

**Hay Creek Township
Regular Monthly Minutes
March 9, 2015**

Board Members present: Sue Cushing, Scott Halverson, Brad Kolberg, Pat O’Neill and Marilyn Schilling

Absent:

Also Attending: Grant Ekblad, Jim Maybach, Amy Nelson, Keith Fossen

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Sue Cushing on March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Public Comment: None

Treasurers Report:

Brad Kolberg presented the February, 2015 treasurer’s report including expenses, income and summary funds.

Action: A motion was made by Scott Halverson, seconded by Pat O’Neill and carried unanimously to accept the treasurer’s report as presented.

Bills:

Rivertown Multimedia	Notice of election	\$ 123.44
Stu Ekblad	February 2015 road work	5,622.00
Goodhue Community Fire Truck Ass’n	2015 fire levy	10,440.00
Brad Kolberg	1 st quarter payroll	905.00
Marilyn Schilling	1 st quarter payroll	1000.00
Sue Cushing	1 st quarter payroll	840.00
Scott Halverson	1 st quarter payroll	690.00
Pat O’Neil	1 st quarter payroll	625.00
Brad Kolberg	1 st quarter mileage	60.52

Action: A motion was made by Pat O’Neill, seconded by Scott Halverson, and unanimously carried to accept the bills as presented.

Clerks Minutes:

The February 10, 2015 clerk’s minutes were reviewed.

Action: A motion was made by Scott Halverson, seconded by Sue Cushing, and unanimously carried to accept the February 10, 2015 town board meeting minutes.

Correspondence:

- A funding request was received from the Goodhue County Fair Board. This will be brought to the annual meeting to get a recommendation on the request from the township residents.
- Goodhue County Township Association planning and zoning meeting is March 26th in Zumbrota at 7pm

Planning Commission Report:

The February 11, 2015 Planning Commission minutes were received.

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Scott relayed that the township had received an inquiry from someone who was considering a property purchase in Hay Creek Township and asked about a conditional use permit for a dog kennel. This person did not purchase any property in the township, so no further discussion was held.

State Environmental Quality Board – Silica Sand Survey

MAT recently sent out a silica sand Survey sent on behalf of state Environmental Quality Board which is due March 31, 2015. The supervisors reviewed the questions on the survey and appropriate responses based on current ordinance, and completed the survey together, with input from planning commission members. Sue will submit the survey on behalf of the township.

Other Business:

- Quote specs for rock for roads and ditch mowing were reviewed and opening date was set for April 15, 2015.
- Road maintenance bid specs were reviewed and the opening date for bid was set for April 15, 2015.
- Budget and levy discussion – The supervisor discussed the upcoming levy vote that will be made by the town members at the annual meeting. Upcoming road maintenance, bridge and culvert replacements, and sign reflectivity program were highlighted. The low financial reserves due to back to back winters is a concern. Discussed the possibility of going to a four year instead of three year graveling schedule if the levy is not increased.

Action: A motion was made by Scott Halverson, seconded by Sue Cushing and passed unanimously to recommend to the town members that they pass a levy assessment of \$140,000/\$60,000 to for 2016.

- The annual meeting agenda for March 10, 2015 was discussed and finalized.
- The annual township reorganization meeting was set for March 25, 2015.

Road Report: Roads are soft because of the warm weather and thaw.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Township Officer Elections and Annual Town Meeting – March 10, 2015
- Spring Short Course – March 17, 2015 in Rochester
- Annual Reorganization Meeting – March 23, 2015
- Goodhue County Township Association County Planning & Zoning Meeting – March 26, 2015
- April monthly board meeting and bid/quote opening – April 15, 2015

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Schilling
Hay Creek Township Clerk