

Essex Township - Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

April 18, 2018 @7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Carla Wardin, Trustee James Gavenda, Trustee Mark Winsor, Treasurer Kathy George, Clerk Lori Conner

Visitors: County Commissioner Kam Washburn, Assessor Beth Botke, Daryl Trefil, Madhu Anderson, Tyler Slezak

Call to Order: Township Supervisor Carla Wardin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Lowe United Methodist Church Hall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

County Commissioner Kam Washburn

- New voting equipment has been issued throughout the county and training has begun.
- Zoning status may change on Kmart building from commercial to light industrial.

Township Assessor Beth Botke

- A Zoning Ordinance Amendment (OR140-18) – Section 905-Performance Standards for Agricultural Homestead Lot has been proposed with a public hearing set for May 10th.
- 2018 AMAR Review May 3.

Daryl Trefil

- 2017 Medical Year End Report and Fire Protection Agreement presented.

Madhu Anderson

- Running for State Representative and outlined goals.

Minutes of March 21, 2018 Meeting: George moved to approve the meeting minutes, supported by Wardin. Motion passed and carried (MPC).

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Gavenda

- Attended and reported on ambulance meeting.
- Maple Rapids Fire Department was able to purchase 15 new Air Packs with a FEMA Grant Award.

Treasurer's Report:

- The general ledger for the period 3/1/18 – 4/11/18 was reviewed including checks #5979-6002.
- The checking balance is \$171,206.28. Total income for the period 3/1/18 – 4/11/18 was \$35,565.47 while total expenses were \$12,082.87.

- Cemetery CD balance is \$8358.10. Tax checking balance is \$1111.27.
- Newsletter articles needed. Ideas include: election inspectors, new book drop off location for Briggs District Library, roads and bridges ballot initiative, cemetery maps.
- Gavenda moved to accept the treasurer's report, supported by Winsor. MPC.

Clerk's Report:

- Year to date budget was reviewed.
- Reported election workers needed.
- George moved to accept the clerk's report, supported by Winsor. MPC.

Supervisor's Report

- Update on Clinton County Planning & Zoning was given.
- Work continues on bridges on Colony Road.
- George moved to accept the brine contract (\$35,145.50 for up to 3 applications), supported by Winsor. MPC.
- Gavenda moved to accept the brush spray contract (\$4800), supported by George. MPC.
- George moved to accept the Fire Protection Agreement, supported by Winsor. MPC.

New Business:

- Discussed proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment (OR 140-18) – Section 905 – Performance Standards for Agricultural Homestead Lot which would allow a single-family home to be constructed on a parcel of land (which is currently not allowed), from an "Agricultural Homestead Lot" land division as long as it is deemed there will be minimal disruption to viability of the agricultural parcel. Public hearing to be held on May 10, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the County Courthouse.

Old Business:

None

Adjournment: Gavenda moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., supported by Wardin. MPC. The next regular meeting of the Essex Township Board will be held June 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowe United Methodist Church Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Conner, Essex Township Clerk