

January 14th 2003
Rockford Township
Regular Meeting

The January 14th 2003 regular Town meeting took place at the Rockford Town Hall. Members present were Beise, McDougall, Wetter, Kelley and Walker. The Pledge to the Flag was recited and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The Chair asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. The Clerk informed the Chair number 7 on the agenda, Wayne Jacobson cancelled. The Chair moved the continued items of Grader/equipment replacement and plastic culvert issue to come after Tim Young and Marty Campion. With those changes the agenda was adopted as printed. The minutes from the December 10th 2002 meeting were distributed to all Board members prior to the meeting for review. Supervisor McDougall had a correction to her section under Supervisors: Reminded the Board of an Association Meeting on January 22nd 2003. Motion by Wetter second by Walker to accept the December 10th 2003 minutes with the correction. All voting in favor, opposed none, motion carried.

Tim Young and Marty Campion were in attendance to present the revised feasibility report for the Farmington Avenue SE potential paving project. Mr. Campion informed the Board that the biggest change in the report is the test borings showing what type and how much gravel is in various areas on the road, and the replacement of cross culverts on the road. Mr. Campion also informed the Board that there are 10 assessments, but 2 of those are in AG-Preserve and cannot be assessed. Of the remaining 8-assessments on the road Otten's have 5 of the assessments due to the changing of zoning on the property which created additional building entitlements. Tamara Otten was present and informed the Board that they (her family) did not know changing the zoning would have an affect on assessments on the road. Mr. Young informed the Board that if a 429 cannot be met, bonding was another choice of funding for the project. Mr. Young also discussed the different ways of deferring assessments. Supervisor Kelley asked Tamara Otten about how the petition was presented to her, and if she knew now what she did not know then that rezoning would add to the assessments, would she still sign the petition. Mrs. Otten stated she understood at the time that the assessments were based per house, or PID number and that they were committing to two assessments. She also stated she really could not answer if she would have signed or not due to other siblings being involved. Supervisor Wetter interjected that at the time of the petition, Otten's did not rezone their property. Motion by Walker adopting the Resolution receiving Report of Feasibility and calling for public hearing for proposed improvements to Farmington Avenue SE (T-253) at the estimated cost of \$190,000. Seconded by Supervisor Kelley. All voting in favor Beise, Wetter, McDougall, Kelley and Walker, opposed none, motion/resolution carried. The Public Hearing was set for February 11th 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Wayne Jacobson regarding Natural Resource Inventory for the Township had cancelled. The Clerk inquired from the Board if they were interested at all in the inventory. Motion by Wetter second Walker that the Board is not interested in having an inventory done at this time. All voting in favor, opposed none, motion carried.

John Skogman was present to request the Board to sign the Liquor License for the name change of his establishment. The license will be up for renewal in June 2003. June will be when ownership will change hands to a 50-50 ownership. Motion by Walker second

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Wetter to sign the liquor license to allow the name change as long as the ownership is the same as reflected on the application. All voting in favor, opposed none, motion carried.

Connie Blaeser was present to request approval for a split of the Doris Hanson property from 80 acres into two 40 acres parcels. Motion by McDougall second Kelley to approve the split given that the change fits into the land plan, and that the owner will work with the Township if ever a driveway goes in. All voting in favor, opposed none, motion carried.

Thomas Balanger was not present. Motion by McDougall second Walker to send the County the response form marked disapproves due to the Township not having any information to base any decisions upon. All voting in favor, opposed none, motion carried.

No Public Comments were received.

Continued Items: Grader replacement – The Board discussed the meeting with the CAT salesman and most of the Board thought the rental units with a few hours on them seemed to be the better bargain, and maybe some of the Board and Crew could view them. Supervisor Wetter brought up the fact that the Board did not talk with a John Deere salesman. There was discussion regarding CAT vs. John Deere. Supervisor suggested having a meeting with a John Deere representative. The Board agreed it would be good to compare “apples to apples”. Supervisor Wetter would try to get a John Deere Salesman to meet on Monday January 20th at 7:30 am, or Tuesday January 22nd at 7:30 am. Chair Beise requested there be a decision about purchasing a grader at the next meeting. The Clerk will make this a continued agenda item for January 28th.

The plastic culvert issue was brought up by Supervisor Wetter. He was inquiring about plastic culvert being approved by the Town Board for driveways. He reminded the Board of the “test” site on the commercial property, and wondered if the Board had heard anything about it. This will be an agenda item for the February 25th meeting.

Supervisors

Pam: Talked to the City of Hanover and how the City has the wrong idea about the Township’s position on annexation. The City of Hanover’s council thought that the Township’s Compensation for Annexation Policy was an annexation agreement. Pam drafted a letter to the Mayor and Council clarifying the Township’s position on annexation. Thought the man from Big Lake Township could speak to the Board some time. McDougall will call for possible dates.

Matt: Matt added to the Hanover conversation that they seemed confused about the Policy and that the letter is a good idea.

Leander: Asked about the Republicans meeting at the hall. The Clerk informed the Board that the Republicans did not need the hall.

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Karen: Had a couple of minor changes to the draft letter to Hanover, and thought it was time to meet with Hanover, Buffalo and Rockford cities regarding general items. The Clerk will coordinate a date with Hanover's city Council for a dinner meeting at the hall.

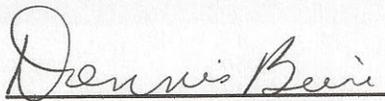
Dennis: Ordered flowers from the Township for Donald Klatt's funeral.

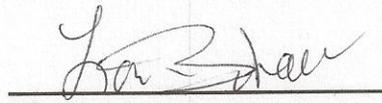
Clerk: Set the meeting for appointments, wages and benefits on January 29th at 7:30 am at the hall. Reminded the Board about the Urban Town short courses. Informed the Board I might not be at work on January 20th.

Maintenance Crew: Inquired about the possibility of not laying down dust control and using the money saved to put towards paving the roads. The residents could have the company put it down in front of their own homes and pay for it their selves. Motion by Wetter second Walker to have the residents make their own arrangement for dust control and put money saved toward paved roads. Voting in favor Wetter and Walker. Opposed Beise, McDougall and Kelley, motion failed. It was suggested that dust control was too important to the residents, and thought it should be brought up at the Annual meeting. Motion by McDougall second Wetter to have dust control on the agenda at the Annual meeting. All voting in favor, opposed none, motion carried.

Motion by Wetter second Walker to approve payments from 12/11/2002 through 12/31/02 totaling \$94,426.67 and payments from 1/1/03 thorough 1/14/03 totaling \$9,234.52 paid by checks #10926 through #10981. All voting in favor, opposed none, motion carried. Motion by Wetter second Walker to approve the funds report totaling \$361,422.70 minus dedicated reserve funds at the end of December 2002. Funds are located in checking, savings, CD's, petty cash. All voting in favor, opposed none, motion carried.

All agenda items being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.


Chair


Clerk