

September 2019

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

6:30 PM

Chair Deluca calls meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: Chair Deluca, Vice Chair Skubic, M Ralston, L Tahija, B Beihoffer, Treasurer Rodgers, Clerk Drobac

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. This meeting will be recorded for archival and transcription purposes.

Motion: Beihoffer\Tahija to approve August minutes Passed 5/0

Add to agenda

Motion: Ralston\Skubic to approve Corp 4 insurance coverage for 2019-2020 for \$9814.00 Passed 5/0

Motion: Ralston\Deluca to approve adding OSHA complaint under New Business on agenda Passed 5/0

Treasurer report: Checking – \$200,027.49 Long Term Investments – \$251,877.96 Savings –
\$232,738.28 Total – \$684,643.73

No motion for treasurer report

Treasurer Rodgers talked of an amendment to the Wage Theft law in Minnesota regarding payroll

Motion: Deluca\Beihoffer to approve changing the payroll date to the 15th of each month, with the exception of Oct 2019, which will have 2 payrolls to comply with new MN law Passed 5/0

Claims presented

No motion for claims

OLD BUSINESS:

Insurance checkup – Jon Mocol from MATIT working on it

Change to appointed clerk \ treasurer – tabled until Oct meeting

Ralston explained how a grant from Blandin will absorb costs of getting work done for broadband

Motion: Ralston to approve applying for Blandin Grant monies for broadband Failed, no 2nd
Ralston also noted that Virginia does not charge to be a fiscal agent.

Donation to Broadband feasibility study – a bill will be sent to Greenwood township

Discussion on change to NESC for internet – NESC has hooked us up. Frontier service will be left as is

Question for brushing on ballot – wording for – tabled until Oct meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Deluca discussed an OSHA complaint that was issued to Greenwood Fire Dept on Sept 10, 2019

Motion: Beihoffer\Tahija to have no opposition to road vacation for Villnow, Ollila, and Espe Passed

5/0

REPORTS: Supervisors: Ralston – attended the MAT District 10 meeting

Motion: Ralston\Deluca to have no ‘information request’ information given to Jeff Maus Passed 5/0
information can be looked at in the public packet. No information – not even the weather.

Motion: Ralston\Deluca to cancel any previous emails – from Attorney Mike Couri to supervisors and not to the clerk – from being sent to the clerk Passed 5/0

Ralston checked on the fire dept records on the computer \ cloud. Ralston noted the paving for the parking lot should be done by the end of the month. Rain has been problematic.

Reports: Supervisors: Deluca thanked Ozzie Leciejewski for putting up the new flags, quote will be in the papers for snow plowing

Motion: Ralston\Beihoffer to approve an ad in both papers regarding brushing \ 911 signs Passed 5/0

Cannisters are out and area has looks good. An LED light on the flagpole, and a new whirly bird on the hall roof has been replaced

Fire Dept: Runs: 5 fire, 10 medical, 1 drill, 1 meeting, 1 fd training, 1 emr training. PERA will be contacted to do an analysis for the fd. MN Fire Chiefs Annual Conference is coming up. Mesabi will have a Fire Chief presentation. FF classes in Cherry, Chisholm, Biwabik and Tower. Will have a drill on the boats for night operation. Pump test re-done? Tim Lind is doing fd repairs. Need 911 signs \ roads brushed.

Deluca noted, Dave from OSHA, said it is a good thing to have outside repair people.
911: 4 signs were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Louise Gately commented on the trouble she and her family have had with internet connection. Asked for the township to support 21st century technology. Please take the lead in getting better internet \ broadband to this township. The residents want it.
John Bassing – IRRRB approved several grants, including \$900,000.00 for Morcom township. Morcom township supplies only \$10,000.00. Greenwood township needs to update, high speed is needed, Frontier is a problem. Meet the needs of tomorrow. Mike
Hatlestad board needs to improve the infrastructure in our community with Broadband. This is a safety issue. Gary Haugen asked each board member – why a second can not be raised for the Broadband issue – no reply from the board. Noreen Butala, Greenwood Rec board has finished clean up in the pavilion area. Marcie Moe is completely against the appointment of clerk \ treasurer positions. Questioned the salt in the softened water.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from SLC with revisions for SLC Ordinance 62, SLC Community Block Grant information, SLC variance hearing for Roskoski, SLC variance for Olson, SLC aggregate program, SLC regarding State Tax Forfeited land.

Further discussion between residents and the board on the Broadband issue. Ralston
suggested a public meeting between residents and broadband\internet carriers.

Junk mail will be available to view, then will be recycled

Motion: Ralston\Skubic to adjourn Passed 5/0 7:55 pm

Sue Drobac

Carmen Deluca

Clerk

Chair