

Ravenna Township, Dakota County

1. Supervisor Mike Waxon called the October 8, 2015 regular board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Carl Reuter, Brian Riches and clerk/treasurer Caroline Spurgeon were present.
2. Carl moved to approve the agenda as printed. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
3. Carl moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of 09/10/2015 as printed. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. Carl moved to approve the printed Financial Cash Control Statement ending September 30, 2015 as presented. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
5. Road maintenance was discussed. A work order will be mailed to Tom Groh of Minnesota Sodding Company as he was not in attendance. Street name signs need to be installed at 193rd and Orlando and 195th and Orlando.
6. Paint in 5 gallon containers, 1 gallon containers, quarts, and spray paint were found along Ravenna Trail. Highland Sanitation will not pick up since they are considered hazardous materials. After discussion, Brian will take all materials to Gopher One Recycling and will be given time and mileage.
7. Call in from the agenda sign-in sheet: none
8. Carl moved to approve building permits 2015-00053, 2015-00077 to 2015-00079, 2015-00082, 2015-00084, 2015-00087, 2015-00088, 2015-00090 to 2015-00094. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
9. Carl moved to approve septic permits 2015-00080, 2015-00081, 2015-00083 and 2015-00085. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
10. Caroline noted that JAAK, LLC was given only a partial payment since not all work is completed. Carl moved to approve payroll #6754 to 6758 and claims #315, 1509, and 6759 to 6770. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
11. Comments from the floor: none
12. MATIT provided a copy of the property evaluation report from Overland Surveys. The report noted that the town hall has a fire extinguisher which is a false statement. After discussion, Carl moved for Caroline to proceed finding a fire extinguisher service. Mike seconded; motion passed unanimously.
13. The town hall replacement value was set at \$329,000. Resolution 2015-08: A Resolution Approving Replacement Cost Coverage was read by Mike in its entirety for the public. Roll call vote went as follows: Carl: yes, Brian: yes, Mike: yes. The resolution was signed by Mike and attested by Caroline. A copy of the resolution is on file in the clerk's office and on the township website.
14. MATIT is allowing insurance deductible increases. After discussion, it was decided to raise the insurance deductible from \$250 to \$2500. Resolution 2015-09: A Resolution Approving an Increased Property & Casualty Deductible was read by Mike in its entirety for the public. Roll call vote went as follows: Carl: yes, Brian: yes, Mike: yes. The resolution was signed by Mike and attested by Caroline. A copy of the resolution is on file in the clerk's office and on the township website.
15. Last month there was discussion of transferring funds. Resolution 2015-04: Resolution to Transfer Monies from 210 Road and Bridge Fund to 100 General Fund and 201 Money Market Fund was read by Mike in its entirety for the public. Roll call vote went as follows: Carl: yes, Brian: yes, Mike: yes. The resolution was signed by all supervisors and attested by Caroline. A copy of the resolution is on file in the clerk's office and on the township website.
16. Last month the town board agreed to work with Mississippi Longtails on town hall prairie restoration. Resolution 2015-05: Resolution Authorizing Minnesota Pollinator Partnership on The Ravenna Town Hall Property with Mississippi Longtails Chapter of Pheasants Forever was read by Mike in its entirety for the public. Roll call vote went as follows: Carl: yes, Brian: yes, Mike: yes. The resolution was signed by all supervisors and attested by Caroline. A copy of the resolution is on file in the clerk's office and on the township website.
17. In order to put the expenses of the Giese' matter on the property taxes, a resolution must be made to certify the charges. Mike read Resolution 2015-06 and after reading it was noted that there was no mention of interest being charged. Caroline is to determine what interest rate can be charged and revise the resolution accordingly. This is tabled to next month.
18. Ordinance 02-2015: Interim Ordinance Authorizing A Study And Placing a Moratorium on Solar Energy Facilities was drafted by Troy Gilchrist. A copy of the ordinance was in the boards packets prior to the meeting. Mike moved to accept the ordinance as written. Carl seconded; motion passed unanimously. Caroline will send a copy to Ron Wasmund. Caroline will also research what other townships are doing and bring that to the next board meeting.
19. Resolution 2015-07: Resolution Approving Summary Language for Publication of an Interim Ordinance Placing a Moratorium on Solar Energy Facilities was read by Mike in its entirety for the public. Roll call vote went as

follows: Carl: yes, Brian: yes, Mike: yes. The resolution was signed by Mike and attested by Caroline. A copy of the resolution is on file in the clerk's office and on the township website.

20. Mike called for a short recess at 8:20 p.m. to sign checks and miscellaneous documents. Mike called the meeting back to order at 8:26 p.m.
21. Annual inspections are needed for the ten conditional use permit holders. Carl and Brian will do the inspections. Caroline to send out letters to collect the annual inspection fee.
22. Vermillion River Watershed released a draft watershed management plan for a 60-day review. Comments are due by November 30, 2015. The document is over 200 pages in length. The board will go to www.vermillionriverwatershed.org and review the document and discuss next month. Once this document is adopted, it needs to be part of the comprehensive plan.
23. Local comprehensive plans are due to Metropolitan Council by December 31, 2018. Copies of the 2015 System Statement: Ravenna Township was provided in the supervisors packets prior to the meeting. Discussion ensued as to whether or not we should be part of a consortium or go alone. Empire Township is talking with Dean Johnson to see if he is willing to help out again. Caroline to research if other firms are available to go alone.
24. Caroline reviewed the communications in & out. Dakota County has issued 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program for review and comment.
25. MATIT is offering a \$50 credit if a new officer attends the Spring Short Course for new officers.
26. School board elections are November 3rd. Ravenna Township residents vote in a combined polling location at Tilden Center.
27. Caroline to post notice for October and November for the supervisors to work on pulling the trees from the prairie.
28. Comments from the floor: Junie Mundt asked how office equipment was insured. Caroline advised that it is on a separate rider from the actual building replacement.
29. Mike adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Spurgeon
Ravenna Township Clerk/Treasurer