

**MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**May 18, 2015**

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, May 18, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Schlingmann. Members present: Chairman Jeff Schlingmann, Supervisor Mark Knowles, Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski, Supervisor Randy Linn, Supervisor Mike Pesch, Clerk Mike Zniewski, Legal Council David Meyers and Deputy Clerk Tammy Schefers.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to accept and to approve the agenda with adding 7<sup>th</sup> Street Minden Township / Haven Township shared road. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT**

The Sherburne County Sheriff reported 68 incidents for the month of April.

**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 eight building permits.

**BILLS OUTSTANDING**

Mike Zniewski	\$ 575.00
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Mike Pesch	\$ 645.00
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Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 63.00
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Xcel Energy	\$ 95.35
B & G Excavating, Inc.	\$ 712.50
Frontier	\$ 67.56
Sherburne County Becker Citizen	\$ 94.86
Internal Revenue Service	\$ 1,014.35
MN Department of Revenue	\$ 49.74
MN Association of Townships Agency	\$ 2,941.00
Continental Press Company	\$ 504.36
Election Systems and Software	\$ 438.78
Coil's Flags and Flagpoles	\$ 74.09
Sherburne State Bank	\$ 0.00
PERA (Deposit)	\$ 80.51
Total:	<hr/> \$ 7,427.21

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to approve and accept the claims. Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried with: 5 – Aye / 0-Absent / 0-Opposed

### **PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENT**

Xcel Energy CUP – Brian Sullivan a representative of Xcel Energy spoke with the Board Members. He explained how Xcel Energy is building a gas pipeline in Haven Township to reinforce the existing gas system in St. Augusta and surrounding area. As a part of the construction of the project they are submitting a Conditional Use Permit Application to permit Excel Energy to cross the bluffs of the Mississippi River. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann opened up the Public Comment at 7:14 p.m. Jay Vachel had the question of what can we expect in the process and is the noise going to be a factor? Deb Anderson questioned will it affect the wild-n-scenic area on the Mississippi? Rudy Valley asked how deep it will be under the Mississippi. Supervisor Randy Linn questioned what the Environmental Plan was. Legal Council David Meyers disclosed to the Board that he sold an easement to Xcel Energy so that they could access this off of his property that he owns. All the questions were answered. The Public Comment was closed at 7:21 p.m. The Board Members discussed more on this issue. After the discussion Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to recommend a positive comment for the Conditional Use Permit that Xcel Energy has proposed with the conditions that it will be kept in the adjacent utility corridor and that it will be done with directional boring as stated. Supervisor Kati Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Schlingmann Septic Variance Request – Vice Chairperson Mark Knowles asked Jeff Schlingmann to explain and present to the Board his request. Jeff Schlingmann told the board that he is requesting a 50’ variance from the OHWL of the Mississippi river for a new septic tank and lift tank. The required setback from the Mississippi scenic river is 100’. The septic tanks will be 50’ from the OHWL of the river. His drain field will stay as is, for that is in compliance. Vice Chairperson opened up Public Comment for this request. Hearing none he closed the Public Comment. The Board Members questions were all answered. Supervisor Mike Pesch then made a motion to give a positive comment for the 50’ variance request that was described. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Town Hall Building Sign – The Board of Supervisors discussed the proof of the granite sign to mark the Haven Township Hall. There was discussion that it should not say Were City Meets Country. After discussion on this Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to approve the sign the way it was presented in the proof with the correct established date on it. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion was voted on.  
Supervisor Mark Knowles – Aye      Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski – Aye  
Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye      Supervisor Mike Pesch – Opposed  
Chairman Jeff Schlingmann – Opposed      The motion carried.

Railroad Crossing Letter – The Board received a letter from the Department of Transportation in regards to the 2017 Highway Rail Grade Crossing Projects for 32<sup>nd</sup>

Street SE and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street SE crossings. The crossings have been chosen to be a safety improvement project for a grade crossing and will receive Federal Funding. This will be completed in 2017. The contact person for the Board Members will be Rick VanWagner, he is the project manager. The Board also discussed getting the right-of-way and a road order established before this takes place. Supervisor Mark Knowles will work on this with Chairman Jeff Schlingmann and Legal Council David Meyers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sherburne County Planning Draft Solar Ordinance – A Community Solar Energy System is a facility which produces electricity for subscribers (tends to be 10 acres or smaller). A Solar Farm is a facility which produces electricity for wholesale sales (tends to be larger than 10 acres, or part of a multi-site project). Sherburne County is now asking the Board Members to take into consideration and examine where in the township the Energy System or Solar Farms should go if permitted and if they would fit into each township's future plan. The County would like each township to comment on the draft proposed map that was presented. The Board members will think about this and put it back on the agenda for the June Board Meeting.

MS4 Annual Report – The MS4 Annual Report Draft has been completed. It will be able to review at the Township Hall and on-line. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to hold a Public Hearing date for comments about the MS4 Draft Annual Report at the June Board Meeting. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Joint Powers Agreement - Sherburne County is asking the Township Board to review the Sherburne County Township Officers' Association Joint Powers Agreement. The members should review this and they will discuss this at the June Board Meeting.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Amendment – The Board Members were handed a packet for review about the required Ordinance Amendment for Sherburne County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit under the Federal Clean Water Act and the MN Pollution Control Agency. The Board Members will discuss this at the next Meeting.

Minden Township 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE – Supervisor Jean Schotl from Minden Township asked the board about the maintenance on the shared 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE road. She was wondering if Haven has been taking care of it, for they have not yet seen an invoice and the residents have been complaining it has not been maintained. Supervisor Mark Knowles explained to her that we do not go out grading unless there is a good rain, to make the road easier to grade. The snow plow trucks have been servicing that road also. We will be invoicing Minden Township; it should be to you soon.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

Chairman Jeff Schlingmann – Talked about trash in the ditches. He said there were oil solvents, batteries, and contractor related items found in the ditches that were dumped

off. If anyone sees garbage in the ditches, please pick it up or report it to a Board Member and it will be cleaned up.

Supervisor Randy Linn – None

Supervisor Mike Pesch – Wondered if tree trimming could be looked at in certain areas in Deer Haven.

Supervisor Mark Knowles – Talked about road approaches. Is there is an on-line application for this? Clean-Up Day went well. Suggested for next year if there could be older Boy Scouts helping that would be better, for it is a challenge for the smaller ones to lift items such as refrigerators, stoves, tires, etc... He also made the comment he is still receiving mail packets from the APO.

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski – Talked about Clean-Up Day. She also mentioned about having older Boy Scouts help as well as the younger ones. The day was good. They had 229 families participate.

The Airport is expanding the runway. She took her school class for a tour and they did a wonderful job. The St. Cloud State Program is no longer using the Airport facility.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Gloria Plombon asked the Board if they would consider purchasing a new oven for the township hall. The current oven temperatures are not accurate.

Sylvia Valley questioned to the board of regulations for piles of fertilizer & lime stored on the fields for a long time. She was referred to contact the County on her questions.

Rodney Kozak asked the board of the policy of fencing within the township. What is the process of enforcing fencing between two properties? He will work with Legal Council David Meyers on this.

Linda Kozak made the comment that the word “Hall” should be placed on the new granite sign for the township.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Sherburne County Five-Year Transportation Plan

Midcontinent Communications

Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Public Hearing Notice

Friends of Sherburne Refuge – Spring Celebration

Sherburne County – Blandin Broadband

MN Department of Transportation – I-94 Alternate Route Signing Stakeholder Meeting

### **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded by Supervisor Mark Knowles to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

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Clerk / Treasurer

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Date