

Thursday, July 18, 2024 Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting

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

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Moved, Second, Carried MSC (Ken, Mary) to approve the agenda as amended: add August township meeting date change.

MSC (Mary, Ken) to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting as presented.

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

Mike Couri with Couri and Ruppe called into the meeting to discuss with the supervisors a compliance issue on 228th Ave, property owner Ron Schmidt. Mike instructed the supervisors to send Ron a letter explaining that he is not in compliance with the township's zoning ordinance and will have 60 days to come into compliance. If Ron is not in compliance after 60 days the township will send him another letter stating the township is drafting a compliant with the attorney. The supervisors instructed the clerk to send a letter to Ron.

Larry Harp met with the Supervisors to discuss a possible variance on this property. The board instructed him to contact the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission to start the process.

7:41pm - The chairperson called for public comment three times. The following spoke:

Susan Hartmen – She would like know if she can put up her own mailbox or does the township do that. She also asked about renting out her pasture for agriculture purposes.

7:44pm – The chairperson closed public comment.

One land use permit were issued last month.

The board received 7 Shoreland permits in the last month.

Ken Mattson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #1 – 07/18/2024

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INTERIM ORDINANCE ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS UNDER THE KNIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Knife Lake Township is empowered by Minn. Stat. § 462.355, Subd. 4 to pass an interim ordinance, applicable to all or a portion of its jurisdiction, for the purpose of protecting the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Knife Lake Township's Zoning Ordinance currently allows the issuance of Conditional Use Permits; and

WHEREAS, the Knife Lake Town Board has determined that Knife Lake Township's Zoning Ordinance needs to be revised regarding uses for which a Conditional Use Permit may be issued; and

WHEREAS, the Knife Lake Town Board has determined that in order to protect the planning process and insure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Knife Lake Township that the Town Board needs to study amending its comprehensive plan and other official controls to better regulate the issuance of Conditional Use Permits so as to mitigate the possible impacts that such Conditional Use Permits may have on the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Knife Lake Township and neighboring communities; to allow the Township the opportunity to consider amending zoning or other regulatory ordinances within the Township and to review and consider amending or adopting other police powers to effectively regulate Conditional Uses; and

WHEREAS, Knife Lake Township needs a period of time to consider such planning issues and time to adopt amendments, if necessary, to its comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance as well as other official controls related to Conditional Uses within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Knife Lake Township Board of Supervisors has determined that the present situation requires a temporary halt to the receipt of applications for and processing of applications related to the issuance of Conditional Use Permits under the Knife Lake Township Zoning Ordinance; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Knife Lake Township Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The attached "Interim Ordinance Enacting A Moratorium On The Issuance Of Conditional Use Permits under the Knife Lake Township Zoning Ordinance."
2. The Township's Planning Commission is directed to study and review the need for the Township to adopt amendments to its Comprehensive Plan and Ordinances related to the issuance of Conditional Use Permits and to recommend the same to the Knife Lake Town Board.

The motion was duly seconded by Mary Fratzke and the following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: Ed Hamlin

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

MSC (Ken, Mary) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Clerk

Chairman