

**TOWN OF BROCKWAY
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David Friedrich, Chairman
Daniel Stang, Supervisor
Duane Douvier, Supervisor
Debra Determan, Town Clerk
Patricia Weber, Town Deputy Clerk
Mary Wallenstein, Treasurer

MEETING MINUTES

On this 1st day of November, 2011, regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Chairman David Friedrich. Also present was Zoning Administrator Chard.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Supervisor Douvier and it was seconded by Supervisor Stang; all in favor, motion carried.

A motion to approve the October 4, 2011 regular meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Stang and it was seconded by Supervisor Douvier, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion to approve claims nos. 3331-3356 was made by Supervisor Stang and it was seconded by Supervisor Douvier, all in favor, motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Chard reminded the town board of the adjustments that will be done by the end of the year.

The discussion of bundling the phone & internet was tabled until next month.

Brad Wilkening from Duffy Engineering appeared before the town board. He explained the reasoning behind a sign policy. He explained that most of the warning signs are unnecessary, including stop ahead signs. He stated that you only need stop ahead signs if the stop sign is obstructed. He told the town board that the sign policy needs to be as simple as possible. He also let the town board that we need to be consistent. He said to keep speed in mind and also length of the straight road when you consider whether or not it needs a curve sign. Consider ½ mile. A higher speed road you would probably want to have them. On slow speed roads they would be unnecessary. He asked the supervisors for some feed back and to get back to him. He asked them to give it some thought as they drive around. He then went through all the other warning signs that we could look at getting rid of them. The supervisors asked him to put together a policy and then review it by driving around.

Road Boss Smoley reported that the east side 125th has been cleaned out and the west sided needed to be cleaned out too.

Zoning Administrator Chard asked the town board if they wanted to hold a work meeting to come up with a road plan for next year so that we could come up with an estimate of how much money we would need to do it. Road Boss Smoley reported on what did get done on our list this year. He suggested that we look at cutting down some of the trees on Tallow Road. Supervisor Stang suggested that we take a look at brush cutting next year. It was decided to table this until next meeting.

Zoning Administrator Chard gave the town board supervisors copies of the decisions from the County Planning Board. The Polar zoning request was approved. The Viking zoning request has been denied. The Justin's zoning request was approved. She also reported on the decisions for the Diehl zoning requests. All these requests will be going onto the County Board. Their findings of fact are also attached.

Zoning Administrator Chard explained that she heard from the county on the Opole rezoning. The Planning Commission is having an information meeting with all the residents in Opole and within ½ mile of Opole on November 29th, 2011. She let the supervisors know that they have the latest copy of the township zoning map.

The ordinance draft was discussed next. Zoning Administrator Chard let the supervisors know that the county asked us to hold off on ours. She asked the supervisors to review the draft that she passed out to them and get back to her before the Planning Commission meeting on November 27.

Zoning Administrator Chard gave the town board a copy of the Planning Commission dates for the upcoming year to review. She stated that the Planning Commission has not adopted it yet. She has started working with the Planning Commission on the budget and a work plan.

The Opole Informational meeting that was held earlier was discussed. Everything was covered very well in the meeting. Supervisor Stang said that he felt we would meet with a lot of resistance if we raise the rate and that the residents that were present were told that if we leave the rate the same and if something drastic happens, a loan will need to be taken out to cover the costs. A motion to keep the rates the same was made by Supervisor Stang and it was seconded by Supervisor Douvier, all in favor, motion carried.

New business was next on the agenda.

Zoning Administrator Chard gave a copy of the proposal from Mr. Reinert on Mulberry Meadows. She stated that she contacted the compliance officer from the state to find out when he would be in compliance. The compliance office told her that she would need to get that information from Mr. Reinert. She went through his proposal. She then went through the Minnesota statute that applies to a global settlement that he is requesting. She also gave the supervisors a copy of the email Attorney Ruppe sent to

him. Zoning Administrator Chard recommended that we follow what the attorney states in the email. She also suggested that we send the landowners a letter letting them know that we have done all we can do at this time and that they need to follow up with MPCA. The supervisors asked Zoning Administrator Chard to draft up a letter to send to the residents.

Road Boss Smoley let the town board know Joe Paggen will be taking care of covering the septic system for winter.

Supervisor Douvier and Treasurer Wallenstein reported on what was discussed at the Semi Annual Stearns County Township Association that was held on October 27th, 2011 in Freeport.

The town hall rental requests for December 4 and December 10 were discussed.

There was no public input.

Zoning Administrator Chard reported that she heard from a resident on some problems she has had with the website. Supervisor Stang will look into it and Town Clerk Determan will need to get the missing meeting minutes to Supervisor Stang to be placed out on the website.

The mail was then reviewed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Stang and it was seconded by Supervisor Douvier; all in favor, motion carried.

Debra Determan, Town Clerk

Approved at December 6, 2011 Regular Meeting

David Friedrich, Chairman