

**Dunn Township
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 11, 2017
Dunn Town Hall 7:00 pm**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair C. Kvare. Supervisors: Dalman, Seifert and Herseth were present. Chairman D. Johnson was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda – Approval: After addition of New Business item six WOTA meeting review and deletion of Old Business #2 and Town Board matters # 3 a motion to accept the agenda was made by B. Dalman and seconded by D. Seifert, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes- Approval: Approve the Minutes of the Nov. 13, 2017 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by D. Seifert and seconded by R. Herseth, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Approval: A motion to approve the report as presented was made by R. Herseth and seconded by D. Seifert, motion carried. A motion to approve the renewal of CD 8430 for six months and purchase a new CD for nine months in the amount of \$100,000, A motion to approve the CD's was made by R. Herseth and Seconded by D. Seifert, motion carried.

Claims List Approval: A motion to approve the claims list as presented with the addition of a check in the amount of \$14,760 payable to Ackling Construction for ditch work (contingent on the receipt of a W-9 with F.I.D. # and an insurance Certificate in the amount of \$1,500,000) was made by D. Seifert and seconded by B. Dalman, motion carried.

Citizen Comments/Questions/Agenda Requests

1. None.

Township Engineer Report- Jeff Stabnow: For Seal Coating jobs the work provider has been asked to add extra oil on certain roads to extend the life of the road. Central Specialties bill for the overlay on old Highway 59 was slightly higher than quoted due to additional work on the approach tie in to the East Lake Lizzie Rd. Many pot holes and preparation needed to do a proper job.

PVHD Report Recap – Dave Slotten: Gave a recap of the monthly board meeting (copy with minutes), C. Kvare mentioned a friend from Detroit Lakes who needed a nursing home for a family member was told that there was no room available in the area and they had to go to Hillsboro, ND for a room. Is the PVHD doing any contact with area hospitals and social services to let them know that PVHD has room available? David Slotten will check it out.

Correspondence- Clerk: No upcoming meeting notices and not correspondence outside of advertisements for services that we don't use.

New Business:

1. Review of Conditional Use Permit application regarding Wind/Solar proposal – Informational Only

Representatives from Juhl Energy and Lake Region Electric were in attendance and available for questions. Chairman Kvaré opened the meeting to questions from the audience. Doug Oksendahl asked if there were any plans for additional wind towers. No just the one tower is planned stated Dan Juhl. Aaron Thibert stated that a system such as this helps LREC with power needs. Someone asked why the project was proposed with such short notice, why couldn't it wait until next summer when area residents return from the south. Dan Juhl stated that there are tax ramifications that must be met in 2017 to qualify but potential changes in the tax law could also affect the project. They are very aware of and check potential concerns with acoustic limitations, shadow flicker limits and things of that nature that might impact neighbors. There are limits as to how close they can put a tower to a residence and they try to double that number to 1500 feet. Dale Pepelnjak asked several questions about the placement of the tower and the short time period for the consideration of the conditional use permit. He stated that the whole project had a smell about it. He also stated that he is 2.1 miles from the proposed site and his westerly view would be impacted greatly by the wind tower. Since the question and answer period was being violated with opinions that should not have been made at this meeting. The opinions for or against are to be made at the hearing. All questions were stopped at this point due to the out of order issues.

260th St ditch work: Neighbors to the project are asking for seeding along the property adjacent to their property. The township installed three approaches to the land owners at no cost to them and no permit fee for the land owners. It was felt that they have received adequate compensation. It was stated by Chairman Kvaré that future work along private property needs to be discussed with adjacent land owners prior to starting the work.

Parrish Nelson – Structure on 275th Ave (road tour finding): A building with no walls or roof was noticed during the fall road tour. The property owner had not requested a building permit but is now asking if a permit is needed. The building will have a tarp roof. Mr. Nelson feels that he should be allowed to have this structure without having a building permit. Two supervisors will visit the sight and bring a recommendation back to the January 8, 2018 meeting.

Designate Polling location by December 31, of each year. A Resolution number 2017-09 was made by D. Seifert and seconded by B. Dalman to designate the Dunn Townhall as our Polling location in Dunn township this resolution passed with a unanimous vote of the board members present Seifert, Dalman, Herseth and Kvaré.

Lake Lizzie Lakeshore Assoc. townhall rental dates for 2018: May 19, July 21, Sept 8, the stated dates have been reserved for the LLLA since there are no conflicting events for these dates.

WOTA Meeting Review: D. Seifert gave a recap of people who spoke on various subjects at the meeting. The most prominent subject of conversation was the drug issues in Otter Tail County. Loren Engebretson talked about the legislative meeting that was held in St Paul. He stated that the next legislative lobby day is in St Paul on February 20, 2018.

Old Business:

Website Update: The townhall staff will need to begin training soon. A video has been produced and a face to face training will take place as soon as Mike and Doug along with Ross can be available for training.

Town Board Matters to be addressed:

Resolution for closing Minimum Maint roads: Resolution number 2017-10 was presented to adopt the annual winter closing of minimum maintenance roads for the next four months. Motion by R. Herseth and seconded by D. Seifert, motion to pass carried.

Set special meeting regarding Wind/Solar CUP, Wednesday Dec. 20, 2017: A motion was made by R. Herseth and seconded by D. Seifert to set a special meeting regarding the wind/solar project for Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Motion carried.

Meetings: Next Regular Monthly Meeting Date:

1. January 08, 2018 at 7:00pm
2. Hearing CUP, David Johnson, Monday, December 18, 2017
3. Special Meeting regarding CUP hearing on December 20, 2017
4. Reorg meeting Jan 8, 2018 after regular meeting

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by D. Seifert and seconded by B. Dalman, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Winter, Dunn Town Clerk

Charles Kvale, Vice Chairman Dunn Town Board