

Minutes of Regular Township Meeting
May 9, 2013 at Val Hall

Members present: Dale Koop, Nancy Tofte, Stacy Lee, Bob Wald
Guests: Larry Kruse

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

Old Business:

Website Update – No new updates.

Minutes:

The minutes from the April 11, 2013 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.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Checking	\$24,374.91
Savings	\$38,042.58
Investments	\$325,442.99
Total:	\$387,860.48

New Business:

Town Hall Building update – Bob met with Joe Dahlen at the town hall to discuss cost the maintenance issues. Joe suggested that the cost of fixes would be quite high. He will work with Peterson Lumber and draw up a plan for a new building. Joe will plan to come to June meeting to discuss with the Board and help the Board begin planning for a new town hall.

Zoning – Stacy presented the Board with the areas in to the township that were zoned General Business prior to the newest zoning ordinance that took place in 2006. These areas were inadvertently missed in the 2006 changes. In addition, the Board discussed several areas in the township that could potentially be changed to commercial. Anne Nevin is still wanting her property along 150th St NE changed back to commercial so that she can build an additional storage building. Larry Kruse was present at the meeting to discuss his desire to build storage buildings to the north of Kruse Inn. This property is currently zoned Agriculture. The Board explained that Larry should wait until it completes the Zoning Map changes in June. This would eliminate Larry from completing a conditional use request and a public hearing. Stacy will continue to do research and gather all the necessary information regarding the proposed zoning changes.

Mowing – Jim Breiland contacted Stacy to inquire about mowing Val Hall. The rates will the same as previous years. Bob made a motion to approve Breiland Landscaping for mowing of the town hall. Dale seconded the motion and it passed.

Fire protection meeting – Nancy informed the Board about the meeting that took place on Monday, May 6 at the fire hall. The meeting was to discuss the potential rate increase for rural fire protection. Larry Kruse and the City of Thief River Falls would like to increase the portion that the townships are paying.

An agreement could not be made so it was suggested that a future meeting be planned with just the townships to discuss the increase.

Stacy presented the Board with a permit from the Red Lake Watershed District for Matthew Baltes. The permit is for property located in section 9, on 140th St NE, just north of the airport. The permit allows Matthew Baltes to install a culvert for access to the property.

The June meeting is Thursday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m.

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	May Meeting	\$93.34
Red Lake Electric Co op	April billing	\$47.50
Pennington Co Hwy Dept	March snow plow	\$518.75
Bredeson Office Supply	Copy paper	\$19.71
Wage Claims		\$1,023.19

Adjourn:

Bob made the motion to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 pm for further discussion of the zoning issues. Dale seconded the motion and it carried.

Stacy Lee, Clerk

Board Member