

**MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**June 19, 2017**

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, June 19, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Schlingmann. Members present: Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann, Supervisor Mark Knowles, Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski, Supervisor Mike Pesch, Supervisor Randy Linn, Clerk/Treasurer Mike Zniewski, Legal Council David Meyers and Deputy Clerk Tammy Schefers.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT**

The Sherburne County Sheriff gave no report for this month.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

Supervisor Mike Pesch made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 board meeting minutes. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

There were 15 building permits.

**BILLS OUTSTANDING**

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| Mike Zniewski                 | \$ 405.00    |
| Mike Zniewski                 | \$ 109.75    |
| Jeff Schlingmann              | \$ 903.81    |
| Jeff Schlingmann              | \$ 233.45    |
| Kathi Sims-Kosloski           | \$ 1,703.98  |
| Kathi Sims-Kosloski           | \$ 836.12    |
| City of Sauk Rapids           | \$ 52,963.00 |
| Xcel Energy                   | \$ 56.70     |
| Frontier                      | \$ 163.89    |
| Connexus Energy               | \$ 92.39     |
| Citizen-Tribune Paper         | \$ 79.05     |
| Jeff Rhodes                   | \$ 13,285.00 |
| Jeff Rhodes                   | \$ 9,555.00  |
| Tom Kraemer, Inc.             | \$ 2,605.02  |
| Central Appliance Recyclers   | \$ 3,210.80  |
| B & G Excavating, Inc.        | \$ 525.00    |
| B & G Excavating, Inc.        | \$ 617.50    |
| Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law | \$ 240.00    |
| Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law | \$ 169.40    |
| Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law | \$ 289.40    |

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| Sherburne State Bank | \$ | 5.00          |
| PERA (Deposit)       | \$ | <u>397.20</u> |
| Total:               | \$ | 87,652.06     |

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

**PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENT**

MS4 Annual Report – At 7:04 p.m. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann opened up the MS4 Annual Report Hearing. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann gave an annual report for the MS4 Storm Water Drainage System in Haven Township. He explained to the residents what it is and how the Township has to be in compliance every year for this permit. Brochures are on the counter at the Township Hall if anyone is interested in reading them. There were no reports of any violations. There were notices placed in the proper places for this hearing to take place. He then asked if there were any comments from the residents. Hearing none, Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to close the public hearing comment session for the MS4 Annual Report Hearing. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

Kurtz Variance Setback Comment – Michael Kurtz addressed the board with his variance request. He is asking the board for a 51’ variance from the right-of-way of 64<sup>th</sup> Street SE for a new home. The required setback from the right of way is 67’ the new home will be 16’ from the right-of-way. He also made the comment to the board that the existing home and buildings on the property will be removed. They want to clean up the lot, make it look nice and bring the setbacks from the lake back into compliance. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann asked if there were any comments from the residents on this issue. Hearing none, Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to make a positive comment to send to Sherburne County for this variance request of 51’ from the right-of-way on 64<sup>th</sup> Street SE. It will bring the setback back into compliance with the lake, the septic system will be improved, the existing house and garage will be removed for a new home and garage to take its place and it will better the property use. Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Solar Farm IUP – Timothy DenHerder-Thomas from Cooperative Energy Futures spoke to the board about a request for an Interim Use Permit (IUP) for a Solar Farm less than 6 acres operating as a community solar garden providing solar energy to residents of Sherburne and adjacent counties. This will benefit Xcel Energy Customers. He explained what this was and where the site location will be. It will be located at 5700 County Road 8 SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304 and the property is owned by Lois Burkart. This will be a twenty-five year lease. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann asked if there were any comments from the residents. Aaron Brown made the comment that he is not for this Community Solar Garden. He asked how much government subsidies are there in this. He also was curious what would happen if the government subsidies were cut off. He feels that solar gardens ruin the landscape. He made the comment, “I am a voice in the wilderness”. After hearing no more comments from the residents, Chairman Jeff

Schlingmann went back to the board. After the board discussed this, Supervisor Mike Pesch made a motion to move forward and give a positive comment to Sherburne County for the request of the Interim Use Permit (IUP) to construct a community solar garden at this location. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Railroad Crossings 52<sup>nd</sup> Street SE – Supervisor Mark Knowles talked with the project managers for the railroad project. He made the comment that the Township can still close the crossing if they wish to. There is a monetary incentive if the board wishes to close this crossing. BNSF is on schedule to complete this crossing sometime in July-October, 2017. Not having all the signatures that the board needed from the property owners, the board is considering closing this railroad crossing permanently. After discussion on this issue Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to give authorization to Chairman Jeff Schlingmann and Supervisor Mark Knowles to negotiate with the state and railroad on the closure of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street SE crossing. They will bring back the information they collect next meeting. Supervisor Randy Linn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

50<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE - This road used to be a private drive and the Township has been maintaining it. Supervisor Mark Knowles and Legal Council David Meyers will continue working with the property owners on this road to discuss options of it becoming a private drive again.

Elk River Estates Road Improvements – Everything seems to be on schedule and going well. Alternative mailboxes are up, three easements are in place, 80% of the culverts are in, street signs, 911 signs are going to be ordered if needed and the tree trimming is being completed.

Road Maintenance Update – Jeff Rhodes will be working in the Elk River Estates area tree trimming.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Marc Schneider, Sherburne County Planner, handed out a packet and talked with the board about seven issues he continually sees at the County level. He is going to every Township to get feedback on these issues.

The seven issues are:

1. Structure Setbacks to Township Roads
2. Recreational Vehicles Storage and Uses
3. Performance Standards for the Exterior Storage of Vehicles
4. Performance Standards for Commercial and Industrial Zoning
5. Shipping Containers Used for Storage
6. Semi-Truck and Trailer Storage
7. Granny Pods or Accessory Dwelling Units

The board will fill out a comment feedback form next month and see that Marc Schneider gets it.

Marc Schneider also made the comment that there are low interest loans for residents who need a new septic system. They have a grant program for this.

Marc Schneider is the Noxious Weed Contact Person. He talked about noxious weeds in the area. Wild Parsnips is a big one coming into and along the river. It currently is in River Haven along the Mississippi River. Please report any sightings to him of any noxious weeds. One may also contact him with any questions.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

Chairman Jeff Schlingman – He is certified for the Board of Appeal & Equalization for Haven Township for the next four years.

Zoning Issues: None

Supervisor Randy Linn – Commented that he is on the Solid Waste Committee and he was wondering where and if all the garbage was properly recycled from the clean-up day.

Supervisor Mike Pesch – None

Supervisor Mark Knowles – He is still working on the “Haven Road” sign being ordered for the Highway marking.

Supervisor Mark Knowles handed out a proposal for snow removal from Driveway Services (Jeff Rhodes). The one-year contract from last season is completed. Supervisor Mark Knowles asked the board to consider a two to three year contract with this company for the up coming snow seasons. The board will look over the proposal and make a decision next meeting.

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski – She attended the Airport Meeting. The City of St. Cloud is taking care of the MS4 for the Airport area. The Airport might add another flight to Florida. The Super Bowl is going to be in Minnesota this year. There are corporate planes that will be coming into the St. Cloud Airport for that weekend. St. Cloud will be busy, due to all the surrounding areas are already booked for this event.

She talked about noxious weeds that are coming in along the river. When going on the annual road tour, the board members should keep an eye open to watch for these noxious weeds and report them within the Township.

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski ordered Haven Township magnets for the board members vehicles to place on the vehicle when entering resident’s property for safety and identification purposes. She also ordered vests with identification of Haven Township Supervisor on them. The board members will start to use these.

### **CLERK UPDATE ITEM**

None

**PUBLIC INPUT - BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Aaron Brown asked the board how it stands on giving an aggregate permit. He made the comment that he feels the same about gravel pits as he does about solar community gardens.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Summer Short Courses
- Veto of Transportation Bill
- Census Bureau Preparation
- MN State Demographic Center- 2016 Population & Household Estimates
- Sherburne Soil & Water – Nature Talk Newsletter

**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 8:53 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

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Clerk / Treasurer

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Date