

Monthly Board Meeting
PARTRIDGE TOWNSHIP
November 1, 2023

Chairman Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Matt Klocke, Scott Peterson, David Durham, Laurie Jorgensen, Dave Becker, Brian Becker and Anne Stitt. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the last Board Meeting read. Matt asked if any objections/corrections, none being stated, Scott made a motion to approve, second my David, motion carried 3-0, minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's report was read. Beginning balance \$49,509.82, receipts totaled \$225.97 and disbursements of \$2,880.00, for ending balance to \$49,855.79. Matt asked if any objections/corrections, none being stated approved as presented. Claims to be paid tonight are 7893 for brushing to Roberts Excavating. The CD current balance is \$203,986.79.

Special Visitors:

- None

Public Comment:

- Dave Becker said he didn't know he needed a Land Use Permit for his grain bin, he wanted to go on record as stating he still believes he does not need one, as it's for storage and not a building. It was explained that it is a structure of more than 100 square feet on a cement slab so yes that does require a land use permit. He said he completed the land use permit application and submitted the \$100.00 fee but as he discovered this when he already had someone on the way to pour concrete and he did comply when it was discovered that he didn't feel he should have to pay the penalty as it is not on the form or the website. Explained it was in the minutes of the reorg meeting and the Township would get the form current and also the website as we are looking to have a new one built that is more user friendly. Scott said that since they had to deliberate on it and he was not willfully intending to deceive that the penalty should be waived. Matt agrees with Scott as it was obscure enough for questions and conversations about it. The decision was he obtained the Land Use Permit and paid the \$100 fee and he was good to go.

Old Business:

- David said Brad, Central Right of Way Services, will complete the work on the Cedar trees by Andermann's this week.
- Brushing by Robert's Excavating is pretty much done on the North side of township, has the South to do. Unless bad weather, freeze or too much snow ditching on Elwell Road will be completed, they are off next week but then plan to hit it hard. Culverts still need to be done and Matt will talk to Gus after their week off.
- Discussion held on the website, the Supervisors reviewed the quotes. They decided to go with Daymark Designs, and wanted all the minutes and forms on there, decided not to do the PDF fillable, and whatever she recommends with the hosting. That is the \$4400 website build cost. Scottie, Daymark Designs won't know the ongoing yearly costs for hosting, domain name, legal, etc until she gets in to the backend of the website. Clerk gave her all her login information but that doesn't get her to the back end so she will have to connect with Glen from Whypayalot (Our current website company) so she can come up with firm numbers for that. Scott made a motion to have her move forward with this process, David made a second, motion carried 3-0. Clerk will contact Scottie. They also thought we should ask her about building a road database or interactive spreadsheet to keep the road maintenance records.

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- Clerk received a copy of the City of Askov Minutes where they agreed to 3 year Fire Contract with 3% increase each year. She received a printed copy tonight so she will scan them and send them to the Supervisors for their record.

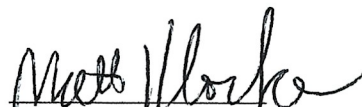
New Business:

- David attended the Pine County Township Officer's Meeting in Hinckley on 10/28 and wanted to talk about the Sick and safe leave. If the Clerk/Treasurer are elected this would apply to them, the Clerk job puts in about 150-180 hours per year, so that would mean she would earn about 5-6 hours per year. He said that doesn't mean we shouldn't appoint them just wanted everyone aware.
- The Clerk presented a letter of support for SCI Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant, the Supervisors reviewed it and agreed it was a good thing to support. Matt signed and Clerk will send to Scott at SCI.
- The Supervisors think that the Zoning Ordinance should be updated, we should look at changing the word building to structure on page 14 C. Zoning permit and again on page 5 D #1, this might create less confusion to residents reading it. They would like the Planning Commission to meet to review this change as well as anything else that needs to be updated. The Clerk will reach out and ask them to set up a meeting in January, the Zoning Administrator should attend, and the Supervisors might want to. Once a date has been decided the Clerk will post and state that a quorum of Supervisors may be attending this meeting as well.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman, Matt at 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,


Anne Stitt, Clerk


Matt Klocke, Chairman