

## Thursday, January 19, 2023 Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ken Mattson at 7:00 PM. Supervisors Stefan Salmonson and Mary Fratzke was present. Also present was Clerk Kim Christenson, Treasurer Lisa Olson, and Zoning Administrator Gerald Evenson.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Moved, Second, Carried MSC (Mary, Stef) to approve the agenda as amended: move Sjodin condition use permit discuss up to appointments, add removal of name from bank accounts, add snow plowing of townhall parking lot, and add board of audit meeting date.

MSC (Mary, Stef) to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting as presented.

All monthly bills were reviewed. MSC (Ken, Stef) to approve and pay the bills.

Ed and Rachel Hamlin were present to discuss Jeneke Road. The Hamlin's would like to township to take over maintenance and snow plowing the south end of Jeneke Road.

Ken Mattson acquired the original plat map for Sorenson's Addition that was recorded with the Kanabec County Recorders Office. On the map it does specify that all of Jeneke Road is designated as public road. Therefor the township is responsible for maintenance and snow plowing for the southern half of the road.

It was moved by Ken Mattson, seconded by Mary Fratzke and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### **Resolution #1 – 01/19/2023 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PLATTED ROAD FOR TOWN MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Jeneke Road ("Road") is located within Knife Lake Township ("Town") and was dedicated to the public as "Public Road" in the plat of Sorenson's Addition ("Plat"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Supreme Court has indicated that "the mere platting of the land did not instantly create an obligation upon the town board to open and maintain the dedicated streets. Our cases have consistently held that the municipality may determine the time it will open a street and assume the maintenance thereof." *In re Maint. of Rd. Areas Shown on Plat of Suburban Ests.*, 250 N.W.2d 827, 831 (Minn. 1977)(citations omitted);

**WHEREAS**, Ed and Rachel Hamlin have formally requested the Town Board agree to open and maintain the Road as part of its system of publicly maintained town roads;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board determines the Road is not up to township road specifications but is agreeing to take it over for public maintenance because of the recorded plat;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby agrees to open and maintain the southern part of Jeneke Road, approximately 310 feet, as part of its system of publicly maintained town roads effective as of the date of this Resolution.
2. The Town will maintain the Road in a manner similar to other roads of its type in the Town. The Town does not guarantee any particular type or level of maintenance beyond its duty to keep the Road open and reasonably passible.
3. The decision to open and maintain the Road is limited to this Road and does not constitute acceptance of any other road, or portion of road, and does not obligate the Town Board to accept any other roads for maintenance.
4. The Town will take over the Road “AS IS” and has no intention of improving the road to bring it up to township specifications.

Brandon Schultz with Sherman Builders spoke with the board concerning the 77 acre property (along Hwy 65) purchase by Sherman Builders. Brandon is new to the project and asked for an update on what has been brought to the township concerning questions, permits, etc. The board told him a few residential maps have been presented but nothing has been approved.

Cassie Sjodin spoke with the board concerning the conditional use permit she submitted for a dog kennel, daycare, grooming business. A public hearing was conducted by the planning commission and various concerns and questions were brought forward. At this time Cassie Sjodin would like to cancel the conditional use permit until she is better prepared to open the business.

The board agreed to cancel the conditional use permit and return the permit fee to Cassie Sjodin.

**7:40pm** - The chairperson called for public comment three times. The following spoke:

Jerry Evenson – Commented on the 77 acre purchase along Hwy 65 by Sherman Builders.

Cassie Sjodin – Asked about license for the animal facility she would like to build.

Ed Hamlin – Wanted to thank the board for keeping the roads clear and drivable this winter.

Janet Marcude – Commented on the potential animal facility.

7:55pm – The chairperson closed public comment.

MSC (Stef, Mary) to direct the Township Treasurer to remove Edgar Rittenour's name from all bank accounts and CD's with First Citizens Bank.

MSC (Ken, Stef) to accept the quote from Central Right of Way Services to mow along township roads at the rate of \$54.00 per mile for both sides of road.

MSC (Ken, Stef) to direct the clerk to proceed with an unpaid fire call special assessment for Sheldon Fratzke, property address: 2169 270<sup>th</sup> Ave Mora.

Mary Fratzke introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**Resolution #21 – 01/19/2023**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHROIZING CONTRACT WITH INTERESTED OFFICER**

**WHEREAS** Supervisor Ken Mattson has stated that he has the equipment and is willing to plow the town hall parking lot after each snow event, and

**WHEREAS** Supervisor Ken Mattson does acknowledge and agree to the terms of the affidavit of official interest in claim;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Supervisor Ken Mattson to plow the town hall parking lot after snow events.

The motion was duly seconded by Stef Salmson and the following voted:

**IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Mary Fratzke, Stef Salmonson

**OPPOSED:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Ken Mattson

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

One land use permit was issued last month.

The board received zero Shoreland permits.

The Annual Board of Audit meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:00pm at the townhall.

MSC (Mary, Stef) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

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Clerk

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Chairman