

**MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**October 20, 2014**

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, October 20, 2014. 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 Mike Pesch, Supervisor Randy Linn, Legal Council David Meyers and Deputy Clerk Tammy Schefers.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Mike Pesch a motion to accept and to approve the agenda with adding under Consent Agenda the Del-Tone 3.2% Malt Liquor License and under Old Business the Proposal of Town Hall Sign. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT**

The Sherburne County Sheriff reported that there were 73 incidents for the month of September.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

There were eleven building permits.

**DEL-TONE/ LUTH GUN CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE**

It was approved and seconded in the consent agenda to approve the on-sale 3.2% Malt Liquor License for Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club. It has also been approved and signed by the County Sheriff and the County Attorney. The motion carried.

**BILLS OUTSTANDING**

Jeff Schlingmann	\$ 1,020.00
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Kathi Sims-Kosloski	\$ 1,662.00
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Mike Pesch	\$ 555.00
Mike Pesch	\$ 22.40
Mike Zniewski	\$ 717.50
Tammy Schefers	\$ 790.00
Tammy Schefers	\$ 12.32
MN Association of Township	\$ 165.00
MN Steamway	\$ 474.76
Frontier	\$ 140.01
Cloudnet	\$ 36.00
Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$ 384.50

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Connexus Energy	\$	204.00
Astech Corporation	\$	199,966.94
B & G Excavating, Inc.	\$	108.00
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B & G Excavating, Inc.	\$	150.00
B & G Excavating, Inc.	\$	165.00
JP Cooke Company	\$	44.50
MN Department of Revenue	\$	77.15
Internal Revenue Service	\$	1,942.01
Sherburne State Bank	\$	5.00
PERA (Deposit)	\$	420.56

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to approve and accept the claims. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Town Bridge Program (September Meeting) - Sherburne County applied for state grants to help the Township out with the removal of the 54<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project. The Board got a letter from Rhonda Lewis stating that the plan and the request to use town bridge funds for the 54<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project has been approved. The project will be completed in November or December of 2014. Supervisor Mark Knowles will help decide and get ready to place signs in the proper locations. (October Meeting) Supervisor Mark Knowles reported that there were 9 bids at the County for the Bridge Removal Project. He will contact Rhonda Lewis to find out the results.

Haven Town Hall Sign Proposal- Supervisor Mark Knowles received a sign proposal for a granite sign that will be 48” x 8” x 30” polished front and back, top and ends rough, bottom smooth dowel holes to match granite foundation. It will say: Haven Township. A Granite foundation of 60” x 24” x 4” all sanded dowel holes to match sign. This includes delivered and installed but no dirt work or landscaping is included at the township site. Sales tax is not included. The quote is for \$5,600.00. The Board discussed this. After discussion, Supervisor Mike Pesch made the motion to accept and go with the quote for the Rex Impala Black for \$5,600.00. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. There was more discussion. Supervisor Randy Linn suggested that the board looks into a different sign that is less expensive. The Board discussed having a maintenance free sign. Legal Council David Meyers suggested that the board gets another quote from another vendor who deals with granite to compare prices. Supervisor Mark Knowles will look into that and get another bid for the granite sign with the same dimensions. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann made the comment that the stone should also have the established date of when the township started, on it also.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Variance Recommendation from the Board of Adjustment – The Board Members talked about the Variance Request for Steven & Janice Johnson. After the recommendation, Supervisor Randy Linn made a motion to accept, approve and adopt the findings and facts from the Board of Adjustment, for the Steven & Janice Johnson garage request. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative for the County Planning Commission – Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to renew and keep Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann and Supervisor Mike Pesch, as an alternate, for the County Planning Commission Representatives for the next 3-year term. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

Chairman Jeff Schlingmann – There will be a Community Workshop for the Comprehensive Plan for the City of St. Cloud. It is on Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Regency Plaza. 912 W St. Germain Street. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski and Supervisor Mark Knowles will try to attend this.

The Haven Township Web-site has been updated. Check it out, it is very user friendly.

Supervisor Randy Linn – None

Supervisor Mike Pesch – None

Supervisor Mark Knowles - Supervisor Mark Knowles is getting bids for the reflectivity signs that need to be replaced. The 25mph signs are still in the working process. Tree trimming is still being done throughout the township. He is wrapping up the license agreements.

Supervisor Mark Knowles will look into putting signs up on the vacant drainage lot in Prairie Woods. The lot has been used for racing recreational vehicles on it. He will also check to see if the Township should start to mow it.

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski – She gave a brief summary on the St. Cloud Airport. It still has flights continuing. She will be taking her Board of Equalization Training. She talked about the dumping of garbage and an old boat on the pit site next to her. She talked with the Sheriff and they are looking into the issue. She also talked with Bill Towle, at the St. Cloud Airport, to see if the City can gate the area better.

Board of Canvass – The Board of Canvass will meet on November 4, 2014 at 8:30 p.m.

The Board Members should think of Budget Preparation for 2016.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Residents from Greenwood Acres addressed the Board with concerns and questions on the 54<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Removal.

Dennis Lietha – Had questions to the Board of why the residents did not get notified about the bridge going to be removed. He felt the bridge was illegally closed from the start. There were no meetings to involve the public on the bridge. Wants to know why the bridge can not be fixed and restored instead of removal. He also asked if the board would like to vacate the road, he would take over the liability of that area. He would also like a copy of the bridge report, all the minutes that included the bridge and a road order for that road.

Clint Bogard- Is not here to complain or fight with the board. Why does the bridge have to be removed? Can there be another bridge put in its place for a walking, biking, and a recreational area for the neighborhood? The Bridge brings an asset to all the property owners in the area. It was a great selling point for all the homes in the area. If the bridge is pulled out, the area will look like hell, it will be ugly and the property values will go down on all the properties. Is there a way that the board could get in the budget to make a smaller bridge so a golf cart, ATV's, bicycles, people can walk on it with families and dogs? \$100,000 - \$150,000.00 should cover that type of bridge. Could it be rezoned to a park and recreational trail? We are asking the board to please consider this option of another bridge for this area.

Dave Hemmer – He has been a resident for 39 years in Haven Township. He made the comment that there is someone that wants to take the bridge off your hands, so why not consider that. I also pay state, county and township taxes. Let other options be heard. Don't make this a done deal.

Melissa Huebert – She lives on the east side of the bridge. She does not understand why the bridge has to be removed. She feels it can be used for 4-wheelers and snowmobiles. She built her house two years ago and the comment was made then that the intention of the board was to close the bridge. It has always been the agenda to remove the bridge. She feels that the bridge should be able to stay. As a property owner next to the bridge can I be personally told when and what will be happening.

Gary Roske – Doesn't see anything wrong with the bridge. It is a beautiful setting and people take pictures there all the time. It always had a wiggle. If the I35 W Bridge would have never collapsed, this bridge would have never even been looked at or considered to be removed. Please replace it with a new one.

Georgia Thienes – She has been hearing that a grant has been written. There are funds to replace or remove the bridge. Are there funds to replace the bridge? When will this removal / demolition be taking place? Are the cement fixtures going to be removed? What will it look like when it is done? What will happen to the bridge and where will it go?

Cortney Garding – So this is a done deal, there is no negotiating? A new bridge could carry Palmer Fire Department to our homes. Is that possible?

Gary Kiffmeyer – Will you be losing any right-of-way? The road is closed now, but the bridge is fully functional. Also remember that when you take the bridge out the water comes out fast, downstream will be affected more. There will be lots of flooding. Consider that the township folks want it replaced.

Dennis Lietha Jr. – Why can't the money you are getting now replace and put a new bridge in?

Melissa Ryan – We love the bridge. How can we keep this on track? We don't want to be forgotten. Will there be notifications to the public especially in our neighborhood?

Rita Lietha – Will they damage trees or fence lines when this is going to be done? Why couldn't you have let a local person bid on the project or buy the bridge? I know construction workers who would have removed it. Who are the next board members up for election this year?

There is a brand new trespassing sign that was put up. Who did that?

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Sherburne County Construction Program in Haven Township Area
- MAT Annual Conference Hotel Room Block Closing
- County Monitor / Stand Option
- NorthStar Corridor Development Authority Meeting
- Sherburne County Planning & Zoning Administration – Public Hearing Notice
- Sherburne County Planning & Zoning – Order Granting Variance Request

**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 8:26 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk / Treasurer

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