

Ravenna Township, Dakota County

1. Supervisor Carl Reuter called the September 8, 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 8/11/2016 as printed. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. Mike moved to approve the printed Financial Cash Control Statement ending August 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. Will begin grading full roads, not just spots. Ditch mowing will be done in October.
6. Discussion on the ROW of the old Hwy 316 access from 193<sup>rd</sup> Street. Brian provided pictures to MnDOT of the boulders in the ROW. Three questions to MnDOT – encroachment, who should be plowing this, and is it a passable area for people.
7. Rock placement for 2013 to 2016 was reviewed. Tom Groh noted that he signs a three year contract with a quarry for pricing when he signs a three contract with the township.
8. Street name signs were discussed. The new signs are very small but are MnDOT specifications. Going forward, will replace signs as needed with larger signs.
9. Call in from the agenda sign-in sheet: Matt Johnson of 21305 Red Wing Blvd asked about the possibility of putting up a car maintenance shop on their property. Mike advised that this would be considered a conditional use permit which we do not currently allow. Also advised that this would not fall under our home occupations which we do allow.
10. Mike moved to approve building permits 2016-00087, 2016-00088, 2016-00090, 2016-00091, 2016-00093 to 2016-00099 and septic permits 2016-00092 and 2016-00100. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
11. Mike moved to approve payroll #6943 and claims #1608, 6944 to 6961. Brian seconded; motion passed unanimously.
12. Comments from the floor: none
13. Home occupation registration response request to Melissa Sivigny at 20285 Quentin Avenue was received. She stated that she is not running a business out of her home. Information will be kept on file.
14. Etter Creek Erosion Project was discussed. Caroline met with Curt Coudron of Dakota County Soil & Water, Greg Anderson of SEH, Inc. and Tom Groh. Curt advised cost sharing is available up to \$5000 and stated we should apply in February 2017. Greg will provide costs to reevaluate the need of a civil drawing to scale. Tom provided some cost saving ideas to reduce the amount of riprap required. Carl will need to talk to Morris Jones once the project gets going.
15. Complaint follow up: McEvoy at 16905 Ravenna Trail (PID 33-00500-55-010) – letter was sent to McEvoy on 7/20/2016. Waiting for Ron to do follow up inspection.
16. Carl called for a short recess at 8:12 p.m. to sign checks and miscellaneous documents. Carl called the meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m.
17. An Amendment to Ordinances application was received from Paul Curtis to amend Interim Use Permits to allow event hosting. Paul would like to hold weddings and other events on their property. After discussion, the town board by consensus agreed that this sounds like a reasonable use and will forward to the planning commission. Paul gave Caroline a check for \$1500 for the escrow.
18. Discussion on whether or not to do other ordinance revisions at this time such as fee schedule or complaints Caroline has received on roosters. It was decided to wait until after comprehensive plan is done.
19. Planning Commission was discussed. Caroline to ask Troy if board can give direction to the planning commission that the clerk is at the hearing to address questions and/or new documents as she is the liason between the board and the attorney. Caroline also to advise the planning commission that they need to work together as a team.
20. Carl moved to appoint Caroline Spurgeon as head election judge and Marjorie Banitt, Rosemarie Bily, Joan Frost, Brenda Johnson, Jane Kuchera, Helen Lucken, Sharon Matzek, and Lisa Piotrowski as election judges for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Mike seconded; motion passed unanimously.
21. Records Destruction Report was in the boards packets prior to the meeting for their review. Carl moved to approve the report and destroy the documents. Mike seconded; motion passed unanimously.
22. Dakota County has updated their All Hazard Mitigation Plan. As a township we fall under this plan. A link will be set up on our website.

23. Caroline reviewed the communications in & out. The Township Officer's Meeting will be Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Farmington.
24. Dakota Electric is holding their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Outstanding Leader Award.
25. Timesheets are due by September 30<sup>th</sup> for supervisors.
26. Comments from the floor: Dawn Lanning asked if escrow check was received for the ordinance amendment. Caroline advised that Paul turned in tonight. Dawn asked Paul if he received a conservation fee for his land. Carl stated that this was not a township issue. She raised concerns about the number weddings/events Paul is looking to host on his property. Dawn would like to see gun shooting as an ordinance to be looked at. She will be issuing a complaint on a home occupation. Dawn also stated that Jan let everyone speak their opinion at her hearing and she thought it went well.
27. Carl adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Spurgeon  
Ravenna Township Clerk/Treasurer