

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
*MIDDLEVILLE TOWNSHIP*  
3014 CO. RD. 6 SW  
HOWARD LAKE, MN 55349  
May 14, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Raymond, at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Also present were Supervisors Walt Barlow and James Jacobson, PZ Administrator Jessica Elfmann, Treasurer Judy Forst, Clerk Joey Berg, and Maintenance Man Randy Klugow. Others in attendance are noted on the sign-in sheet included with the approved minutes.
2. Joey presented the Clerk's report: The April minutes were reviewed. The May misc. receipts in the amount of \$8,134.49 and claims in the amount of \$12,911.79 were reviewed. Walt made a motion and James J. second to approve the Clerk's report (including claim #s 10303-10313 & EFT#s E052401-E052408). Carried unanimously 3-0.
3. Judy then presented the Treasurer's report: she stated that the balance on hand at the end of April was \$567,398.49. She mentioned we received our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter recycling incentive, \$551.60. She noted that there had been interest income of \$157.52 in the month of April of which \$151.76 was reinvested. She also explained how a check written last December to Cokato Parts City for \$48.32 has never come back, but their books show it is paid. For now we will add it back in. James R. made a motion and Walt second to approve the Treasurer's report. Carried unanimously 3-0. The board then did an audit of the Clerk's April books along with the Treasurer's report and bank statements. A motion was made by James R. and second by James J. to approve the audit of the Clerk's April books. Carried unanimously 3-0.
4. Planning and Zoning: 1) Jess expressed it's been pretty busy with building permits. 2) there's been enquiries about building entitlements. 3) the Gary Gruenhagen family asked about combining the little 2 acre piece to the north of the farm site (in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10) with the farm parcel and then splitting off the farm bldg site. 4) she also had an enquiry from someone about building a 16'X80' house. 5) North Metro may need a CUP for their business, because it appears their "tree farming" is buying and selling tree plants. 6) she sent a letter to the "squatters" on 10<sup>th</sup> St who have 45 days to respond. There has been no response to this point and there are 13 days left. After that a letter will be sent from our lawyer with the next steps. Walt made a motion and James J. second to accept the PZ report. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.
5. Road Maintenance Report: Randy reported 1) he's been smoothing Keats Ave (that was referenced last month) as being so washboard like. 2) he had put the dock and some rock in Howard Lake at the north landing. 3) he was wondering about the 2-way arrow sign at the west end of 50<sup>th</sup> St on Gowan Ave. Discussion was that maybe there does not need to be one there now with a driveway and field approach going off to the west. Walt made a motion and James J. second to approve the report. Carried unanimously 3-0.
6. Old Business: 1) Walt reported that he had done some research on what needs to be done with the Smith Lake Townsite issues brought up recently. The road north of the railroad track was straightened out over 60 years ago for safety reasons. As far as marking where cemeteries are, without knowing exactly where they were, we can't do any more than we already

have done with the memorial stone marker approximating where the cemetery was and also where the townsite was located. There does need to be some foundation work done on the marker due to critters having been digging underneath. We have a couple of possibilities of guys in the township who could maybe help out with that. Jim R. said he will check with them.

2) Jim J. had done some checking on speed limits on township roads (regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> St issues addressed last month) and the default limit is 55 mph and in order to reduce that, there needs to be a certain population density which is not met there.

3) Wright County Soil & Water is addressing the possible wetland infraction with the new field approach off of 15<sup>th</sup> St in Section 10

7. New Business: dust control letters have been mailed and the product will be laid down week of Jun 3.

8. Meetings:  
Jun 11 – monthly mtg at 7:00 pm

9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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Joey Berg, Clerk

James Raymond, Chairman