

CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2019

Approved

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Castle Rock Township was convened at the Castle Rock Town Hall on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Kelly Elvestad, Chair; Sandy Weber, Vice-Chair; Jon Juenke, Jeff Partington, and Dave Nicolai, Supervisors; Barbara Lang, Clerk and Rhonda Rademacher, Treasurer. Also in attendance were John Sas, Mike Slavik, Matt Parent, Carolyn & Tim Peters, Adam Sura, Jake Chapek, Duane Fredrickson, Becky & Alan Gildner, Dave Dubbels, Gerald Wagenknecht, Mark Wagenknecht, John Ruud, Archie Ruud, Carly & John Born, Susan Ferrozzo, Larry Oldenburg, and Mark Henry.

Chair Kelly Elvestad called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Sandy Weber made a motion and Dave Nicolai seconded to approve the agenda. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE

Deputy Reiners was present and indicated things in the area have been fairly quiet. He recommends that all residents to keep buildings locked. The Sheriff's Department encourages all residents to be watchful for irrigation equipment vandalism, and to call 9-1-1 if you see any suspicious activity. With the recent weather some roads have been closed, so if you see barricades up, do not drive on these roads. There are lots of ATVs driving around, and he reminded everyone that they have to obey the same traffic rules as other vehicles. A resident asked if it is legal to shoot coyotes, as they have been very active in the township. He indicated it is legal to shoot them at any time.

DAKOTA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

- Jake Chapek, Project Manager for County Rd 86 Project was present and provided some updated information. The next Open House discussion will be held on May 22 at the Prairie Creek School. Several people mentioned concerns about continuing problems with accidents at the intersection of State Hwy 3 and Cty Rd 86. The State owns the stop signs, and the County has had continuing discussion about upgrading them. Barbara Lang inquired if rumble strips could be installed when the road upgrades are being made. No decision about those at this time. The County is working with the railroad about the bridge situation. Kelly Elvestad asked about the speed limit through the Castle Rock Village area, and Mr. Chapek indicated it will remain at 30 mph. No flashing lights are planned for crosswalks at this time. The project is still in the preliminary stages, and the plan is to begin right-of-way updates sometime in June.
- Matthew Parent, Project Manager for County Rd 78 Project was present to provide updates on the project to the Board of Supervisors. He presented three alternatives and explained details for each. The County requested a letter of recommendation from the Board prior to the April 23, 2019 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. During discussion that followed, Sandy Weber inquired if the curves will be rated for travel at 55 mph. Mr. Parent confirmed this, and there was some further discussion that the township could request reduced speed limit signs to be installed. There were comments and questions from several residents asking for some additional clarification regarding access points on the proposed route, as well as how this proposed change might affect water quality. Dave Nicolai asked if there would be an option to continue access to Alverno Ave from the south side if the township chooses to keep Alverno as a minimum maintenance road. Some possible options can be considered and presented at a later time. Chair Elvestad indicated there would be further discussion later in the meeting regarding the letter of recommendation requested from the township, and requested to include discussion about Alverno Avenue on the May meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA REVIEW/APPROVE

1. March 11, 2019 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

Sandy Weber made a motion and Jon Juenke seconded to approve the minutes as printed. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 2019-05 Resolution Certifying the Levy Approved by the Town Electors to the County Auditor

Jeff Partington made a motion and Dave Nicolai seconded to adopt Resolution 2019-05. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carly and John Born, who own property on Canada Avenue, presented concerns about flooding issues in the Rocky Hills Addition that affect their parcel. They bought their house in 2003 and feel they were not provided with full disclosure regarding ongoing water issues that affect their land. They presented the Supervisors with a handout containing more details. There was some discussion about what the township is doing to mitigate their situation, and this topic will be discussed further during tonight's meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Chair Jeff Partington gave the following report: The monthly Planning Commission meeting was held on March 25, 2019. The following items were reviewed:

- Building Permit Application for addition to existing shed, Glenn & Kim Friedrich, 2465 277th St
- Building Permit Application for new residence (replacing old farmhouse), Kerry Hanifl, 3891 275th St
- Building Permit Application for new residence, PID 07-00500-7909011 along Biscayne Ave, Brett & Jennifer Scheibel
- Building Permit Application for solar farm at 24380 Chippendale Ave W

The first two applications were recommended as presented.

The new residence along Biscayne Ave was recommended with the contingency that boring results for well and septic be provided and reviewed prior to any construction beginning.

The solar farm layout was reviewed and was recommended with the contingencies that the Township Clerk is to follow up on clarification of the setback from the road, in addition to receipt of the Notice of Wetland Decision before any construction can begin.

REVIEW / APPROVE

- Building Permit Application for addition to existing shed, Glenn & Kim Friedrich, 2465 277th St
Dave Nicolai made a motion and Sandy Weber seconded to approve this building permit. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- Building Permit Application for new residence (replacing old farmhouse), Kerry Hanifl, 3891 275th St
Dave Nicolai made a motion and Sandy Weber seconded to approve this building permit application contingent that a \$10,000 bond or letter of credit be submitted to the township to insure that the old farmhouse will be demolished after construction of the new residence is complete. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- Building Permit Application for new residence, PID 07-00500-7909011 along Biscayne Ave, Brett & Jennifer Scheibel

Clerk verified that no borings or reports have been received by the township as requested by the Planning Commission. Permit is tabled until the May Board of Supervisors meeting.

- Building Permit Application for solar farm at 24380 Chippendale Ave W

Dave Nicolai made a motion and Sandy Weber seconded to approve this building permit. 5 ayes. Motion carried. Clerk is monitoring conditions listed in the IUP before construction can begin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization (NCRWMO)

Sandy Weber reported that she is the new Chair for this group, replacing Peg Varien

- Dakota County Township Officers Association Spring Meeting held on 3/16/19

Sandy Weber reported that she, Rhonda Rademacher and Barbara Lang attended the meeting. There were many useful updates given by County Departments

- MN Assn of Townships Spring Short Course

Sandy Weber, Barbara Lang and Rhonda Rademacher attended the Spring Short Course in Rochester.

Supervisor Weber shared that there was an interesting and informative presentation about ditches.

- Vermillion River Watershed JPO Meeting held on March 28

Clerk Barbara Lang attended this meeting. The Watershed Organization gave authorization to proceed with updating the standards for soil erosion and sediment control that had been changed during the process of the last update so the standards will hopefully be more applicable in rural areas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussion about imposing a cap on Solar Farms in the township

An e-mail from town attorney Troy Gilchrist was reviewed. Based on his recommendations no action will be taken at this time.

- LKQ Updates

Jeff Partington reported that he has continued discussion with Keith Radloff, Manager at LKQ. The MPCA is actively investigating the situation with the holding ponds, with possible enforcement requirements being imposed. We are waiting for the MPCA engineers to complete their evaluation before the township has any further engineering work done.

NEW BUSINESS

- Review Annual 2019 Park Maintenance Agreement for approval

Jon Juenke made a motion and Sandy Weber seconded to approve the maintenance agreement for 2019. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- Letter of Support for County Rd 78 project

Discussion regarding what should be included in the letter. Commissioner Slavik was present and was able to answer the question regarding the 55 mph curves, which is the county standard. He indicated the township could request advisory signs with a lower speed limit of 45 mph on the curves and could request a traffic study to be done after the new alignment is completed.

Clerk was directed to compose a letter to include the following items:

1. Thank the County staff for taking the time for additional studies of options requested by local residents.
2. Recommend installing advisory 45 mph signs at both curves upon completion and request a traffic study
3. Look into the development of a nitrate pond on the west side of the new route in the “pie wedge” piece of property that will be created due to the road alignment.

ROAD REPORT

- Flooding issues in township in mid-March

Mark Henry reported that the first call was at the intersection of Cty Rd 80 and Alverno. Once the culvert was cleaned out, the water was released and draining properly.

There was flooding in the usual places, including Rocky Hills Development, and in many other places where there have never been flooding issues before. In many areas, the culverts were still frozen shut, which compounded the problems of water flow and drainage. Once the culverts were cleared, most areas drained in a reasonable amount of time. These areas, and especially Rocky Hills Development, will be looked at during the annual Road Inspection.

Castle Rock Township did not close any roads, although the County closed the entrance to one township road until they could replace a culvert in their right-of-way.

- Review quotes and award gravel vendor(s)

Quotes were received and reviewed from Castle Rock Materials and Anderson Rock & Lime.

Jeff Partington made a motion and Jon Juenke seconded to award Projects 1-6 to Anderson Rock & Lime, and award Project 7 to both vendors. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- Update Sign survey

Mark Henry has begun the process of rating road signs in the township. Ken Betzold or Corey Unterscheutz will assist him.

- Set date for annual Township Road Inspection

Annual road inspection will be done on Tuesday, May 7. Everyone will meet at the town hall at 6 pm, and we will take two vehicles. Clerk will notify the Road Committee members and send a reminder to the Supervisors.

- Mr. Henry indicated he plans to apply gravel in a few problem areas before the expected storm later this week.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Rhonda Rademacher indicated that the Township has received the full amount of the escrow (\$64,000) for the Vermillion River Solar Project. Need direction from the Board about what type of account to open to deposit this money (CD or Money Market Savings Account).

Sandy Weber made a motion and Jon Juenke seconded directing the Treasurer to check the rates at both Castle Rock Bank and Premier Bank to deposit the money into a CD. 4 ayes – Kelly Elvestad, Sandy Weber, Jon Juenke, Jeff Partington; 1 abstain – Dave Nicolai. Motion carried.

Receipts \$ 5,375.86
Current Investments \$ 765,420.03

Jeff Partington made a motion and Jon Juenke seconded to approve the Treasurer Report. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

Payroll: \$ 4,856.43 Claim # 9488 - 9496

Claims: \$ 32,905.77 Claim # 9497 - 9522

Total: \$ 37,762.20

Jeff Partington made a motion and Jon Juenke seconded to approve the Payroll and Claims. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT

- Clerk will have some adjusted office hours in May, but the town hall will be open at least two mornings each week. E-mails and voice mails will be monitored as much as possible.
- Please let Clerk know if you have any further updates that should be posted on the website.

ADJOURN

Dave Nicolai made a motion and Sandy Weber seconded to adjourn. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lang (original signature on file)

Barbara Lang, Clerk

Attest:

Kelly Elvestad (original signature on file)

Kelly Elvestad, Chair, Board of Supervisors