Rochester Township

Board Meeting

May 10th 2018

Meeting Called to Order 7PM by Brian Mueller

Members Present – Rachel Bohman, Jamie Neisen, Jeff Orth, Brian Mueller, Douglas Butler, and Gary Swenson

Guests: Mark Cochran, Deputy Pagel, Roger Ihrke, Matt Kitzmann, Bernard Nigan, Sue and Dave Dreppes, Norbert Nigon, Mark Welch, Art Reckinger, Peter Nelson, Mary Beth Nelson, Gene Peters, And Jim Kruchowski

April 12, Minutes – Jeff Orth made a motion to approve the April 12 minutes as presented. Douglas Butler seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

8th Street - Mark Welch explained what has happened with the bid process and land exchange agreement. Roger talked about the legal items we need to consider and discussed it with our Attorney

Jeff Orth made a motion to give Roger Ihrke the authority to send this 8th Street Agreement to our Attorney Peter Tiede for comments. Douglas Butler seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed. The land exchange deals with exchanging 5 acres for one from the land owner. An acre is estimated to be worth $25,000, this was discussed no action taken.

Clarification on the issue of further development off of Meadow Crossing Road was discussed. Jamie suggested that we tell Planning and Zoning that there be no additional developments until a second access is established. Roger Ihrke will draft a resolution adopting a cap on Meadow Crossing Road for the Board to review. It will not allow any more development until the safety issue is resolved. Once the Board approves the draft, Roger will forward it to the Township Attorney for comments.

Jeff Orth made a motion to send the Milly Meadows Developers Agreement to the Township Attorney for comments. Jamie Neisen seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

The new 8th Street under construction for the Lilly Subdivision requires the removal of several trees from the Nelson property. Jeff Orth made a motion to approve $500 for trees and up to $2,000 ( this cost to be shared 50/50 with the developer) for other expenses ( additional gravel, etc.) involved in removing the two current driveways and building a new one. Jamie Neisen seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Rachael Bohman asked about foot traffic between Lilly One and Two. There is to be no improved access between the two areas; there is an open grass waterway but it is not improved for foot or bike traffic.

Deputy Report – Deputy Pagel reported that there were 29 calls in the township this past month. She reviewed a few specific calls.

Roger Ihrke reported that he had received complaints on an IUP for Kyle Herring. He collects wood and then periodically processes it. The concerns by the neighbors deals with unsightliness, mold, tic and other health concerns. They would like to see a county health permit for the operation. They also were concerned with the use of roll-offs and how long they sit on the sight. Planning and Zoning will review the IUP.

TCPA would like to increase the Town Hall internet speed and pay for the expense. Rachel Bohman made a motion to allow the increase at no cost to the township. Jamie seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

The City of Rochester sent a notice that it is annexing 4.5 acres for 24 homes in the Field Stone addition.

Bargen Inc. - Jeff Orth made a motion that we accept a bid price for GAP repairs and chip seal for 2018 from Bargen Inc. at $38,500 recommended by Mark Cochran. Rachel Bohman seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Rachel Bohman made a motion to approve the proposed guard rail replacement for Weather Hills. Douglas Butler seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Reclaiming 8th street. Douglas Butler made a motion to approve up to $6,000 for reclaiming 8th Street West. Rachel Bohman seconded the motion it was voted on and approved.

Douglas Butler reported the dog bite the Sheriff’s department wanted us to follow up. It was in the Township and the dog involved was put down.

Treasurer’s Report. Jeff Orth made a motion to approve the May Treasurer’s report showing a balance of $670,190.55 in checking and savings account. Jamie Neisen seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Rochester Township May Claims - Douglas Butler made a motion to approve the May Township claims #4065 thru 4080 in the amount of $27,651.13. Rachel Bohman seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

JPB Claims – Rachel Bohman made a motion to approve the JPB May claims #4243 thru 4266 in the amount of $17,764.57. Jeff Orth seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Road Report - Mark Cochran reported working on the 8th Street West project, on crack sealing, repairing 45th Street this summer.

TCPA – Jamie Neisen reported on the TCPA meeting.

Planning and Zoning – No Meeting

Board of Adjustment – No Meeting

Meeting Adjourned – Douglas Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 PM. Jamie Neisen seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted

Gary Swenson, Clerk