

Town of Grand Lake

St. Louis County, Minnesota

July 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town of Grand Lake Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Duayne Anderson at the Town Hall/Community Center at 7:00 PM. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Duayne Anderson and Dewey Johnson were present. Also present Fire Chief Grant Gimpel.

Agenda:

D. Johnson motioned Board Chair is authorized to modify the agenda order of business to facilitate those in attendance. This statement will appear first on future agendas. D. Anderson 2nd the motion.

D. Johnson motioned to approve the agenda for August 7, 2023, regular meeting. D. Anderson 2nd the motion.

Public Participation:

Leila DeLuca – Ellison Road culvert – Concerns – “Are there any specs that they (Jake’s) are following? - County specs - I do not believe they are following the specs. The water does not utilize the culvert. It comes across the road. Wanting to see if they can extend the culvert.”

“Why is there large rock being put down and what class is being used?” Large rock is put down to help level and then class 5 goes over it. We use county gravel pits, and they test their materials.

The repairs to the Ellison Road culvert will be addressed as soon as we can. The parts are 3 days out from delivery. Duayne and Rick discussed what parts should be used. Spiral culvert – need a dimple band and wrap under the culvert so the joint can be sealed.

Estimated date to complete the work: July 24th. Some additional ditching will be completed as well. Duayne will be onsite during construction.

Tyler Masseth – Disc Golf – Things are moving along, finishing up holes 15, 16 and 17. Early August, hoping Troy can get out to mow. August 24th holding a picnic and soft opening of the course. SuperOne Foods will be donating food for the August 24th picnic. A+ will be digging up the holes to utilize their donation of time.

- Tyler will be attending National Night Out (Tuesday, August 1st) to promo the course.
- “A dump load of gravel might be needed; can the township help with that?” At the August meeting we will discuss if gravel is needed from Jakes.
- “What expenses do you have left?” Might need \$4-\$500 for cement for bins for holes. This will be covered by Tyler.
- Signage is the last thing they will be working on. They will be doing something simple to start (i.e., Rocks for markers at each hole.) and then spring of next year they will have something more permanent.

Minutes:

D. Johnson made a motion, 2nd by D. Anderson to accept the June 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes, June 13, 2023, special meeting minutes – PLAWCS Bylaws, and June 26, 2023, special meeting minutes – A&T Pump Services Estimate. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report:

The financial report for June 2023 was read by the Treasurer. **D. Johnson moved to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. Anderson. All in favor motion carried.** Board reviewed spending, claims and transfers. **D. Anderson made a motion to pay bills covered by claims 20732-20780, QB-2023- June, Debits totaling \$76,734.83, 2nd by D Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

Levy – July 3rd, \$328,691.55 was deposited into account.

Sewer Report:

Birch Point: Claims: D. Johnson made a motion to pay Birch Point District bill covered by claim 2061-2064 and Debit totaling \$13,529.64. Motion 2nd by D. Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.

Advanced Utility Solutions: Report emailed from Eric Appelwick. Kassie Hall in attendance. Everything went super smooth for June. Still working on a plan to fix the fence. Pump has been replaced still waiting on 2nd pump to arrive.

PLAWCS: No update.

Fire Department Report:

Fire report was given by Fire Chief Grand Gimpel. There were 26 calls, 16 medicals, 9 fire, 1 auto, 4 public assists. Of the 26 calls, 8 of them were mutual auto aid.

- Grant from Lake country power used to purchase new AED.
- Just starting to roll out the federal grants. End date: 3rd of Sept. Grant will be watching for these.
- 1 new member tonight and 2 potentials tonight as well. With these new members we do not have bunker gear fitted for them. Is there funding for bunker gear cost? Clerk will look into this and discuss with the Board.
- Car seat clinic 22nd of August 4pm – 6pm in front of Fire Hall and Open house at the same time.
- Fire Hall: Generator – Need to build a roof over it. Steve will work on this.
- Night lights (LED) – Steve will handle this.
- Man Door: Frank Hanson said he would put the door in. **D. Johnson motioned to replace the man door and approve the Sells Hardware estimate for up to \$2000 plus labor. D Anderson second the motion.**

Road Report:

- Road update: Mowing is currently getting done and maintenance around culverts. We have 2 more culverts to bury. We will be getting down to Ellison Road to get the culvert fixed. Clerk to send a notice to Jakes about coal mix on S. Dickerman Road.
- Dust Control: Board discussed county requirements. Wondering if there is a way to request a count just for the highly traveled roads? Dewey to ask St. Louis County.
- St. Louis County Maintenance Programs: Considering crack sealing: Boyer Road, W. Dickerman Road, and Westlund Road. Dewey will be contacting the county.
- Duayne – Entering/Exiting Twig Road signs: Duayne to write Vick Lund about sign post.
- *AE2s – J. Jurewicz – Beckman Road Culvert - Continued next year 2024: putting in a by-pass access. Therefore a fire truck will not need to be in place beyond the construction site.*

Recycling Report:

Recycling report submitted for June 2023. There were 616 people, 20 mixed glass/plastic/aluminum and 20 cardboard/paper bins.

Community Center Report:

- Rental Policy – Board discussed how non-residents are taking away from residents who have paid taxes for the community center. To be continued on agenda.
- Water Heater – Take off agenda. Board tested the water, and it is working fine. The faucet needs to run for a little bit before the water gets hot. Melissa will put a sign in the kitchen by the faucet.

Parks & Recreation Report:

- AIS – Season is going well. From June 10th – July 7th the inspectors have completed 405 inspections. Totaling in 743 so far this season.
- Beach Biffies – Shed Roof – we need to put a shed roof over them. Discussed with Troy.

Cemetery Report:

- Columbarium: Steve spoke with Larry and Kyle. Quote for cement work from K&B Concrete Inc. is \$10,600. Columbarium will be here in August. **D. Anderson motioned to approve the invoice from K&B Concrete for \$10,600 for the footing of the columbarium. D. Johnson second the motion.** Duayne will talk to Steve about the sidewalk and ask to move forward with it.
- Cemetery Policy: Clerk to look for Burial Vault policy.
- Braden will start weed whipping the cemetery.

Old Business:

- Broadband: SCI is planning on mobilizing around the 1st of August. They have been staging materials at IHC right across Industrial Road.
- Gravel Tax Information: Billed. Due on the 15th. Heard back from 2 so far.
- VRBO: No Updates. Take off agenda.
- Audit: Wrote the auditor, have not heard back. Duayne to contact again.
- New Website: No Updates.

New Business:

- Summons and Complaint – Discussion by the Board. MAT sent a letter explaining no wrongful acts have been done by the township. Duayne messaged Brent – will be filing a motion for dismissal.
- Variance – Persaud – Board reviewed and have no comment.
- Terry Anderson – Garage – wants to build a garage across Birch Point Road with bathroom plumbing facilities. Duayne to contact Eric and Joe about this concern.
- Carlson Road – Speed Limit concerns. Board discussed parties and came to the agreement that this could be taken to the county. Township has no authority for speed limit signs. Dewey will contact St. Louis County traffic engineer Vick Lund regarding speed limit study for E. and W. Carlson and N. Dickerman Road.
- Juneteenth – Do we need to recognize this as a Federal holiday? State and county are following it. Clerk to write MAT to ask about this matter.
- National Night Out – Tuesday, August 1st
- Correspondence was summarized by the Clerk and reviewed by the Board.
- **D. Anderson motioned for the Deputy Clerk and Treasurer to receive a rate of \$50 for every meeting they attend. D. Johnson 2nd the motion.**

Next meeting Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7pm.

On a motion made by D. Johnson and 2nd by D. Anderson, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Rachelle Brinkman
Town Clerk