric Meyer called him and he does not want to continue either of his positions on the Sherburne County Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment. After more discussion Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to have Chairman Jeff Schlingmann be the Haven Township representative on the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board and Supervisor Mike Pesch be the alternate representative. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried. Clerk Mike Zniwski will send a letter to Sherburne County.

UPDATED ITEMS

APO – None

Zoning – None

Airport Update – The Blue Angels will return to St. Cloud in 2013. The show is scheduled for July 20-21. The Central MN Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be putting on the event.

Roads–The MN Department of Transportation released a list of candidate railroad-highway grade crossing projects that it is recommending for federal transportation funding. Two of the projects recommended are 32nd Street and 52nd Street. The Haven Township must notify this office in writing by Friday, January 13, 2012 if they would like to be considered for state fiscal years 2016 or 2017 federal funding to assist with the above improvements. Clerk Mike Zniwski will notify them yes, and the board will plan on budgeting an extra \$70,000.00 for this project in the future. Supervisor Mark Knowles will continue working on trying to talk with property owners on road order issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Septic Update – Sherburne County Zoning, Joe St. Dennis introduced himself and talked about new zoning regulations, building permits, new septic system requirements, the new FEMA flood plain map and shore land regulations for the county and hazardous waste management issues. He stated that if there were any questions anyone had he would be happy to answer them or feel free to call him anytime.

Bensen Ponds Plat Request – Brian Bensen presented the board with his request for preliminary and final residential simple plat application. He appeared before the board with a proposal to create three separate lots on 44 acre parcel of property owned by him and other siblings located to the east of U.S. Hwy 10 known as “Bensen Ponds”. At 7:13 p.m. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann opened up the meeting for public comment. Gary Kiffmeyer made the comment he lives kiddy-corner to the property. He has no objections to this request. He wishes that the 1 house per 40 acre rule could be reconsidered looking into. There were no further comments. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann closed public comment at 7:14 p.m. The board then discussed this issue more. David Meyers noted that an 11 acre section considered to be unbuildable could create future problems if future owners would seek to change the zoning configuration. Then Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to send a positive comment to the Planning Commission for the request as presented. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tri-County Humane Society – A renewal contract for animal control was presented to the board members. After discussion on this issue, the board decided not to renew with the Tri-County Humane Society. The Board decided to stay with A Place Called Home in Palmer Township for any stray dogs picked up in the Township. Stray cats will continue not to be taken.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Gloria Plombon attended the Public Health Preparedness meeting. She reported on safety survival for the winter months. She also talked about the HAM radio. Information was given to be placed in the newsletter.

Dick Martinson was wondering if the final Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances could be placed on the township website. There also is a nasty pothole in the center of the road on 36th Street and 15th Avenue.

Dave Johnson asked about Regional Authority – Distributed from Sherburne County.

The shoulder on 49th Street and County Road 8 needs help. It keeps breaking up.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski talked about the restoration of the Busse Pit and election practices.

KDV Audit – Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to hire Kern, DeWenter, Viere, LTD for our 2011 Audit this year. The amount will not exceed \$5,200.00. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the Town Clerk between 8 a.m. January 3, 2012, and 5 p.m. January 17, 2012. Two – Three year term positions are available (Sims-Kosloski and Linn). Filing Fee is \$2.00.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sherburne County Zoning – Help Name our Park
Recording of Haven Township / Kings Express, Inc. Development Agreement
Sherburne County Assessor – Gerald Kritzeck Retirement Party
Sherburne SWCD - Follow up Long Lake run-off concerns

ADJOURN

It was moved by Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded by Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer