

Ravenna Township, Dakota County

1. Supervisor Carl Reuter called the August 11, 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. Mike moved to approve the agenda as printed. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
3. Mike moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of 7/19/2016 as printed. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. Mike moved to approve the printed Financial Cash Control Statement ending July 31, 2016 as presented. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
5. Road maintenance was discussed. A work was given to Tom Groh of Minnesota Sodding Company. Washout will be repaired on Otero Avenue at the guardrail again. Discussion on a driveway on Red Wing Blvd washing out into road. Caroline to send a letter to resident once she obtains the address.
6. Discussion on the ROW of the old Hwy 316 access from 193rd Street. MnDOT has indicated that they own the ROW per R/W Plat 19-135, County Recorder's Office Doc. No. 2061124. Caroline to ask MnDOT if trees and boulder in the ROW are okay or if they should be removed.
7. Call in from the agenda sign-in sheet: Wade Gelhar of 17124 Polk Ave – in regards to a land split of acreage from PID 33-00500-53-010 owned by Carolyn Gelhar Emrick to PID 33-00800-26-020. Discussion on how many acres must be retained on PID 33-00500-53-010 due to the accessory buildings on site. Determined a minimum of nine acres is required. Carl moved to approve the land split application of Carolyn Gelhar Emrick. Mike seconded; motion passed unanimously.
8. Ben Freking is looking to purchase 18755 Ravenna Trail (PID 33-01700-75-012, 33-01700-75-013, and 33-01600-52-012) and inquired if they would be allowed to build a new house on the property while still living in the current house. After discussion, the board requested a written timeline contract if they proceed. Ron Wasmund, Inspector, Inc was in attendance and indicated that conditions could also be put on the construction permit as well as the certificate of occupancy if needed.
9. Tom Groh of 14 Old Deerfield Road, Welch, MN - in regards to 12 Old Deerfield Road (formerly the Giese property). Tom is trying to determine if the house should be condemned/red tagged/bulldozed. Ron advised that in order to condemn it would require a court order. Carl stated that it is not Townships interest to get involved. Tom may hire Ron as a private inspector – not through the township - to do an inspection on the house.
10. Mike moved to approve building permits 2016-00072, 2016-00077, 2016-00084 to 2016-00086 and 2016-00089. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
11. Mike moved to approve payroll #6933 and claims #1607, 6934 to 6942. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
12. Comments from the floor: Junie Mundt asked if there access through the 193rd right of way to other housing developments. Caroline will ask MnDOT.
13. Complaint follow up: Allen Clement at 18035 Polk Ave (PID 33-84602-01-040) for animals. Ron performed an inspection and noted parcel is allowed 2 horses and three are on site. The third horse is advanced in age. The living conditions of the horses are very clean, ample pasture. Discussion ensued if third horse should be allowed or not. After discussion, Carl moved to allow three horses on the property until the oldest one passes. Mike seconded; motion passed unanimously.
14. Troy Gilchrist filed a Discharge of Lis Pendens on 12 Old Deerfield Road so the property could sell and the county has the special assessment on the tax records.
15. A second letter requesting home occupation registration was sent to Melissa Sivigny at 20285 Quentin Avenue. To date, no response was received. Upon consensus, Caroline to send a letter via certified mail.
16. Caroline advised that the township has not received either a new IUP application or a lease agreement between Dawn Lanning and Adam Bauer. Carl advised that Dawn Lanning is moving and the IUP will be denied due to lack of completed paperwork. Carl read Resolution 2016-04: A Resolution Denying an Interim Use Permit for a Commercial Animal Services Operation on Land Within the Town 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. A copy will also be mailed to Dawn Lanning and Adam Bauer.
17. Inspector Inc's contract expires 8/14/16. Ron Wasmund would like to renew for two years at the current pricing. Mike moved to approve the two year contract. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously. Contract was signed by both parties and attested by Caroline.

18. Etter Creek Erosion Project was discussed. Dakota County Soil & Water advised that cost sharing is available. Discussion ensued on a site visit with the township engineer, Soil & Water, and Tom Groh. Caroline to contact Soil & Water to determine next steps.
19. Carl called for a short recess at 8:58 p.m. to sign checks and miscellaneous documents. Carl called the meeting back to order at 9:01 p.m.
20. Complaint: Zachary Schlosser at 19430 Red Wing Blvd (PID 33-44800-01-010) for junk vehicles. Ron Wasmund performed inspection and concurred. Caroline to send out 1st letter.
21. In order to continue in the Dakota County Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solutions Grant for another three years new agreement must be signed. Carl moved to sign the CDA contract. Mike seconded; motion passed unanimously.
22. The 2017 Budget was reviewed to prepare the continuation of the annual meeting next month. Mike advised that the 2017 fire fund credit is not guaranteed due to issues between Hastings Fire Department and the Association. Discussion also ensued on rock/gravel costs. Caroline to provide next month rock pricing, tons of rock placed and locations.
23. Caroline reviewed the communications in & out. Continuation of the Annual Meeting is September 8th at 7:00 p.m.
24. Vermillion River Watershed is providing tours September 23rd at 8:00 a.m.
25. Townhall posting board needs repair. The lights inside the townhall need cleaning and panels need to put back into place.
26. Comments from the floor: Mike Wheeler asked about the tradeoff of gravel vs. paved roads. Paved roads have crack sealing/chip sealing/overlay expenses. Gravel roads have new gravel and dust control applications.
27. Carl advised to put Planning Commission on the agenda for next month.
28. Carl adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Spurgeon
Ravenna Township Clerk/Treasurer