

Minutes of Regular Township Meeting
August 6, 2015 at Val Hall

Members present: Stacy Lee, John Kotaska, Bob Wald, Dale Koop, Nancy Tofte
Guests: Don Magner, Peter Nelson, Doug Pavik, Paul Ihle

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Old Business:

Website Update – no new updates.

Town hall building – no new updates

Magner property – Don Magner made a presentation concerning his property in Magner’s First Addition. Peter Nelson explained that he had been out and measured at the property. Bob was also at the property at the same time and measured the setbacks required from the centerline of the road. Both stated that there was not enough space to build with the current setbacks and requirements from the river. Stacy informed Doug Pavik that she would send him an application to request a variance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the July 14, 2015 monthly meeting were emailed prior to the monthly meeting. Bob made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Dale seconded the motion. The motion carried. The minutes from the July 14, 2015 public hearing for road vacation were emailed prior to the monthly meeting. Dale made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

The Treasurer’s report was read. There being the following cash balances:

Checking	\$45,173.11
Savings	\$57,991.86
<u>Investments</u>	<u>\$265,779.03</u>
Total:	\$368,944.00

New Business:

Jerry Skervin rezoning request – A question was asked concerning the existing trailers on this property. Paul Ihle explained that once an RV goes on a site, they have one year, after one year, they have lost the right for the grandfather and a trailer cannot go back on that spot. This will apply, lot by lot.

Bob made a motion to approve the rezoning based on the following factors:

1. That the zoning amendment conforms to the Comprehensive Plan for the Township, as well as present land uses; There is existing commercial land along the airport road which is close to this property.
2. That the zoning amendment will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding property for uses

predominant in the area; The only available development would be to the east of this property and that could still be possible.

3. That the zoning amendment will not adversely affect property values of the adjacent property owners; Will not affect property values.
4. That the zoning amendment will not impose other undue hardship on adjacent property owners such as noise, electrical display signs, odors, or other nuisances; Adjacent Property owners are not too close and noise levels, etc will be enforced by property owner.
5. That necessary utilities be available to serve the use intended; Will be adequate utilities.
6. That additional public service needed by the zoning amendment be considered;
7. That alternate areas previously zoned for the intended use be considered;
8. That there is a public need for the proposed land use.

The pros and the cons for this zoning amendment was also considered:

1. Has an existing similar use
2. Less impact than existing use
3. Will continue to clean up the property
4. Adds additional development with economic impact.
5. Has water in place and sewer will come, no additional public services needed at this time.

Dale seconded it, the motion passed.

Road inspection – The supervisors completed the road inspection on July 22, 2015. The findings are included with these minutes.

Stacy informed the Board that a zoning permit was issued to Robert and Patricia Wold on July 28, 2015. The location is E1/2 SE ¼ of section 15. The Wold's are planning to build a deck/seasonal porch on their property.

Stacy informed the Board that a Red Lake Watershed District permit was issued to Terry Timm. The permit allows Timm to add fill to widen the existing 'dry' field entrance on the south side of Pennington County Road #61 in the NE quarter section of section 7. The work is necessary to improve access. The permit was dated July 9, 2015.

Stacy informed the Board that a Red Lake Watershed District permit was issued to Pennington County. The permit allows the County to replace a rusted out culvert in the driveway of Scott Stueber. The work is necessary because the existing culvert is damaged. The location is the ¼ quarter section of section 31. The work is necessary to improve access. The permit was dated July 9, 2015.

Stacy received a notice of Rocksbury Township's 2016 Town Aid. The township will receive \$911.

Stacy was contacted by a parent representative for the Prowler girls hockey team. They would like to erect a sign on Hwy 59 South near Sheldon's Auto to commemorate the 2015 State Championship team. After some checking with Ihle & Sparby's office, it was determined that this type of sign would need to follow the billboard requirements and would require a conditional use permit.

Stacy presented the Board with the property valuation report prepared by Overland Surveys. The findings will be used to calculate the township Consolidated liability coverage. The Board discussed the replacement cost valuation determined by Overland Surveys. Following discussion, Bob made a motion set the replacement cost at \$175,000 instead of \$369,186. Dale seconded the motion and it carried. The members of the board then completed the form entitled Property Agreed Value Acceptance Form. Following another discussion, Dale made a motion to increase the deductible from \$250 to \$1000. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

The property valuation report contained information that the fire extinguishers located in the town hall are out of date. Bob will make sure that these fire extinguishers are replaced.

The District 13 meeting will take place in Newfolden at 7:30 on Monday, August 24, 2015.

The September monthly meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 7:00 PM at Val Hall.

Red Lake Watershed District public hearing will be held on August 13, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Bills:

The following bills were presented and paid. Bob made a motion to accept and pay the following bills. Dale seconded the motion and it passed:

PERA	August Meeting	\$116.66
The Times	Hearing notice	\$25.72
Pennington Hwy Dept	June Blading	\$1,077.50
Second Nature Greenhouse	July Mowing	\$600.00
Rude Construction	Gravel	\$1,449.54
Rude Construction	July Blading	\$4,185.28
Pennington County Recorder	Plat copy	\$10.00
Red Lake Electric	July Billing	\$34.33
Wage Claims		\$1426.18

Adjourn:

Dale made the motion to adjourn the. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

Stacy Lee, Clerk

Board Member