

**LAGRAND TOWNSHIP
TOWNBOARD MEETING
MARCH 7, 2016**

The Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM, Monday, March 7, 2016 by Chairperson, Gerhard Thoennes. MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Bromley, Steve Schmidt, Gerhard Thoennes, Supervisors. Paulynn Terhark, Treasurer, Kelly Beilke, Clerk. Justin Moberg, H.A. Scofield, Maintenance. Absent: Taylor Gillespie

Pledge of Allegiance was called.

MOTION BY BROMLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016 TOWNBOARD MEETING AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY THOENNES. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

MOTION BY BROMLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 19, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY THOENNES. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

MOTION BY BROMLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY THOENNES. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

MOTION BY BROMLEY TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY THOENNES. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED 3-0.

MEETING DATES:

MARCH 8, 2016/8:00 PM/Annual Meeting/LaGrand Town Hall.

MARCH 9, 2016/10:00 AM/Board of Canvass Meeting/LaGrand Town Hall.

MARCH 16, 2016/8:30 AM/Local Weed Insp. Meeting & Douglas County Assn. Meeting/Public Works.

MARCH 21, 2016/4:30 PM/LaGrand Town board Meeting/LaGrand Town Hall.

MARCH 22, 2016/6:20 PM/Planning & Zoning Meeting/Douglas County Courthouse.

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 Works/Annual Public Information Meeting.

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:

Bromley reported on DRT Meeting 3/1/2016.

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(NES,Class A, Category 1) Lake Mina.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received e-mail from Princeton Township regarding annexation issue that is affecting Minnesota Townships. They are urging the Township to take a look into Bill 919 which will be presented next legislative session and then contact your local legislation in order to assist in restoring the power between townships and cities.

Received letter from Douglas County Assessors Office with a brief summary of the 2016 assessment for LaGrand Township.

DISBURSEMENTS:

MOTION BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE NET PAY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTION REPORT AND CLAIMS LIST # 22903 - 22924 FOR APPROVAL AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY BROMLEY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0

CITIZENS CONCERNS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Received the 2017 Fire Levy request from the City of Alexandria for \$67,659.00.

Town Board discussed the Local Lodging Tax. Clerk talked to Jane Blade with the City of Alexandria regarding how they collect this tax and got a copy of the ordinance. Jeff Wild from Arrowwood Resort will be at the next town board meeting to discuss the local lodging tax.

Township received medical excuse from Medical Doctor at Alexandria Clinic for H. Allen Scofield for absence from work 2/17-2/29/16 due to illness and could return on 3/1/16 without restrictions.

Received Mowing Quotes:

Ehlinger Lawn Service: \$284 per week

Tower Hills Lawning: \$177 per week

MOTION BY BROMLEY TO CONTRACT WITH TOWER HILLS LAWNING FOR MOWING OF THE TOWNSHIP PARKS FOR \$177 PER WEEK FOR 2016, 2017 & 2018 MOWING SEASONS.

SECONDED BY SCHMIDT. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

Gordon Schmidt has accepted the LaGrand Township Road Maintenance Position with a start date of April 1, 2016.

MOTION BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE MINNESOTA LAWFUL GAMBLING LG220 APPLICATION FOR EXEMPT PERMIT FROM VIKINGLAND DUCKS UNLIMITED CHAPTER 18 TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS AT ARROWWOOD RESORT ON APRIL 28, 2016 AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY BROMLEY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS:

ALASD/SERVICE REGION BOARD: No report.

LAKES AREA RECREATION BOARD: Bromley reported.

LAEDA: No report.

FLOOD BOARD: No report.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Been cutting brush in ROW. Been plowing and sanding Township roads with recent snowfall.

MOTION BY SCHMIDT TO ADJOURN TOWNBOARD MEETING AT 5:08PM. SECONDED BY BROMLEY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. 3-0.

Clerk,

Kelly A. Beilke

Chairperson