

**MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**June 17, 2013**

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, June 17, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Schlingmann. Members present: Jeff Schlingmann, Kathi Sims-Kosloski, Mark Knowles, Mike Pesch, Randy Linn, Mike Zniewski, David Meyers and Tammy Schefers.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to accept and to approve the agenda. Then Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Randy Linn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

There was one building permit.

**SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT**

The Sherburne County Deputy Sheriff reported that there were 70 incidents for the month of May.

**BILLS OUTSTANDING**

Mike Zniewski	\$ 320.00
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Tammy Schefers	\$ 335.00
Tammy Schefers	\$ 33.40
David Meyers	\$ 28.00
Sherburne County Citizen	\$ 83.20
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 70.00
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 658.50
Election Systems & Software	\$ 175.38
B & G Excavating	\$ 467.50
Jeff Rhodes	\$ 4,152.50
City of Sauk Rapids	\$ 325.00
City of Sauk Rapids	\$ 40,043.00
PERA (Deposit)	\$ 43.20

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

**PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENT**

Richard & Jolene Heath – Richard Heath spoke to the Board about requesting five variances for the property they own in Sherwood Shores. The first is a 45’ variance in setback from the OHWL of Pickerel Lake for a septic system, the second is a 23’

variance in setback from the OHWL of Pickerel Lake for residence, the third is a 50' variance in setback from the OHWL of Pickerel Lake for a residence, number four variance in setback is from the right-of-way of 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE a township roadway, and final the fifth is a 48' variance in setback from the OHWL of Pickerel Lake for a septic system.

Mr. Heath presented a letter to the board which was signed by his neighbors that stated after reviewing the proposed house plan, its placement on Lot 2, Block 1, Sherwood Shores 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition and the location of the houses on the lots adjacent to Lot 2; we see no reason not to approve the plan as it is proposed. Mr. Heath also stated that the DNR is involved. The board also received an e-mail from Keith & Linda Fischer who live at 4803 65<sup>th</sup> Street SE asking that the Board should consider to give a negative comment for this request. The Supervisors made the comments of the past rulings against them, that they were aware of the property and the use of it before they purchased it from St. Cloud State University and that the zoning ordinances are now different than they were before. After discussion on this issue Chairman Jeff Schlingmann then opened the meeting up for Public Comment at 7:30 p.m. Marcia Peters a neighboring resident talked about zoning regulations and the findings. She also stated that this is a nice recreational piece of property for a campsite and a movable toilet can be placed on the property for bathroom facilities. It is not suited for a residential home. She asked the board to consider recommending a negative comment and not support the variance requests. Hearing no more public comments Chairman Jeff Schlingmann closed the public comments at 7:33 p.m. After more discussion from the board, Supervisor Mark Knowles then made a motion to give a negative comment based on the history and last comments made in August of 2011, also based on Judge Yunkers decision. The Heath's may not use the right-away without a permit or permission from the Haven Township Board. Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Annual MS4 Permit – Chairman Jeff Schlingmann gave a brief overview of the Township's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program and its 2012 Annual Report. He then opened up the meeting for public comment at 7:39 p.m. Hearing no public comments, Chairman Jeff Schlingmann asked for a motion to close the comment session. Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to close the MS4 Permit Annual Public Hearing. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried. The hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dust Control – (March) The Board discussed the dust issue on 65<sup>th</sup> Street SE. They talked about calcium chloride and how that might help stop the dust. Supervisor Mark Knowles looked into this option of calcium chloride. He is working with a company called Central MN Dust Control. Supervisor Mark Knowles will also look into the option of recycled tar. He will have more information at the next meeting about pricing and the best options for this road. (April) No new update. (May) The road will be graded this week and then we will see options for the road. (June) Supervisor Mark Knowles made the comment that it has been wet, but we will be getting to the road and put a recycled tar base on the first part of it to help with the dust control.

ROW Plat 44 County Road 91 – (March) A packet of information was handed out to each Board Member regarding County Road 91. Sherburne County proposes to give County Highway 91 to Haven and Clear Lake Townships. This is referred to as a “turn back road”. Sherburne County does not have a Road Order for County Highway 91. This part of the road was never formally established as a public road. It is a road by use. Rhonda Lewis, Kathleen Heaney and John Menter from Sherburne County came to speak to the Board. Rhonda Lewis discussed why the County wants to “turn back” this road to Haven Township. Kathleen Heaney talked about the “interests” of the road. Members from the Board discussed what options might be better for them to look into. The board had many questions and suggestions for the County. The next step for Rhonda Lewis will be to hold a public hearing. There will be more discussed on this issue next month. (April) No new update. (May) Rhonda Lewis suggested to the board that they could get a contract agreement with Clear Lake Township and work something out with the maintaining of the road. The Board still would like to see proof that the County still owns that road. The County will draft a road proposal and send it back to the Township. The Township would like to have the County notify the residents on that road for a public hearing. (June) No new Update.

Sherwood West – (March) The Board Members reviewed and talked about the packets that were given to them. The Board discussed the drainage issue on this road. Supervisor Mark Knowles is working on getting the engineer report completed. It should also include the requirements for obtaining any additional land for proper drainage. The Board also discussed getting a written agreement from all of the property owners along that road. This is to make sure the property owners will not sue or make other claims against the Town Board for any work done in the Town Easement. More will be discussed on this issue next month. (April) No new update. (May) Supervisor Mark Knowles reported that we are in the preliminary engineering stage right now for this road. There may be help with a potential grant for this road. Supervisor Mark Knowles will look into this option and report back next month. (June) The preliminary engineering plan should be able to be discussed at the July meeting. In 2014 the work shall start.

Feedlot Moratorium - (April) Chairman Jeff Schlingmann handed out to the board a letter received from Sherburne County Planning and Zoning regarding Proposed Feedlot Amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance. The Board will review this and talk about it next meeting. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann will ask Lewis Stark to come speak about this next month. Lewis Stark served on the committee at the County while this was being worked on. (May) Chairman Jeff Schlingmann spoke with Lewis Stark and he could not understand why the County did not adopt something also. After discussion on this issue, Chairman Jeff Schlingmann suggested that David Meyers prepare a resolution and the Board will extend an invitation to Felix Schmiesing to come and discuss the issue with us next month. He might know the reason why the County has not done anything with this. (June) Felix Schmiesing talked to the board about what had happened with the planning of the proposed feedlot amendments and why it did not continue at the County Level. The board members talked about how they want the Agricultural interest in Haven Township preserved. They want to keep the no growth policy. Haven would prefer the County to work with the feedlots. Haven wants to maintain the orderly annexation

agreement with the city of St. Cloud. There was discussion about other surrounding townships such as Palmer, Clear Lake, and Santiago on how they felt about the issue, for they are also agricultural areas. After more discussion on this, Felix Schmiesing will talk with the townships of Palmer, Clear Lake, and Santiago. He will then get back to Haven Township to discuss more options. He wants to understand and have everyone understand the process. The County is open for suggestions. Nancy Riddle from Sherburne County handed out a contact list of people in her office if anyone had questions that they could contact them.

Town Hall Update Proposals – Supervisor Mark Knowles talked about the proposals he handed out to the board members last month. After discussion on this issue, Supervisor Mike Pesch made a motion to award the bid to Four Seasons Siding & Roofing, LLC with the addition of the soffit option included. He then stated to give Supervisor Mark Knowles the authority to decide what to do if there are undetermined problems, and not to exceed a 10% contingency. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried. Supervisor Mark Knowles will check with the board members to see what colors the town hall should be.

Visual Aids – Monitors for Township Hall – Chairman Jeff Schlingmann will look into this and report back next month.

## **UPDATED ITEMS**

APO –None

Zoning – Chairman Jeff Schlingmann went to a summer MAT short course and received his Board of Equalization Certificate. He will be good thru 2017.

Airport Update –A new hanger is being installed. The control tower is currently up and running.

Roads– (April) Supervisor Mark Knowles talked with the board about the 25 mph signs and others in developments throughout our township. After discussion on this issue, Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to have the board let him proceed with the cleaning up of our signs that that are not needed in the township that were recommended and drafted by our sign engineering firm. Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried. (May) Supervisor Mark Knowles will have the 25 mph signs removed. He will then let the board know when that is complete so they can finish the resolution at that time. (June) No new Update.

The first cut of mowing will be completed soon, within the next few weeks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

7<sup>th</sup> Street SE – A Minden Township representative asked the board if they would consider always every year doing the grading of 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Haven could then bill Minden Township hourly when it is Minden's turn to cover the costs of that road for grading. Supervisor Mark Knowles said that would be fine. The other board members agreed.

She will report back to Minden’s Board of Supervisors and let Supervisor Mark Knowles know if that is what they wish to do.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

Chairman Jeff Schlingmann talked about a dog complaint he had. He also talked about the past weekend with the Canine Agility Competition.

Supervisor Randy Linn talked about a property in Green Wood Acres and complaints on it not being mowed. He will try to contact the property owner to see if he will mow it.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge – Spring Edition of the Prairie’s Edge  
Sherburne County Planning Advisory Commission – Notice of Public Hearings  
MN State Demographer – Population & Household Estimates  
Sherburne County Planning & Zoning – Facility Inspections

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded by Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk / Treasurer

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