

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, June 2, 2021
Town Board Meeting at the Carlton Fire Hall
5:00 p.m.

Board Chair Diane Felde-Finke opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Other board members present: Supervisor John Vernon, Supervisor Randy Willie, Treasurer Ginny Vernon, Clerk Sue Chapin. Also present: Road Foreman Bob Olean, City of Carlton Clerk/Treasurer Carol Conway, County Commissioner Mark Thell.

Guests:

Ron Johnson, Lift Stations Report: Both lift stations ran without a problem for the entire month.

Susan Zmyslony, President, Carlton County Historical Society: Thanks was given to the township for their past support, and barn calendars were handed out.

Ed Kavanaugh, Carlton County Historical Society: Kavanaugh spoke about the sign on Scott's Corner, which is in bad shape. The sign was erected by the Carlton County Historical Society, and they are requesting funding to take that sign down and putting a new one up in that area. He will keep the board updated on that project. Kavanaugh also said the school is looking at upgrading the tennis court in South Terrace, and also considering the addition of a nearby pickleball court. The township may be asked for a donation if things progress.

MOTION to approve the May 19, 2021 board meeting minutes as printed was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #17665 - #17677 and electronic payments BANK21APR and 941JUN21 for the total amount of \$68,552.48 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

G. Vernon presented the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line: Bond proceeds were received and the township can reimburse a portion of past expenses from the bond proceeds, as per information received from Kennedy & Graven.
MOTION to transfer \$265,513.09 from the Construction Fund to the General Capital Projects Fund, as reimbursement for past water line expenses, was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held near the Four Seasons sign in Carlton. Northland is planning to start some work next week on the east end of the project. There will be a construction meeting on Tuesday, June 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the Four Seasons parking lot.

The board reviewed a resolution stating that the total cost of the water infrastructure improvement project to be paid by the township is \$7,462,096 and the portion of that to be assessed against benefited property owners to be \$774,400. **MOTION to approve the Resolution Declaring Amount to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

Guests (continued):

Kelly Lake, Carlton County Sheriff, and Paul Coughlin, Carlton County Jail Administrator:

Recently the county found out that as per state statute the new jail and court functions must be in the county seat, which is the City of Carlton. The county has been looking at a site in the township, on their vacant land. To be compliant, Lake mentioned that the City of Carlton could annex that portion of the township to make it be part of the City of Carlton, if the two entities would consider that option and come to an agreement. They are looking at a minimum of 10 acres but would want more than that to facilitate future growth. They did look at any other property in the City of Carlton, but the options are very limited. A definite site has not been decided on.

More than one road would not be required for access to the facility but it is suggested that there is more than one in case of emergency, so a service road would also be constructed.

A tree buffer would be between the new building and the Olsonville and Transportation Building area. Lake said that a traffic survey will be done at the intersection of County Road 61 and Highway 210, regardless of whether their new facility goes into that area or not, because of increased accidents at that intersection.

Both Coughlin and Lake spoke of other counties in the state that have had a similar problem, and have worked it out by a similar annexation plan.

The timeline for the new building is to hopefully start ground prep next spring. They want to move asap because the current jail will be closed by July 2023.

Vernon stated that unless the county is committed to the township site, the township is not going to commit to an annexation.

Willie said that it takes two to come to an agreement, so the City of Carlton Council would have to approve this also, and they will be experiencing a huge loss.

Lake explained that some offices will remain in the current Court House. Conway asked if either Lake or Coughlin could address the City Council with the same information presented tonight; Coughlin will attend their meeting.

Lake said that public meetings will be planned.

Town Hall: Willie talked with Dave Bolf from NCE, and he recommended an architect that has worked on municipal buildings, and would like to bring him to a board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Washouts: Recycled material was used on a washout on Leimer Road, and the same thing will be done on a washout on West Chub Lake Road.

- Shannon Drive: Dead end sign has not been installed yet but is being worked on.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Carlton County Zoning, a minor subdivision application, 1500 Kortie Road, will be considered at the Carlton County Planning Commission meeting, June 2, 2021, 7 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building

MEETINGS

- Water Line Groundbreaking Ceremony, Thursday, June 10, 10 a.m. at the Four Seasons sign in Carlton.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair