

**Hay Creek Township
Regular Monthly Minutes
January 12, 2022**

Board Members Present: Sue Cushing, Nathan Jaeger, Scott Halverson, Brad Kolberg and Marilyn Schilling

Also Attending: Grant Ekblad, Mitch Meyer, Doug Alms, Dennis Egan

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Public Comment: None

Discussion:

Holst Solar Garden:

Dennis Egan, on behalf of NEE, brought a request for signature on a conditional use permit application for the solar garden on Circle S Road. There are three separate projects and each one will have to go through the county's permit process. All accesses will be from Flower Valley Road, using existing entrance/exit. The pre-meeting with county planning and zoning staff has been done. Excel Energy has enough capacity for the first project, at the substation. Their goal is to finish the permit process in first quarter 2022 and build in 2022.

Action: A motion was made by Nate Jaeger, seconded by Sue Cushing and unanimously carried to sign the CUP application noting no objection to the project moving forward as presented.

Building Permit Variance Request:

The proponent was not present at the meeting. This topic was deferred to a future meeting.

Lehrbach Road Project:

Doug Alms joined the meeting. Schoenfelder's sent a proposal to Scott, to move Doug's driveway, to provide a safer entrance to his property. Doug indicated that this proposal would not work due to a close well, spring and watershed exit where the proposed driveway would be. To do the full project, as originally planned, is not feasible because of the cost. After discussion, Sue will work with the county to see if a traffic count can be done in the area, along with Circle S, Orchard, and Old Church Road. Doug asked if he could solicit another estimate on what the total project would be. The supervisors had no objection.

Business:

Minimum Maintenance Road Closure:

Action: A motion was made by Sue Cushing, seconded by Nate Jaeger, and unanimously carried to close the minimum maintenance road December 14, 2021 – April 1, 2022.

Treasurers Report:

Brad Kolberg presented the December, 2021 treasurer's report including expenses, income and summary funds.

Action: A motion was made by Sue Cushing, seconded by Scott Halverson, and carried unanimously to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

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Bills:

Ekblad Excavating	December 2021 road work	\$17,017.20
Plunkett's Pest Control	Town hall pest control	65.11
MATIT	Commercial insurance premium	2,484.00
Goodhue Cty Coop Electric	Town hall electricity	150.00
Ag Partners	LP Gas	926.26
Suburban Portables	Rental – January – Jun 2022	316.50

Action: A motion was made by Nate Jaeger, seconded by Scott Halverson, and unanimously carried to accept the bills as presented.

Income: \$4.00 election filing fees – Ross Deden and Marilyn Schilling

Clerks Report:

The board meeting minutes for December 13, 2021 were reviewed.

Action: A motion was made by Scott Halverson, seconded by Nate Jaeger, and unanimously carried to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

2022 Township Election

Marilyn Schilling brought forward items that need to be approved for the upcoming township election.

Action: A motion was made by Scott Halverson, seconded by Sue Cushing and unanimously carried to establish the absentee ballot board with Brad Kolberg, Sue Cushing and Scott Halverson.

Action: A motion was made by Nate Jaeger, seconded by Scott Halverson and unanimously carried to approve the election judge list for the township election as Brad Kolberg (Head Judge), Sue Cushing, Scott Halverson, and Marci Fanslow, with alternates of Karen Stemmann and Nancy Taylor.

Action: A motion was made by Sue Cushing, seconded by Scott Halverson and unanimously carried to set the Public Accuracy Testing meeting for March 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Action: A motion was made by Nate Jaeger, seconded by Sue Cushing and unanimously carried to set the bad weather township officer election date and annual meeting for March 15, 2022.

Updates

- Marilyn Schilling reviewed the gravel and ditch mowing quote specifications with the supervisors. The quotes will be opened at the February 16, 2022 meeting.
- The Board of Audit will be held at the February 16, 2022 meeting.
- The Board of Appeals meeting has been set for April 21, 2022, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

Board meeting – February 16, 2022

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Board Meeting – March 3, 2022

Township Election and Annual Meeting – March 8, 2022

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Schilling
Hay Creek Township Clerk