

Ravenna Township, Dakota County

1. Supervisor Brian Riches called the August 13, 2020 regular board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Curtis, Carl Reuter and clerk/treasurer Caroline Spurgeon were present. This meeting was held at the town hall practicing social distancing.
2. Carl moved to approve the agenda as printed. Paul seconded; motion passed unanimously.
3. Carl moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of 07/09/2020 as printed. Paul seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. Carl moved to approve the Financial Cash Control Statement and Receipts Register ending July 31, 2020 as presented. Paul seconded; motion passed unanimously.
5. Reviewed Stantec memo on the Evergreen Terrace Waterway Study for replacing culverts #2, #3 and #5. Culvert 5 doesn't appear to have a lot of impact. Need to ask Stantec margin of error on water levels; is pipe capacity at 80% or 100%; does new pipes include trees being removed to assist with waterflow; what are the implications if driveway culver #4 is not replaced.
6. Roads were discussed. Looking at 205th Street as a test model for granular dust control. Discussion on water topping Old Deerfield road and Minnesota Sodding is recommending a culvert be installed. Brian moved to fix water run off issues with a new culvert and catch basin up to \$5000. Carl seconded; motion passed unanimously. A work order was given to Tom at Minnesota Sodding Company.
7. Reviewed issue of road encroaching property at 16750 180th St. Tom stated that they could pull road in/cut shoulder down. He will review site and provide an estimate next month. No work will be done until the chloride application is off.
8. Call from the Agenda Sign-In Sheet: James Broady of 15810 Upper 194th asked for clarification on the 194th St culvert as to why it might not be replaced. Paul stated that he doesn't want to spend money if it doesn't fix the problem. They are going back to Stantec for some clarification on the water levels provided.
9. Junie Mundt of 15775 Upper 194th asked if anyone has talked to farmer upstream (200th St) to hold water. Paul stated that per the study it would take 12 to 15 acres to make impact but he will talk to owner – Blake Peine.
10. Carl moved to approve building permits RT2020-00051, RT2020-00053 and RT2020-00054. Paul seconded; motion passed unanimously.
11. Carl moved to approve payroll #7736 and claims #2007 and 7737 to 7751. Paul seconded; motion passed unanimously.
12. Comments from the floor: none
13. Brian called for a short recess at 8:20 p.m. to sign checks and miscellaneous documents. Brian called the meeting back to order at 8:24 p.m.
14. Feedlot for 16032 180th St was moved/approved by Carl in June. He should have abstained. The approval is back before the board tonight. Paul moved to re-approve the feedlot at 16032 180th St. Brian seconded; motion passed with 2 yes votes and one abstain – Carl.
15. Possible expenditures to use the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) was reviewed. After discussion, it was decided to forego applying for any funds.
16. Shooting wall at 15667 180th St E (PID 33-25501-01-070) was discussed. Dakota County Sheriff's office has been involved due to complaints of stray bullets and the shooting at this location. Troy Gilchrist has also received information from the sheriff's office prior to this meeting. He states that a zoning permit should be required for a structure of this kind. MNSPECT states it would require engineering specs. All town board members state that there is a violation of Ordinance 900 – Miscellaneous Nuisances – Safety. Board is not in favor of adopting ordinance prohibiting discharge of

firearms in residential plats as most residents shoot safely. Will have Troy send letter to Penrose's for violation of Ordinance 900.

17. Gene of Pheasants Forever would like to do a prairie burn at the town hall this fall. Cost is \$1000. Upon consensus, okay to move forward. Pheasants Forever will also be pulling Chinese elm at no cost and burn them during the prairie burn.
18. Dakota County Cooperative Weed Management Area 2020-2021 Plan was reviewed. Upon consensus, the township will join by signing the memorandum of understanding.
19. A noncompliant septic inspection was received for 20215 Orono Trail (PID 33-63000-01-100) for soil separation – failing to protect groundwater. A letter was sent to the resident stating they have 10 months to replace septic system per Dakota County Ordinance 113.
20. The 2021 budget/levy was reviewed in preparation for the continuation of the annual meeting. Minor adjustments to general, fire fund, and no change to cemetery fund. Road and bridge fund has significant increases due to Ravenna Trail repair and Evergreen Terrace culverts. Removed “P” road project funding to help offset costs.
21. Caroline reviewed the communications in & out. Caroline noted that the exit door in the town hall needs to weather stripping.
22. Comments from the floor: none.
23. Brian adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Spurgeon
Ravenna Township Clerk/Treasurer