

**LAGRAND TOWNSHIP
TOWNBOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2016**

The Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm, Monday, March 21, 2016, by Chairperson, Gerhard Thoennes. MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Bromley, Steve Schmidt, Gerhard Thoennes, Supervisors. Kelly Beilke, Clerk. Paulynn Terhark, Treasurer. Taylor Gillespie, Justin Moberg, H. A. Scofield, Maintenance.

Pledge of Allegiance was called.

MOTION BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 7, 2016 TOWNBOARD MEETING AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY BROMLEY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

MOTION BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 8, 2016 ANNUAL MEETING AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY BROMLEY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

MOTION BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 9, 2016 BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY BROMLEY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

MOTION BY BROMLEY TO APPROVE THE NOTES FROM THE MARCH 15, 2016 MEETING REGARDING CARDINAL LANE AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY THOENNES. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

MOTION BY BROMLEY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 21, 2016 MEETING AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY THOENNES. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY BROMLEY TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY SCHMIDT. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

MEETING DATES:

MARCH 22, 2016/6:20 PM/Planning & Zoning Meeting/LaGrand Town Hall.

MARCH 23, 2016/10:00 AM/Organizational Meeting/LaGrand Town Hall.

MARCH 25, 2016/8:00 AM/MAT Spring Short Course/Arrowwood Resort.

MARCH 30, 2016/7:00 PM/Public Information Road Meeting/Douglas County Public Works

APRIL 1, 2016/10:00 AM/Road Viewings/LaGrand Township.

APRIL 4, 2016/4:30 PM/LaGrand Town Board Meeting/LaGrand Town Hall.

APRIL 18, 2016/4:30 PM/LaGrand Town Board Meeting/LaGrand Town Hall.

APRIL 21, 2016/9:00 AM/Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting/LaGrand Town Hall.

PLANNING & ZONING:

3/22/2016 6:20 PM: Hearing on the appeal of decision/determination by Land and Resource Management Director concerning the status of the subject property in relation to a 1994 variance and continued use as a 30-site planned unit development (campground) on NAW4NW4 Ex: E33', SW'ly .07 Ac & 3.31 Ac Ac 35.62. Section 16 (LaGrand Township) Zoning RS (NESSClass A, Category 1) Lake Mina.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received letter from Hilltop Lumber with the new 2016 culvert prices.

DISBURSEMENTS:

MOTION BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE NET PAY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTION REPORT AND CLAIMS #22925 – 22951 CLAIMS LIST FOR APPROVAL AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY BROMLEY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

CITIZEN CONCERN:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Wild from Arrowwood Resort, James Feist from Explore Alexandria, Greg Bowen from Brophy Resort, Craig Hamilton from Spirit Cove Lodge came before the board to discuss the local lodging tax. The Resort owners would like LaGrand Township to adopt the local lodging tax of 3% in the Township which 95% is turned over to Explore Alexandria to promote tourism of their resorts. Township has read Minnesota Statue 469.190 Lodging Tax and would like to seek input from the Township Attorney before proceeding any further on this tax. Clerk did receive a call from Lois Willert with Val Halla Resort that they are against the tax being adopted in the Township as their resort guests already have to pay the sales tax of 7.375%. Township also has concerns regarding if the township adopts an ordinance to adopt the local lodging tax how does the Township enforce it.

MOTION BY SCHMIDT TO HAVE ROAD VIEWINGS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016 AT 10 AM MEET AT LAGRAND TOWN HALL AND THEN VIEW ROADS IN LAGRAND TOWNSHIP. SECONDED BY BROMLEY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

MOTION BY BROMLEY TO APPROVE THE MIINNESOTA LAWFUL GAMBLING LG220 APPLICATION FOR EXEMPT PERMIT FROM DOUGLAS HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS AT ARROWWOOD DECEMBER 3, 2016. SECONDED BY SCHMIDT. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

Received revised Cardinal Lane Tar Project Estimate. MOTION BY SCHMIDT THAT LAGRAND TOWNSHIP SUPPORTS MOVING FORWARD ON THE CARDINAL LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA. SECONDED BY BROMLEY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

Clerk received call from Tom Johnson to make sure that Maryridge was on the agenda this spring to get paved. Clerk explained that the road is not in shape since the sewer was installed right before freeze up late last fall and that it would be at least a year or more before the township would consider possible paving of Maryridge.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thoennes discussed the Douglas County Association Meeting.

BOARD REPORTS:

ALASD/SERVICE REGION BOARD: No report.

LAKES AREA RECREATION BOARD: No report.

LAEDA: No report.

FLOOD BOARD: No report.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Been cutting and doing brushing on township roads. Been blading. Been repairing ROW yard damage from snow plow.

MOTION BY BROMLEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: 5:12 PM. SECONDED BY SCHMIDT.

MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

Clerk,

Kelly A. Beilke

Chairperson