

**MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**October 17, 2011**

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, October 17, 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 approve the agenda. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski 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 no building permits.

**SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT**

The Sherburne County Sheriff gave the report for August, there were 51 incidents. He also gave the report for September, there were 36 incidents.

**BILLS OUTSTANDING**

Mike Zniewski	\$ 365.00
Mike Zniewski	\$ 80.38
Jeff Schlingmann	\$ 550.00
Curt Thering	\$ 805.00
Curt Thering	\$ 345.00
Gloria Plombon	\$ 34.66
Gloria Plombon	\$ 75.00
Penny Weihrauch	\$ 150.00
Penny Weihrauch	\$ 8.40
Lloyd Imdieke	\$ 4.50
B & G Excavating	\$ 467.50
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 94.50
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 474.10
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 116.20
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 170.73
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 66.40
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 182.60
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 332.00
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 151.40
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 83.00
Sherburne County Becker Citizen	\$ 156.45
Astech Corporation	\$ 39,000.00

MN Association of Townships	\$ 165.00
Xcel Energy	\$ 300.00
U.S. Postal Service	\$ 396.00
Cloudnet	\$ 36.30
Internal Revenue Service	\$ 1,138.11
PERA (Deposit)	\$ 104.27

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 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE (Del-Tone Road) and Sherburne County Road 3. (CSAH 7 Alignment Alternatives) No new update.

Railroad Crossing Discussion 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and 32<sup>nd</sup> Street railroad crossings in Haven Township along with Lynn Leibfried (BNSF representative) and John Menter (Sherburne County). At 7:11 p.m. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann opened up the Public Hearing for Public Comments on this issue.

\* Lynn Leibfried from BNSF spoke on what the railroad would like to see happen. She was asked if there was money available from the railroad. She made the comment that nothing was guaranteed, but there certainly was a good percent chance that there would be some money for the township if they would cooperate with the closing of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street crossing.

\* Wayne Brinkman- He lived in the township for 40 years. He made the comment that he does not want to see the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street crossing closed. It is also a safety issue for fire and medical need to keep that open.

\* Robert Bogard – He owns property next to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street crossing. He wrote a letter to the Board stating that he does not want that crossing to be closed. If it was closed, what kind-of service road would there be to get to the property owners lots? Will the Board compensate these property owners? He is very concerned and does not want this 32<sup>nd</sup> Street intersection closed.

\* Fred Wemlinger – Wrote a letter representing all the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street property owners. He suggested that there be a frontage road placed next to the railroad tracks. He is also concerned about taxes and the zoning of the area. It is all stated in the letter he gave the Board members.

\* Tom Hammer- He made the comment to leave the 52<sup>nd</sup> street crossing for now and just continue with the 32<sup>nd</sup> street crossing. Is this all about the money? I don't disagree that a frontage road could be next to the railroad, but why should we have to close 52<sup>nd</sup> Street crossing?

Hearing no more Public Comments Chairman Jeff Schlingmann closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. The board members then discussed more on this. They asked Rick

VanWagner (MNDOT) his next steps. He told the board that he needed an answer tonight on what they wished to do. He gave the board these two options that he needs to fill out his report with they are:

Option A: Gate 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Crossing

Haven Township Board will pay 10% of the cost and 90% will be Federal money

Option B: Close 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Crossing then they will Gate 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Crossing

There will be no cost to the Haven Township Board for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Gate

Also, there will be a monetary incentive from the railroad, to the Township

The Board discussed this issue some more. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann suggested that the board looks into gating both crossings. Save the money now, for when it gets to be 2016 and the project is in our township we will have it. Supervisor Mike Pesch made the comment that they have seen the letters of the property owners and they do not want the crossings closed. We need to make a decision for Rick VanWagner tonight. Supervisor Mike Pesch then made a motion to agree to gate both the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Crossings. To leave both crossings open for Highway 10 accesses. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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 – Chairman Jeff Schlingmann talked about the APO's future plans.

Zoning – Chairman Jeff Schlingmann and David Meyers will meet on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 to talk about zoning issues. Then the Board members will decide when the planning commission will meet after that. It will be posted.

Airport Update – The six Chinook Helicopters will be back at the Airport in November. A Gold Cross Ambulance is stationed at the Airport facility. It is where the fire department was. That is nice, for it is closer to Haven Township. The Airport also received a \$750,000.00 Grant. Two retired helicopters were dedicated at the Army Support Facility.

Roads– Supervisor Mark Knowles 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 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dylan Braun - Variance Request – It was recommended by the Haven Township Board of Adjustments to approve the variance request for a front yard setback at the property of Dylan Braun, 2801 County Road 8 SE. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made the motion to adopt the findings and grant the variance request. Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Parking Ordinance – The Board discussed this issue. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski then made a motion to adopt the new parking ordinance number 2011-01. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Penny Weihrauch made the comment that the meeting she went to was very informational and a very good meeting to learn different things happening at the St. Cloud Airport and the City.

A question was asked if the Canine Agility was leasing the property on County Road 8.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

Del-Tone / Luth Liquor License Renewal – Signing 1-1-2012 – 12-13-2012 was approved under the consent agenda. Supervisor Mark Knowles made the motion to approve and Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann will attend and keep monitoring the Mississippi Watershed Workshops. He will also attend the annual meeting of the Association of Townships.

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski attended the Regional Annual Meeting in Onamia. She also talked about break-a-way posts and signage. The restoration of the Busse Pit looks very nice. There is no more water and the geese and ducks are gone. She will not be at the November Meeting till 7:30 p.m.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

MN Association of Townships – Wednesday, October 19, 2011 – Palmer Township Hall  
2010 Haven Township Orderly Annexation Agreement Information Packet

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded by Supervisor Mike Pesch to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk/Treasurer