

The Hampton Township Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2015 7:30pm

ATTENDANCE

Chair	Jim Sipe
Supervisor	Doug Wille
Supervisor	Dan Peine
Treasurer	Leo Nicolai
Deputy Clerk	Molly Weber

This meeting was called to order by Jim Sipe, Chair at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and using the consent agenda, minutes from last month's meeting as well as the approval of agenda for this meeting. Doug made a motion to approve the routine items on the consent agenda except for the claims and to approve the balance of the agenda. Dan seconded it. Motion carried.

Township letters of information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shelly Kidd wondered how long we have used the consent agenda. Jim said for as long as he has been here, for 2 years now. Leo said it is going on 10 years. It means you don't have to read the whole set of minutes, that the board has reviewed them.

ROAD REPORT

Doug said he had a call from Chip Callister about the bridge by their house, that the grading didn't help since it was so hard. Leo called and said their was a culvert with a hole in it on 220th. Jason marked it with cones and we need to notify someone at Vermillion since it is Vermillion Township. Jason said they were going to try to grade all the roads next week before it freezes up.

They were going to pull the loose gravel in on the roads.

Dan Peine said he heard that 250th from 56 to 52 was real rough on that road buy will all the rain there is not much they can do. This has been a problem for a while.

Leo said they need to get the rain pockets out.

Cap X looks like they got all the concrete poured. Jason said it looked like the foundations were done. Now they need to set the towers but he hasn't seen any of them laying around down here. Matt from Cap X said the ones down here were going to be a little behind the rest since it was a different company.

Doug said had calls from dust and what not from work on the power line. Haven't heard anymore lately. Jason said projects pretty much done. Doug said we kind of decided to hold off on the 225th and Lewiston project. Doug requested a concrete estimate of what it would cost to do it. Jason said it was not really a necessity. Doug said it is kind of screwed up but not really hurting anything the way it is. We decided it was better to spend the extra money on the extra rock this year. We want a concrete estimate before we do anything. Need to redo the ditch on the west. Culvert from east to west needs to come out and redo them under 225th. It occasionally washes out. There is a tremendous amount of dirt that needs to be moved but we need somewhere close to go with it. Leon doesn't want that gravelly dirt. He wants better dirt brought in from somewhere else to do the project. We can talk to him about going back on his land then recover it with good dirt. We will wait until next year on this. The guys decided they want to meet out there with him. The guys are more worried about HOW it is done not WHEN it is done. We will talk to Leon next year when we have a plan.

PLANNING COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

Nothing since they did not meet this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Revised Zoning Ordinance – per Jim, Troy did a good job of incorporating our changes. Doug didn't find anything. The Planning Commission are fine with the latest revision. They did not meet this month so were going to send changes via email but we did not receive any emails. Doug just has a couple questions on the lot of record and the dates on page 6 and page 7 it seems like there is added confusion. Per Jim these are changes we can make after the public hearing. Should say, a substandard lot properly recorded. On page 7 it should say property. Troy recommended we pass a motion to have the Planning Commission to hold a hearing on the proposed amendment.

Shelly Kidd tried to interject wondering what the Ordinance change was. She was told that she needed to make her comment during the Public Comment but the guys explained it.

Doug said we are trying to clean up our Ordinance book and make things more understandable. We had a significant problem with some changes that were made in 2002. We went to fix that and tried to address a lot of smaller issues but the process for us to amend our Zoning Ordinance involves us having to hold a public hearing so that the public can come and make comments on the changes to the ordinance. **Doug made a motion for the Planning Commission to have a Public Hearing to look at making these changes to our Ordinance Book. Jim seconded it. Motion carried.**

So the Public Hearing would be at their next meeting on December 14. Clerk should post the notice. Troy is willing to help with that notice so Molly can contact him. Planning Commission will have the Public Hearing and then the Town Board reviews the minutes and decides if we are going to adopt the changes or not. Jim is gone all of January. Dan is gone January 11- the end of February. Town Board will consider doing another meeting at the end of December. Jim thinks we should hear the Public Hearing comments on the 15th of December and then decide if we should have another meeting in late December or early January.

Election Judge – Molly – Put on Old Business December since we are attending the training on November 20th.

Administrative Policy – Jim will resend this. No one reviewed it yet. Old Business for December.

Rental Agreement Final Review – Molly reviewed it and is going to give it to Jim to review her flagged areas. Jim will review and we will make a motion to sign it in December. Old Business for December.

NEW BUSINESS

Rylee Jamieson – and Rylie Maple were present to discuss the home they purchased last spring off Collier Court off of 50 and want the Board's feel on what's going on with Hampton Woods and how it will be public hunting land and to express their concerns. They had no idea when they bought the home that they were going to be making the woods behind them public hunting. They are concerned about shots being fired. They thought their road was a private easement but they are putting a public parking lot for the public there. Worried about all the cars going in and out. They are right past the temple off of 50. County is buying the land from the landowners and gifting it to the DNR. 22041 Collier Court is their address. Their neighbor is Todd Erickson. Their road has never been plowed or maintained before so not sure who will take care of it now. Their lawyer is looking into some of it, like the scope of the easement. Public easement said it was written in 1974. Maybe it was a private easement to the landowner but now that they sold it it might have become public since they sold it. Board thinks the seller (Mrs. Kuntz) should have disclosed this with the sale of the land. DNR doesn't need permits unless they build something. Doug said they need to look at their deed and title insurance company about it. Doug thinks that the hunting ground and homes should be fenced off if the DNR is taking this over. The County trumps what the Township says.

2016 New Inspector – Leo and Jim met with MNSpect, Darrel Gilmer and Benny Svien. They unanimously agree to hire Benny Svien. He needs to fix his contract where the typo is. **Doug Wille made a motion to hire Benny Svien as of January 1, 2016 contingent on ironing out minor issues on his contract. Dan Peine seconded. Motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Slavic from Dakota County was present to speak to us.

Hampton Woods Discussion:

Rylee Jamieson and Rylie Maple were concerned about their home near the Hampton Woods. They told Mike they are concerned about the traffic on their private road and guns and hunting in their yard. They expressed the county talked about a buffer but that would be an orange sign that they are concerned won't do enough for their safety. There is a 500 foot buffer between dwelling & home. It will be firearm and bow hunting. Rylee was not told until the day she moved in by the neighbor that some point the land would be hunting land. There was definitely a lack of disclosure in their purchase. It will be just hunting. People will win a lottery and be able to come and hunt. Per Mike a sign is not a buffer. Mike said there will be other neighbors affected by this. The County's only role in this is that they contributed some money. Mike gave them a business card and recommended they request a buffer since a sign is not a buffer. Mike doesn't understand why we are taking good farm land off the tax rolls. Rylee's other question is about who will plow the road since it is not a Township road. The board said it would now belong to the state or DNR so they would probably plow it or keep it up for the public. The road is only 10 feet wide. The easement is 60 foot wide total and 300 foot long. A Township road is 66 foot wide.

Township and school district need to pay taxes for the next 5 years since it is owned by the state and not the county.

There are some southern Dakota County areas that are being considered for the Renaissance Festival since they are closing.

Township Officers Meeting Fall of 2015:

Got the letter about updating our Comprehensive Plan. Dean Johnson's name is on our Comprehensive Plan from the last time. Jim doesn't think this is a huge job since we haven't changed much in Hampton Township and Jim doesn't think we will. We need to change dates and such in it. Every 10 years the Met Council requires you do an update Comprehensive Plan. In the southern part of the county it is not too much. We start it in 2016 and do it in 2017 and 2018 and must be approved by 2019. 10 years ago a number of cities and counties pooled their money together and Dean Johnson did this for less than he was planning on doing. The Met Council has CDA block grant money to townships & small cities that go together. Last time there were 9 of the 15 or 20 went together. At the Officers meeting they decided to put a dollar amount in their and will adjust it based on what's done. We are going to try to find as much money as we can and pool it together, then it should cost less. This depends on how much time we want to put into it ourselves. The comprehensive plan should be uniform from township to township and that's why the counties and Met council are willing to put money in since it is a lot easier when you can go from township to township. In March townships will be working together on their comprehensive plan together. We will have 2-3 years so they might have different counties doing them each year since the funding the county can provide is capped at a certain amount per year so might stagger the cities and townships. Dean Johnson did it last time so but he is in the process of retiring but maybe he will do it this one last time. Hopefully 2/3 to 90% will be covered with grants. If we choose to be in the consortium then we may pay between \$3,000 - \$5,000. Terry Holmes is kind of the one taking the lead on this. 9 out of the 13 were on board last time along with 3 or 4 of the small cities.

Zip Rail:

Mike says he encourages us to talk to our friends that live in northern part of Dakota County, Rosemount and Inver Grove Heights. Governor will decide if he is going to give exclusive heir rights for development purposes to build overhead structures. If they went overhead in Hampton Township maybe they would take more land. They aren't really interested in the 80mph one. They want the Zip Rail that goes 200mph. It can be elevated but needs 500 feet which is the size of Highway 52. If this went broke then the state would make no money. In 2013 MOA & Rochester got the biggest tax cuts, almost a billion and a half. MOA pays property taxes but the state gives them 3 times what they pay in taxes.

We need to pay attention and email the governor and pay attention to our friends to the north.

Dakota County Budget:

Farmington school district has a heavy tax increase due to the referendum that was passed.

Next year Dakota County will be debt free. Services should be maintained or grow. Maximum of ½ percent tax increase and hopefully 0% for levy. On average residential properties in Dakota County went up about

4.5% because the valuations went up. Hampton values went up about 1.5%. Randolph taxes went up, voter approved stayed the same but the non-voter tripled. On average the county portion only, Hampton Township went up .35%. Dakota County taxes went up ½% until about 2020. This is affected by your valuation. We have added 15,000 people in the last 4 years so the roads are traveled more and need preservation and new construction.

Vermillion River Watershed:

Every 10 years the watershed by state law has to do a new plan on what it is going to look like and they will be done next summer and it will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. The Cannon and Vermillion are in Hampton Township. We can make comments until 11/30/15. On the regulatory side not much will change. Nitrates continue to be a problem in the ground water. Vermillion river leaks into the ground water east of Highway 52. One of the major factors are the fertilizers. We have guidelines that we already follow. Making priorities and getting the best bang for our buck. It is on the website for review for citizens to make comments too. These will be incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan.

The bike trail was 8.9 million dollars going through Soards property. Don't think a private property should have been taken for a bike trail. Soards had 3 other acquisitions.

Dakota County is working with the Fortune 500 companies-CHS, Peterson Dental, Thompson Reuters-good for business campaign. Based on a Shakopee/Scott county to bring \$12 and hour jobs to our town. There is a reason why companies coming here. Low taxes and good infrastructure are positive for businesses to come here. The other part is our quality of life, our parks, and trails.

Hampton News: Molly to get more info for December meeting. Probably not our newspaper of record but we can see what kind of partnership to have with them.

Phone clerk: Outlook not best idea since only downloads to one place, doesn't stay in cloud for others to see. Phone calls-not a bunch so talk to Jeanne what to do. Jim thinks remotely pick up from township phone instead of roll to mine.

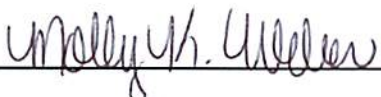
Jim Sipe requested a motion to approve signing of checks 5214 to 5221 and a motion to approve the claims list. Doug Wille made a motion. Dan Peine seconded it. Motion carried. Checks were signed. The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were also signed.

ADJOURNING OF MEETING

Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm, seconded by Dan Peine. Motion carried.

Date Signed: 12/15/15

Supervisor: 

Clerk: 

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP REPORT
December 15, 2015 (November's Business)

Beginning Balance: \$185,087.86

INCOME:

Hiawatha Broadband – Permit	\$528.00
Eilen – Permit	50.50
BH Development – Permit	50.50
MN State – MMB	5279.50
Account Interest	10.08
ICS Account Int:	<u>25.07</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$5943.65

EXPENSES:

M. Weber – Clerk	\$1388.40
Kennedy & Graven – Legal Advice	333.00
CNS Solutions – Website	62.50
Otte Excavating – Rd. Maintenance	336.00
E. Dohmen Township Weed Cutting	3000.00
Beacon – Meeting Notice	31.00
J. Otte – Hall Rent	500.00
Enviortech Services – Dust Control	583.88
Century Link – Phone	<u>74.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$6309.28

CHECKBOOK BALANCE:

\$184,722.23

Checks Not In (2) \$3062.50

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ICS #0902000005	<u>101,717.41</u>
Totals of Accounts	\$187,784.73



Jim Sipe, Chair

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Leo Nicolai, Treasurer

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