

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2019

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Kathy Higgins, Ron Simon, Shawn Racine, John Strohfus

**ABSENT:** None (Seat #1 in vacate status)

**STAFF PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order @ 7:05 PM by Chair Higgins

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** K Higgins added County Commissioner Wayne Johnson and County Roads Deputy Director/Engineer Wayne Sandberg and Code Enforcement Reports. J Strohfus added Road Water Issues and Speed Limits & Sidewalks. **Motion R Simon/2<sup>nd</sup> J Strohfus approval of Agenda as amended.** Voting Yes- R Simon, J Strohfus, S Racine, Higgins. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**Motion J Strohfus/2<sup>nd</sup> S Racine approval of Consent Agenda items which include 03/04/2019 Board Minutes, Claims #11308-11321, EFT payments- PERA 503846, MN Tax 0023735232, Federal Tax 21993829, payroll ending 04/01/2019, Financial Reports.**

Voting Yes- J Strohfus, S Racine, R Simon, K Higgins. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

**HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**County Commissioner Wayne Johnson & County Roads Deputy Director/Engineer Wayne Sandberg:**

District 4 County Commissioner Johnson (represents Denmark) introduced himself to the Board. Let the Board know that he is available to discuss any issues/questions that the Board may have. J Strohfus asked that the County take an engineering look at 90<sup>th</sup> St (CO.76) which was reclaimed/overlaid just a few years ago, due to a stretch that is buckling/heaving. County Engineer Sandberg will look into the issue. R Simon requested information regarding the number of accesses that are allowed on a county road, into an ag operation, Sandberg noted that 1 new access was permitted on the subject property, and that the existing field drives were left in place, noting that the field drive on the east side of the parcel may likely serve as the access for the future house. Sandberg noted that in St Croix Bluffs Park, the County will be constructing a new pole shed to house some of the County Roads equipment. Also, Sandberg informed the Board that starting in May 2019, a vehicle permit will be required for access to Point Douglas Park. There still will be a few parking spots that can be used without a park permit for the specific purpose of using the bathrooms. County is still negotiating with landowners of adjacent property to the St Croix Bluffs Park.

**Board Seat #1 Vacancy:** Supervisor seat #1 was vacated effective March 13, 2019. Previous Supervisor Bob Rucker was asked and agreed to complete the seat term.

**Motion K Higgins/2<sup>nd</sup> J Strohfus to appoint Bob Rucker to finish the term ending January 4, 2021 for Supervisor Seat #1, effective immediately.** Voting Yes- K Higgins, J Strohfus, S Racine, R Simon, Clerk B Herman. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

**Oath of Office:** Clerk/Treasurer administered the Oath of Office to Bob Rucker. B Rucker took position on Board.

**Election of Chair/Vice-Chair:** **Motion R Simon/2<sup>nd</sup> J Strohfus to nominate K Higgins for Chair.** Voting Yes- R Simon, J Strohfus, S Racine, B Rucker. Voting No- None. Abstaining- K Higgins. Motion Carried 4-0-1.

**Motion B Rucker/2<sup>nd</sup> S Racine to nominate J Strohfus for Vice-Chair.** Voting Yes- B Rucker, S Racine, R Simon, K Higgins. Voting No- None. Abstaining- J Strohfus. Motion Carried 4-0-1.

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**Organizational Items:**

- Organizational Items:
  - Designate Official Newspaper of Record (Currently Hastings Star Gazette, also Pioneer Press when directed by Board) *electors recommended keeping same*
  - Designate Official Posting Place (Currently Denmark Town Hall) *electors recommended keeping the same*
  - Designate Official Bank (Currently Vermillion State Bank) *electors recommended keeping the same*
  - Gopher Bounty (Currently \$3.00 per gopher) *electors recommended keeping the same*
  - Supervisor Salary (Currently \$80 meeting pay and \$500 per month chair) *electors recommended keeping the same*
  - Time & Site of 2020 Annual Meeting- Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Denmark Town Hall @ 7PM
  - Continuation of Contracted Staff-Legal, Planning, Engineering

**Motion J Strohfus/2<sup>nd</sup> R Simon to approve the Organizational Items, as listed. Voting Yes- J Strohfus, R Simon, S Racine, B Rucker, K Higgins. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.**

**Gravel Quotes for ¾" or 1" C/5 Limerock:**

Rumpca Excavating- \$5.90/T and \$2.45/T hauling. Bryan Rock- \$6.50/T and \$3.70/T hauling. Roads Supervisor Strohfus also noted that the Roads Contractor also does some hauling of the limerock and would agree to continue at the \$2.45/T rate. **Motion J Strohfus/2<sup>nd</sup> S Racine to award gravel purchasing to Rumpca Excavating at \$5.90/T, \$2.45/T hauling and also approval to have Roads Contractor haul at \$2.45/T. Voting Yes- J Strohfus, S Racine, R Simon, B Rucker, K Higgins. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.**

**Dustcoat Quotes:**

Envirotech Svc- \$1.15/gal 38% Calcium Chloride, \$1.10 Magnesium Chloride. Luhman's Construction- \$1.02/gal Calcium Chloride, \$1.02/gal Magnesium Chloride. **Motion J Strohfus/2<sup>nd</sup> S Racine to award 2019 Dustcoating to Luhman's Construction for \$1.02/gal calcium chloride applied, contingent upon Road Supervisor confirming with Luhman's the calcium chloride % and application rates are consistent with Envirotech's % and rate. Voting Yes- J Strohfus, S Racine, B Rucker, R Simon, K Higgins. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.**

**Planning Commission Appointments:** Resolution to reappoint current Planning Commission Members. Mike Kelz and Bob Barr to a 3 year term ending 03/31/2021. Roger Lang for a 3 year term ending 03/31/2022.

**Motion John Strohfus/2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Simon to adopt Resolution 2019-03 To Reappoint And Ratify The Appointments of Mike Kelz and Bob Barr for a 3 year term ending 03/31/2019, and to reappoint Roger Lang for a 3 year term ending 03/31/2022. Voting Yes- John Strohfus, Ron Simon, Shawn Racine, Bob Rucker, Kathy Higgins. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.**

**Schedule Road Tour-onsite inspection:** On site road inspection scheduled for April 25, 2019 @ 5PM.

**Speed Limits & Sidewalks:** Robin Strauss, resident on Panama Avenue, in the area of 110<sup>th</sup> St (east of St Croix Tr.) requested information regarding changing speed limits in residential areas. Resident noted that there has been increased traffic and speeding in the area. In addition to advising the resident to contact the Sheriff's Department regarding speeding, the Board will contact the Town Attorney to seek information related to changing speed limits within the Town. Also asked about installing sidewalks in Denmark. Denmark does not require/install sidewalks along the Town roads.

**Code Enforcement Reports:** Town received zoning complaint regarding a business in the Commercial District in Denmark. Town had Planner and Building Code Enforcement review the complaint regarding possible non-compliance. Several Board Members also viewed the site regarding the complaint. Issues addressed were the bus lights, generators, lighting fixtures on the building, and tree plantings. After viewing the reports and on site viewing, Board consensus that the business is in compliance of their conditional use permit. Board also noted that the property has vastly improved since the business has been in operation. **Motion John Strohfus/2<sup>nd</sup> Shawn Racine to take no action based on the review of the inspections and compliance reports that have been completed by the Town Planner and the Building Code Enforcement Official.**

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**Voting Yes- J Strohfus, S Racine, B Rucker, R Simon, K Higgins. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.**

**Road Water Issues:** Roads contractor has cleared ditches/culverts and road water/ice damage on Oakgreen, Norell, 87<sup>th</sup>, Neal and Quadrant, due to the winter/spring weather. Board will view the areas during the onsite road tour.

Board expressed concerns regarding the continuation of a trucking business operating from a Rural Residential property on 120<sup>th</sup> St S.

8:41 PM **Motion J Strohfus/2<sup>nd</sup> S Racine to adjourn April 2019 Board Meeting. Voting Yes- J Strohfus, S Racine, R Simon, B Rucker, K Higgins. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.**

Becky Herman

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Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer

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Denmark Township Chair

Addendum: Resolution 2019-03 Planning Commission Appointments

**DENMARK TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
Resolution No. 2019-03**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter One, Section 8.2 of the Denmark Township Development Code indicates the Town Board appointments members to the Denmark Township Planning Commission (“Commission”);

**WHEREAS**, Commission members serve three-year terms and the terms are staggered so that no more than two members are up for appointment in any one year;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board did not appoint members in 2018 and, instead, the incumbents continued to serve in their positions;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to ratify those members and to appoint members with terms expiring in 2019 without requiring any of the continuing members being require to reapply for their positions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby reappoints and ratifies the appointment of the following members of the Commission, each with the terms as indicated below:

Member	Position No.	Original Date of Appointment	Current Term	New Term
Roger Lang	1	05/20/2013	04/01/2016 - 03/31/2019	04/01/2019 - 03/31/2022
Natalia Keene	2	01/18/2018	01/18/2018 - 03/31/2020	
Steve Radke	3	04/2008	04/01/2017 - 03/31/2020	
Mike Kelz	4	10/03/2016	10/03/2016 - 03/31/2018	04/01/2018 - 03/31/2021
Bob Barr	5	06/2002	04/01/2015 - 03/31/2018	04/01/2018 - 03/31/2021

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2019. BY THE TOWN BOARD