

Turtle Lake Township Regular Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2024, 19143 Lake Julia Dr. NW Bemidji, MN

The regular meeting of the governing body of Turtle Lake Township, Beltrami County MN was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Michelle Anderson. Also in attendance are Vice Chair Kenneth McBride, Supervisors Corey Wright, Mark Haugen, Treasurer Christine Malterud, Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Kelly Booge and Clerk Lynn Johnson. Supervisor Sovde was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Public Attendees

Jay Siems, Jeff Hill, Brian Putnam, Dave Close, Wade Thoring and Kristy Roberts.

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Vice Chair McBride, Second by Supervisor Haugen. Clerk asked to add Kohl's license renewal after Lake's license renewal. Addition was accepted. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 7, 2024 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve November 4, 2024 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurer's report of November 4, 2024 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve and Sign Claims and Payroll

Motion to approve claims and payroll by Vice Chair McBride, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Liquor License Renewals

Lake's Liquor- Motion to approve Lake's Liquor license renewal by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Kohl's Resort - Motion to approve Kohl's Resort liquor license renewal by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

General Road/Zoning Update

Road Supervisor Booge reported that the town roads are in good shape and if we get one more week of good weather they will be graded again to make sure the crown is good going into winter. Chair Anderson asked if the findings from the road tour had been completed. There are still 3 culvert aprons that need to be installed and brushing at the boat access on Arborvitae still needs to be done. Road Supervisor Booge also informed the

Board that he had attended a meeting at Durand Township to discuss Julia Way maintenance. Estimated costs will be put together and a road agreement will need to be developed.

Turgi Hill Road

The Board reviewed a soil boring report completed by Freeberg and Grund. Reconstruction is expected to begin in 2025.

County Highway Dept 2025 Rates

The 2025 rates for grading and snow plowing were discussed. It was decided to continue using the Town's current vendor.

Town Hall Grant

Official notice of award was received from Minnesota Historical Society along with the grant agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

BATO Meeting

BATO Rep Supervisor Haugen attended the BATO meeting on Oct 29th. Speakers included Senator Steve Green who spoke about the land back acquisition movement, Tony Klaers with HRDC informed the attendees about services offered, County Commissioner John Carlson discussed the new cannabis laws, and MAT District 12 Representative Mel Milender gave his report.

Cannabis Law

Discussion concerning this law was had. The issue is complicated and the Town will need more information before a decision can be made on whether to handle registrations for a cannabis dispensary or to turn this process over to the County. Also, the Town's Zoning Ordinance does not allow for a dispensary to be located within the township. In addition, MAT recommends turning registration and compliance over to the County. Supervisors Haugen and Wright will gather additional information on this topic. Discussion was tabled until the December 2nd meeting.

RFA Meeting

RFA Rep Vice Chair McBride reported on the last RFA meeting. The revised by-laws will be finalized and sent to the association members. The reason for the 12-month notice to withdraw membership from the organization is for planning purposes. At the Federal level, OSHA wants to change the rules to increase the required number of full-time firefighters to four. This will increase the Association's expenses. A new fire protection agreement with the City of Bemidji was presented to the members. Going forward, the association will require a resolution from member units delegating a representative and an alternate for voting purposes.

Townhall Rental Policy Review

Tabled until a later date.

MAT Annual Meeting and Township Day at the Capitol

Reminder that the annual MAT Conference will be held on December 13th and 14th in St. Cloud, and Township Day at the Capitol will be on January 27th in St. Paul.

Washington DC Trip

MAT will be having a trip to Washington DC in 2025. More information will be available at a later date.

Public and Other

None


Correspondence

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. by Chair Anderson, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of these Minutes from the November 4, 2024 Regular Township Meeting

Approved  Date 12/2/24
