

Ravenna Township, Dakota County

1. Supervisor Carl Reuter called the May 12, 2016 regular board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Brian Riches, Mike Waxon and clerk/treasurer Caroline Spurgeon were present.
2. Brian moved to approve the agenda as printed. Mike seconded; motion passed unanimously.
3. Mike moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of 4/14/2016 as printed. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. Mike moved to approve the printed Financial Cash Control Statement ending April 30, 2016 as presented. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
5. Road complaint about limited visibility at the intersection of Old Windsor and Old Deerfield Road was discussed. Caroline to send a letter to the bank that owns the property at 12 Old Deerfield Road that bushes will be trimmed and removed as necessary as they are in the ROW. After notification, Tom Groh will do the work.
6. Road maintenance was discussed. A work was given to Tom Groh of Minnesota Sodding Company. Rock work is completed. Mowing of ditches may take place by the end of the month. Waiting until 2017 to do any crack sealing. Caroline to check with Troy Gilchrist on liability of adding rip rap/boulders to the new intersections to keep people from driving through the grass areas.
7. Brian asked about the old Hwy 316 access from 193rd Street. Is this vacated road/who owns the ROW/what can be put in the ROW? Caroline to investigate.
8. Carl attended the Bergen pavement seminar. He is going to set up a meeting between Bergen, Minnesota Sodding and the Township to look at Patrick Avenue and 190th Street. Carl to advise meeting date so it can be posted accordingly.
9. Call in from the agenda sign-in sheet: Herb Haehnel of 18717 Portwood Way asked if dust control could be applied earlier and possibly do a second application. Gravel is very fine and very dusty. Also asked if they could monitor the grading of this road – more grading makes it dustier. Carl advised that dust control is scheduled for the first part of June. Not the only complaint he has received. Needed to get all roads ready for application before applying the dust control.
10. Dawn Lanning of 16032 180th Street East stated her IUP expires 6/13/2016 and asked for consideration in waiving her \$450 application fee and public hearing due to cost and that she has received no complaints. Caroline advised that she talked to Troy prior to this meeting about the IUP renewal process and application fee and public hearing are part of the normal process in renewing. Carl denied waiving of the fee and hearing. Dawn asked if she could do a combined hearing to amend ordinance so hearings are not required for renewals along with her application hearing. Carl denied request since they are two separate issues.
11. Brian moved to approve building permits 2016-00021, 2016-00032, 2016-00038, 2016-00039, 2016-00042 to 2016-00045. Mike seconded; motion passed unanimously.
12. Brian moved to approve payroll #6880 and claims #1604, 6881 to 6894. Mike seconded; motion passed unanimously.
13. Comments from the floor: none.
14. Sarah Sonsalla at Kennedy & Graven sent a letter to Joseph Dicker – attorney for Ms. Snaza stating that legal fees will not be refunded.
15. Prairie Burn at the town hall occurred Wednesday, May 4th. There are some saplings that need to be sprayed. Seed will be applied June 1st.
16. Carl called for a short recess at 7:51 p.m. to sign checks and miscellaneous documents. Carl called the meeting back to order at 7:56 p.m.
17. Dakota County Assessing office provided information packet similar to what we would have received if we acted as a board of appeal and equalization. Carl noted the average residential value is \$270,300 compared to \$262,500 last year. There was \$2,558,300 added in new construction in 2015 compared to \$2,239,500 the previous year. There was no change in the 2016 value for ag/high ag values. Ag sites increased from \$56,300 to \$57,700.
18. The board received in their packets prior to the meeting the “Findings of Fact and Recommendation” from the public hearing April 28, 2016 in regards to ordinance revisions. Caroline read the

recommendations to the public. Upon consensus, the board was in agreement with the recommendations and approved the ordinance. Carl signed the ordinance and was attested by Caroline.

19. Carl read Resolution 2016-02: Resolution Approving the Summary Language for Publication of Ordinance 01-2016 Amending the Ravenna Township Zoning Ordinance to the public in its entirety. 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.
20. Artwork consisting of the town hall and the old Etter bridge was donated by Patrick Litterer and his family. There is a set of three canvas pieces and six sets of prints. Carl read Resolution 2016-03: A Resolution of the Town Board of Ravenna Township, Dakota County, Minnesota Accepting Artwork Donation to the public in its entirety. 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. Discussion ensued as to whether or not if the township can donate some of the artwork to places such as Dakota County Historical Society and to Steve Bauer who has the original town hall on his property. Caroline to ask Troy Gilchrist. Caroline to also send a thank you to the Litterer family and asking them about further donating the pieces.
21. Land Stewardship Project notified townships about House File 2585 and Senate File 2694 in regards to interim ordinances. The bills will slow the process in adopting interim ordinances. It is recommended that senators and representatives be contacted to ensure this does not pass in the townships.
22. Caroline reviewed the communications in & out. Metropolitan Council provided a population estimate for 2015 of 2,331 people and 799 households.
23. Mike will be hosting the Hastings Rural Fire Association meeting here May 25th at 7:30 p.m.
24. Caroline noted bugs/ant hills along the interior south wall. Caroline to buy spray and spray interior and exterior of wall.
25. Comments from the floor: Herb Haehnel noted that perhaps the new intersections need more banking to alleviate the drive through.
26. Dawn Lanning asked what is the ROW – Carl stated that it is 33' from the center of the road. Dawn further stated that the sightline at Polk and 180th at yield sign is poor. Carl noted that those bushes are not in the ROW.
27. Carl adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Spurgeon
Ravenna Township Clerk/Treasurer