

Minutes of the February 1, 2021 Douglas Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Jeff Reed with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance were Jeff Reed; Chairman, Rod Weber; Supervisor, Ted Peine; Supervisor and Eliza (Varien) Mark; Deputy Clerk. Also, in attendance was Darwin Fox of Luhman's Construction: Road Maintenance Contractor.

The minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting were approved as read.

Molly Kieffer was absent. No treasurer's report was given.

Jeff Reed reported that he had made a call to MNSPECT regarding Lee McClanahan's complaint, but that he still needed to connect with them and follow up.

Bob McCoy gave the planning commission report for January. Pete Swenson was in to discuss a new garage he wanted to build after tear-down of the existing one. He would like to build one with a bathroom and office for his wife who is working from home. There would not be living space in this garage. Mr. Swenson was concerned about setbacks with an overhang and the PC stressed that they do not extend variances and are strict about setbacks. Pete had not turned in a permit application at that time.

Bob also reported that Dan Perry requested an application for an Ag Permit for his new barn and that the PC was forwarding that project onto the board for approval.

Dan Perry presented an application for an Agricultural Permit and plans to build a 50' x 100' insulated concrete foam structure to serve as a barn with lean-to. Ted Peine made a motion to approve the permit, Rod Weber seconded it and the motion passed.

Old business:

The Rural Solid Waste Grant Application was presented to the board to fill out and sign. After some review and discussion it was decided that they would like to drop the grant application process and ignore the abatement program requirements as Douglas Township does not generate enough trash and recycling annually to necessitate such measures.

New Business: The Noxious Weed report outline was reviewed; Rod will fill out and bring back ASAP.

The board reviewed the Vermillion River Watershed Plan Amendment. It was stated that the project doesn't affect Douglas Township in any way, but that it would affect the overall cost of the project. It was also stated that this was a necessary amendment, but that Douglas Township officially had NO COMMENT on the subject.

Douglas Township Board Chairman Jeff Reed nominated Dan Perry as the Chairman of the Planning Commission to replace Jim Peine. Rod Weber made a motion to accept the nomination and Ted Peine seconded it. Motion passed and Dan Perry was announced as the new Chairman of the Planning Commission.

The board reviewed Kimmes' road report.

Darwin Fox gave Luhman's road report, stating that ice was the most prevalent issue in January with rock having to be laid several times in the same areas as things got repeatedly slick. He also reported a request by Welch Township Board of Supervisors to meet to discuss the pre-spring replacement of a bridge on Orlando Trail--which has been determined to be a shared road-- with culverts. Darwin stated that the culverts would not increase in size or volume capacity and therefore would not need DNR approval. Darwin would have Welch Board Chair Andy Jensen call Jeff to set up an on-site meeting in the next month.

A motion was made by Ted Peine to pay the claims and payroll, seconded by Rod Weber; motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. with a motion by Rod Weber and seconded by Ted Peine.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eliza Mark