

MINUTES
Helga Township
Regular Town Board Meeting
August, 24, 2021

Present – Kurt Fenner, Chris Heck, Harrison Hicks, Kip Reinartz, Dale Bergland, Donald Clay, Aric Porter, Jeanie Porter, Mary Dufault

7:00 PM Meeting Called to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

Approve Previous Minutes – Donald Clay motions to approve minutes for regular town board minutes for July 27th 2021. Harrison Hicks seconds. Minutes approved.

Claims / Payroll list for approval – Donald Clay motions to approve claims list from 07/27/2021 to 08/24/2021, Harrison Hicks seconds. Claims list approved unanimous consent.

Treasurers Report – Mary Dufault presents Treasurer’s report. Donald Clay motions to approve treasurers report Dale Burgland seconds. Treasurer’s report approved unanimous consent.

Land Use Report – Several residents voiced concerns about the variance for the Strotman Variance. Letters were missed being sent out. The residents are concerned about increased crime and decreased property value. Don Clay motions to suspend variances and CUPs for multifamily dwellings until Feb 23rd. Also addressing the ordinances. Seconded by Harrison Hicks motion passes unanimous consent.

Town Hall Report – Becky Reinartz expressed interest in taking over town hall rental responsibilities. Will vote to approve her appointment next meeting.

Fire Report – July 29th fire meeting. Rural fire department will purchase a fire Engine and tanker for \$705,000.00. Need to pay township annual bill for fire. Looking at a \$20,000.00 increase for Township firefighting bill.

Road Report – Finally able to grade roads with the recent rainfall.

Planning and zoning openings. Donald Clay motions to dismiss Brandon Smith from the board due to recurring absences. Kip Reinartz seconds.

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Park Progress – Trying to get the boards out of the Nielson Reece arena bought a Zamboni, Roof is on and walls are being finished now. Donald Clay motions to have Goslin Garage service install garage doors for arena. Kip Reinartz seconds. Motion approved unanimous consent. Donald Motions to have the postage for Nary Heritage Park come out of the general fund. Kip Reinartz seconds, motion approved unanimous consent. Need to set rental rates, and take bids on a sign.

Minnesota Association of Townships District 11 meeting Wednesday August 25, 2021 – Harrison Hicks will attend.

Certification of Payable Levies 2022 – Set levies as follows **General Fund \$85,000.00, Road and Bridge \$80,000.00, Fire \$64,000.00, Cemetery \$4000.00, Government Building \$50,000.00, Bond (grader and plow truck) for a total of \$333,000.00**

Walkthrough with Rita Goodrich: Friday August 27th

Pick up 2021 election rules

Bemidji Rural Fire Association meeting – Thursday July 29th @ 7PM

American Rescue Plan – Apply for funds. Get with MAT lawyer.

Swear in, Keith Kinnen and Dana Gellantely to the planning and zoning board.

Adjournment – Donald Clay motions to adjourn. Harrison Hicks seconds meeting adjourned.