

Monthly Board Meeting  
PARTRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
February 7, 2024

Chairman, Matt Klocke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Matt Klocke, Scott Peterson, David Durham, Laurie Jorgensen and Anne Stitt, residents Rosa Villeda, Elmer Hernandez, Bruce and Lynn Storrar, Eric Pelofske, Kyler Erdman, Daryl and Connie Klocke. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Reese Fredericksen joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment Period:

- Rosa said that they were here to talk to the Township about the Cease and Desist Letter they received. They want to work with the Township and they weren't aware they couldn't bring the stuff they have brought in here, David Durham went over the Zoning Ordinance where they are in non-compliance and that they would need to rectify it by hauling it out. Elmer said he was sending these semi's or parts out of country and that he was not operating a business here. It was explained that they are operating a business and since the property is not their homestead they can't do that according to our Ordinance. The Clerk asked if Stephen Madsen was their attorney, Rosa stated yes and the Clerk read a letter that their attorney sent, they said yes that their intention is to cooperate with the Township and become in compliance, however, they are looking for other property to haul their stuff to and it will take time. David said 3 weeks could be given, they didn't feel that was enough time to find land and then haul the stuff there. It was decided that the Township would bring this back to their legal counsel and then a letter would be drafted so that all parties understand the expectation. They thanked us for our time and then left.
- Other residents spoke Lynn Storrar, Eric Pelofske and Daryl Klocke all felt that the Township needed to stay on top of this, they are tired of things being hauled in at all hours of the night, there is a substantial increase of traffic on their road, and that road is not built for high traffic. Lynn also commented on the noise pollution from next door in addition to the road not being able to handle the heavy trucks. The Board thanked them for coming to the meeting and bringing their concerns.

Special Visitors:

- Pine County Attorney, Reese Fredericksen was asked to come talk to the Township about us entering into a contract with their office. He explained that he pursues the criminal aspect of these cases, his office does not do the Civil, nor any abatement. But that if the Sheriff's Office will assist the Township with issuing citation they he can pursue criminal penalties in the Ordinance. His office charges \$100.00 per case. The Supervisors agreed they wanted to enter into this contract. Reese said he would email the Clerk a copy of the contract and also a contact for the BCA as the Township has to obtain an ORI as that allows them to charge criminal cases in the judicial system and is needed for fine disbursements to the township. The Township thanked him for his time, and he left the meeting.

Minutes of the last Board Meeting read. Matt asked if any objections/corrections, none stated minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report was read. Beginning balance \$79,938.44, receipts totaled \$3,617.89 and disbursements of \$921.30 for ending balance to \$82,635.03. Current CD balance is \$208,118.75. Matt asked if any objections/corrections, none being stated approved as presented. Claims to be paid tonight are 7909 to 7911.

Old Business:

- Candidate filing is now closed. Matt filed for Supervisor; Anne filed for Clerk. No other filings.

- Planning Commission held their meeting, there is a follow up meeting Wed Feb 21 at 6:00 p.m. They will be reviewing two things in more detail, Feed Lots and Public Events. Of course other items may arise. The plan is to then present the Board of Supervisors with a recommended Zoning Ordinance to be reviewed and adopted at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

New Business:

- Dennis Jensen has expressed that he would like to be off the Planning Commission. Kyler Erdman, who is in the audience tonight, has expressed interest in filling that vacancy. He recently purchased a home in Partridge Township. Motion by David to appoint Kyler to the Planning Commission, Scott made a second. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion held on the contract proposal from the Pine County Attorney's Office, they all felt this was a good thing to have should we need to exercise it. Clerk will work with the BCA to get the ORI number. Motion by David to enter into the contract, Scott made a second. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman and Clerk to sign. Clerk will return the signed copy to Reese Fredrickson's office.
- Discussion was held on signs stating Partridge Township – Zoning Permits required, need to be purchased and put up on all roads entering Partridge Township to help educate people that they need permits. Scott made a motion to order 30 of them, David made a second. Motion carried 3-0. David was going to talk to Pine County to see who they go through for road signs.
- Discussion was held on setting a deadline to get bills in to be paid, and the Supervisors would like a written treasurer's report prior to the meetings. It was decided that moving forward bills received on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month will be paid, anything received after the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month would be paid the following month. Clerk will alert Robert's Excavating, Central Right of Way as they are the contractors that bill. Laurie said that bills have to be paid within 30 days so to watch for that. Discussion was held on the treasurer's report and budgets, Laurie is not familiar with the budgeting module of CTAS but will look into. There is a CTAS manual and Chapter 5 shows budget process. It was decided that the Supervisors would receive a written Treasurer's report at least one day prior to the meeting so they can review what they will be signing and approving at the meeting.
- Discussion was held on whether the Township should get a PO Box, currently correspondence is sent to the Clerk and Treasurer's Home addresses. David will check and let us know.
- We received two quotes for roadside mowing. Central Right of Way did our roadside mowing last year and everyone was happy with the service. There was a missed area but that was completed immediately upon request. Central Right of Way quote was \$54 per mile and we have 28 miles, \$1512.00. Jerry's Roadside mowing also put in a bid, that was \$1450.00. Motion by David to approve the bid from Central Right of Way Services, Scott made a second. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion was held on website. Matt will ask Planning Commission member Terry if he can work on a blurb about Partridge Township to put on the website. It was agreed that once things "green" up we would have a drone take a few pictures of maybe a field with cows, some wooded parcels and try to capture the agriculture feel and intent of Partridge Township. On the mock up the Zoning Ordinance was listed twice, so they wanted to make sure the Nuisance Ordinance was on there, Clerk will send that to Scottie and make sure it is linked. Matt thought there should be a link to Pine County website for the Septic since Pine County does our septic inspections, clerk will ask Scottie to address that also. We need to make sure the Officers are listed correctly, and with new member Kyler being on the Planning Commission, and Terry who replaced Scott.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman, Matt at 9:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Anne Stitt, Clerk

  
Matt Klocke, Chairman