

MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2017

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Mike Pesch made a motion to accept and to approve the agenda with adding an update on Geronimo Energy. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

The Sherburne County Sheriff gave the October report for this month. There were 142 incidents reported. There were 11 thefts reported. The thefts were unlocked vehicles and mail theft in the area. The Sheriff suggested that everyone should lock their parked vehicles and do not put the flag up on out going mail. Take the mail directly to the Post Office.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Supervisor Mike Pesch made a motion to approve the October 16, 2017 board meeting minutes. Supervisor Randy Linn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

There were 6 building permits.

DELTONE / LUTH LIQUOR LICENSE

Supervisor Mike Pesch made a motion to accept and approve the DelTone / Luth 3.2 Liquor License for the next year. Supervisor Randy Linn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

BILLS OUTSTANDING

Mike Zniewski	\$	700.00
Mike Zniewski	\$	118.88
Mike Pesch	\$	475.00
Mike Pesch	\$	22.40
Frontier	\$	329.32
Xcel Energy	\$	24.30
Connexus Energy	\$	184.76
Jeff Rhodes/Driveway Services	\$	6,110.00
Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc.	\$	250.00
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Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law	\$	827.20
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Internal Revenue Service	\$	218.23	
Internal Revenue Service	\$	1,563.75	
MN Department of Revenue	\$	148.36	
City of Sauk Rapids	\$	615.00	
Sherburne County Citizen	\$	51.30	
Sherburne State Bank	\$	0.00	
PERA (Deposit)	\$	<u>145.50</u>	
Total:	\$	15,841.50	.

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

PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENT

The Haven Township Planning Commission had a meeting prior to the Haven Township Board Meeting on a request from Nicholas Schultz to have a Contractors Yard at 2884 12th Street SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304.

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to accept and to approve the recommendation from the Haven Township Planning Commission. The Board will give a positive approval for the IUP Request. As long as it follows the Haven Township current ordinance items A-G for a Contractor’s Yard. Also, the wells and septic systems must be brought into compliance. It may not exceed 10 commercial vehicles/units outside and he must combine the two parcels as one to meet the 5 acre minimum for the Agricultural District. Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Railroad Crossings 52nd & 32nd Street SE – The safety arm gates are installed and working great. The Railroad picked up the whole bill and the Township did not have to use any of its funding for this project.

Supervisor Mark Knowles feels that there should be some improvements to the asphalt on the west side of the tracks. He will work with Supervisor Randy Linn on a budget, get some cost estimates on this project and report back to the board next month.

Road Maintenance Update – Jeff Rhodes was not at the meeting to discuss the roads.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board – The terms are up for the representatives from Haven Township for the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board. After the Board Members discussed this, Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to leave the appointments as standing. Chairman Jeff Schlingmann will be the representative and Supervisor Mike Pesch will be the alternate representative for the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geronimo Energy –Last month Chairman Jeff Schlingmann spoke to the board members about the Solar Farm behind Sysco off of Highway 10, Geronimo Energy. There was a motion to give Chairman Jeff Schlingmann authorization to sign the agreement so that Geronimo Energy will be responsible for maintaining the holding ponds in that area to be in compliance with the MS4 within the township. Geronimo Energy shall pay the initial cost, plus any long term costs, for the MS4 compliance within the township, in that area. The motion carried. Tonight Chairman Jeff Schlingmann asked for an extension on this. After discussion, Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski made a motion to extend this agreement for two more weeks to get an original signature on the documents. Supervisor Mike Pesch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Chairman Jeff Schlingmann – There will be an IUP request for a seasonal storage coming up next month. He also has been working with driveway permits.

Supervisor Randy Linn – He will start getting the 2019 budget ready for the Annual Meeting

Supervisor Mike Pesch – He talked about getting a date set for our Spring Road Tour.

Supervisor Mark Knowles – He wants to consider Sherwood West Road being repaired next year. He will work with Supervisor Randy Linn on some budget numbers.

Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski – She also would like to look at the townships noxious weeds in the ditches on the Spring Road Tour.

CLERK UPDATE ITEM

Palmer Wireless Resolution Request – Albert Kangas (through e-mail) stated that Palmer Wireless will be placing conduit/vaults and fiber along Sherburne County Roads 65, 3, & 7 in Haven Township. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski will need to work with him on any permits that are needed through Haven Township. Albert Kangas was wondering if Haven Township would consider writing a letter of support for the broadband. David Meyers will work on a Resolution and bring it back for the Board Members to review.

BKDV Audit Services – Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to accept BKDV as the Annual Township Audit Service once again for Haven Township. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board will look into maybe separating the Clerk & Treasurer Position again, so they would not have to have an audit every year. This is an item to bring up at the Annual Haven Township Meeting in March.

All should remember to turn in any time cards for next month being it is the end of the year.

PUBLIC INPUT - BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

John Kerwin spoke to the board and explained the history of the Stickney Family Lake Land Trust. The original property owner, Charles Stickney had several acres of land and wanted it preserved for its natural and agricultural use. John Kerwin admires Haven Township for how they protect the agricultural uses within the township. He explained after the conservation easement was placed on the property, the value was cut in half. He asked the Board if they could lower the taxes on this. The Board told him that he would have to come back in April to the Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting. Supervisor Mark Knowles also told him to speak with State Representative Jim Knoblach to see if he could help being it was part of State Funding.

COMMUNICATIONS

U.S. Census Bureau in 2020
MN Association of Townships Upcoming Events & Trainings
Drainage & Waters Conference

ADJOURN

It was moved by Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski and seconded by Supervisor Mike Pesch to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Chairman

Date

Clerk / Treasurer

Date