

MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 19, 2011

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, September 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, Randy Linn, Mike Pesch, Mike Zniewski, and Tammy Schefers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Mike Pesch made a motion approve the agenda. Supervisor Mark Knowles 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 six building permits.

SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

The Sherburne County Sheriff gave no report.

BILLS OUTSTANDING

Mike Zniewski	\$ 545.00
Mike Zniewski	\$ 99.93
Tammy Schefers	\$ 445.00
Tammy Schefers	\$ 10.29
Jeff Schlingmann	\$ 485.00
Jeff Schlingmann	\$ 46.80
Mike Pesch	\$ 385.00
Mike Pesch	\$ 8.19
Gloria Plombon	\$ 190.00
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 614.20
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 243.70
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 94.50
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 49.80
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 1,328.00
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 381.80
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 33.20
Sherburne County Becker Citizen	\$ 77.17
Tri-County Humane Society	\$ 53.69
Area Planning Organization	\$ 1,073.00
PERA (Deposit)	\$ 160.57

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.

Railroad Crossing Discussion 52nd Street – Haven Township is in discussion with BNSF Railroad to reconfigure some crossings in Haven Township. Supervisor Mark Knowles gave an update of what was discussed at previous meetings. Rick VanWagner (MN/DOT) was back this meeting to discuss the 52nd Street and 32nd Street railroad crossings in Haven Township. At a previous meeting he was asked these questions. The first question was; how much traffic uses these intersections? He had counters put on these roads and 52nd Street had between 40-42 vehicles a day and 32nd Street had 70-75 vehicles a day. The second question was; how this will affect property value? There is no specific answer to this question. Everyone has a different aspect to what property value is. The third question was; what if Haven Township does not want to participate in these crossings? Then Rick VanWagner would have to go back to the Railroad and ask the railroad to pay the full share. He also noted that the Railroad has Minnesota Administrative Rules. State Statute 8830.2720 Vacating Grade Crossing was handed out to the Board members. This meeting was for informational purposes tonight. He needs a response from the Board by the October meeting of what they would like to do. After more discussion on this issue Supervisor Mike Pesch made a motion to establish a Public Hearing on October 17, 2011 for the Railroad Crossing regarding 52nd Street and 32nd Street. It will be held within the body of the regular board meeting. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried. Clerk Mike Zniwski will put a mailing out to the property owners and post it in the proper places.

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

Change Election to November – No new update.

King's Express, Inc. – County Road 3 had an overlay done from Hwy 10 till Teder's Industrial Park. King's Express, Inc. has the overlay project for 37th Avenue and 31st Street in progress.

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.

Assessment Policy – The Supervisors discussed the Assessment Policy. The purpose is to assess part of the cost of major construction or re-construction projects to persons and property that gain the most benefit. Supervisor Randy Linn and Supervisor Mark Knowles talked about projected costs and road survey conditions. After that, Chairman Jeff Schlingmann opened up the Assessment Policy for a Public Comment Hearing:

*Greg Wilson – Asked where the attorney was tonight. He also stated that the township has never done this before, why would they start now. He told the board that they should live with-in their means and fix the roads that are needed. He also said that this is bogus. Soon you will be assessing every road. This is silly, unheard of and stupid.

*LeRoy Pauley – Wondered if the document was available. This should have been in everyone's mailbox prior to this hearing. There are a lot of people who are unaware of this.

*Dennis Lietha- He stated that there were more ways to monitor the funds. He has a petition from Haven residents that are opposing Haven Township Road Improvement Assessment Policy. The residents who signed this are well aware of the policy.

*Jane Korte – Asked what the board needed to currently maintain the roads. She feels the board needs to raise the levy so everyone can share the expenses and not just certain areas. She is not in favor of this Road Improvement Assessment Policy.

*Mary Jane Brewster- We all pay for the sheriff and police calls the roads and bridges. We should all share in the maintenance together. Why do we need a special Assessment Policy for this? She also had signed petition sheets opposing the Haven Township Road Improvement Assessment Policy. Raise the levy so everyone may share in the expense.

*Rodney Kozak- He owns property in Haven Township. Does Haven Township have any 9 ton roads? Palmer Township does not seem to have a problem keeping up the roads in their area. The overlay on 40th street is not good. The work done on 65th also is not good. Could you explain the road repair on these roads? The trees are also bad on 60th. They need to be trimmed. We (my family) have been here in the Township for over 100 years and have been paying taxes on these roads. I think you should talk to other Townships for they do not have a Road Improvement Assessment Policy.

*Jan Braun- I feel the unfair part of the policy is the 60%. That is crazy. We pay Township, County and State taxes. We don't use all of those roads either. Seems crazy to me to be assessed. What percent lives on these Haven roads?

*For the record there were 108 names on the signed petitions opposing Haven Township Road Improvement Assessment Policy.

After hearing no more comments, Chairman Jeff Schlingmann closed the Public Comment at 7:45 p.m. The Board discussed this more. Then Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to hold another Public Comment Hearing for November or December. Put it in a Newsletter so everyone is aware of this. Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The Board had more discussion. Supervisor Randy Linn stated that there are people who signed the petition opposing this. They do not feel it is needed. Supervisor Mark Knowles stated that we are not in need of the policy today. None of the surrounding townships have this type of a policy. We have not had it either. Then Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to Table the Haven Township Road Improvement Assessment Policy. Supervisor Randy Linn seconded that motion. The Haven Township Road Improvement Assessment Policy has been tabled....

Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision Ordinance – The Board also discussed these. They will set up a work session sometime in the future to discuss more on these also.

UPDATED ITEMS

APO – None

Zoning – Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to set a Public Hearing with the Haven Township Board of Adjustment to meet for a Variance Hearing on October 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Airport Update – The six Chinook Helicopters will be back at the Airport in November.

Roads– Supervisor Mark Knowles had two bids from contractors for snow removal for this season. After discussion on the proposals Supervisor Mike Pesch made a motion that the board should select Clint’s Excavating, LLC to do the Haven Township snow removal for the 2011-2012 snow season. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried. Supervisor Mark Knowles also made the comment that the snow fences will be used again this year. There will be some tree trimming that will be done yet this fall. Supervisor Mark Knowles also will look into splitting the cost with Minden Township to put a new base on 7th Street. All the dirt roads were recently graded.

NEW BUSINESS

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Dennis Lietha – Asked if the trees could be trimmed on 54th Street by Thursday. He has trucks that need to get on the road and the trees are hanging over. He also noted that the road on 40th Street needs more help.

There was comment from a resident thanking the board members for considering the citizen input on the Haven Township Road Improvement Assessment Policy.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Randy Linn made the comment that the Canine Agility had an event at the new site and it seemed to go well. The traffic was in control and there seemed to be no complaints.

Supervisor Mike Pesch had commented that there is some funding from the Department of Agricultural (NRCS) that may help the 36th Avenue drainage problem. It is up to the farmer to apply for the help. If the neighbor’s can work with him, the funds are available.

Supervisor Mark Knowles is still working with the 32nd Street property owners on road right-of-way issues.

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski is still working with Marc Schnieder from Sherburne County on the Gravel Restoration Plans in our Township. She had a picture of the Busse pit with lots of water fowl in it. She will also be attending the regional meeting (MN Association of Townships) September 22, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sherburne County Planning & Zoning – Notice of Public Hearing
Sherburne County Zoning Ordinances
Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer – Taxation Meetings
Charter
MN Association of Townships – Meeting Date

ADJOURN

It was moved by Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded by Supervisor Mark Knowles to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer