

SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING**www.salemmn.org****February 3, 2021**

This meeting was held on “Go to Meeting” virtually.

Members Present: **Rick Lutzi**
 Gail Fritts
 Sharon Petersen
 Drew Moessner
 Brian Connelly

Others Present: **Dave Walters**
 Kirby Long
 David Rassel
 Brenda DeCook

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Drew Moessner with the pledge of allegiance.

Drew Moessner asked if anyone had any changes to the printed agenda. A motion was made by Rick Lutzi and seconded by Brian Connelly to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

The claims presented for payment tonight are as follows:

Claim No. 10681 to 10695

Payroll Checks 10696 to 10700

The total for claims presented tonight is \$12,186.07.

A motion was made by Brian Connelly and seconded by Rick Lutzi to approve the claims as presented tonight for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Copies of the mail will be reviewed after the Board of Audit meeting at town hall.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Drew Moessner asked the board members if anyone had any additions or corrections to the printed minutes for January 6. Brian Connelly wanted to add wording to the Yearly Resolution that clarified that the board passed 2021-1 thru 2021-5 as a group. A motion was made by Brian Connelly and seconded by Rick Lutzi to approve the written minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Gail Fritts reported the following:

Beginning Balance	\$275,695.71
Total Receipts	\$ 21,828.60
Total Disbursed	\$ 41,717.22
Ending Balance	\$255,807.09

Certificates of Deposit	
70800	\$25,000.00

No outstanding checks as of 1/31/2021. Checkbook interest was \$10.26.

After review, a motion was made by Rick Lutzi and seconded by Brian Connelly to approve the treasurer's report as given. The motion passed unanimously.

OLMSTED COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF REPORT KIRBY LONG

Deputy Kirby Long was present to answer questions about what was occurring in our township.

OLD BUSINESS TCPA MEETING

There was no meeting last month. Brian Connelly is scheduled to attend a meeting if it is held this month. Rick Lutzi thought there would be a meeting because Roger's contract needs to be approved. He may be attending the meeting also as he is on the salary committee.

ROADS

There was no written clerk's report.

Dave Walters will be contacting Brian Connelly at noon to discuss snowplowing for the anticipated storm tomorrow.

No information on the Willow Run road. Kyle Finney will be contacted to ask that he contact residents and get back to the board about plans for 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 ELECTIONS

There have been no additional filings for office.

The legal notice for township elections and annual meeting was reviewed by board members. After reviewing a motion was made by Drew Moessner and seconded by Brian Connelly to approve the notice as presented. The motion passed unanimously. It will be printed two times on Feb 20 and Feb 27.

NEWSLETTER

The board was sent a copy of the draft newsletter. They were asked to review it for proofing before it is printed. The board discussed when the newsletter should be mailed. After discussion, it was decided that it should be mailed by February 15. Absentee balloting starts on February 5.

SOLAR FARMS

Brian Connelly reported on the Planning and Zoning meeting in January. They reviewed the Kalmar ordinance and went over it and the answers to questions that were submitted to Roger. They adopted some of the things that were adopted into the ordinance. They have some new questions for Roger after this meeting. Brian felt the board was making good progress on this. There is not a planned meeting in February but may have one in March to continue discussion on the solar ordinance.

PIT INSPECTIONS

Drew will be following up on the pit inspections that have not been received. Brian wanted to know if Bryce had received the report on the pit inspection.

There was discussion about the map we received today on the north pit. Since the report was received today, board members will be reviewing it and check with Roger about any issues.

STORAGE CABINET

The board reviewed the request for a two-door locked storage cabinet. After review, a motion was made by Rick Lutzi and seconded by Drew Moessner to approve the clerk purchasing a new storage cabinet. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the possibility of removing the old voting booths. After discussion it was decided not to remove the voting booths and look at the possibility of converting some of the old bathrooms into another storage area for files not frequently accessed.

PLANNING AND ZONING VIOLATIONS**FULLER PIT**

The board will schedule the spring inspection in March or April.

ROSS PROPERTY

The letter that has been drafted for this property was reviewed by board members. The board reviewed the letter and Drew will tell Roger to send the letter as written. It will be sent to Daniel DeCook and Todd Netzke.

OLMSTED COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING

All members attended the virtual meeting. Some of the reports were discussed. There was discussion on the plans for County Road 44, County Road 3, and County Road 5 and the Dodge County Road 15.

Olmsted County has made available some masks. Drew has notified them that we would like four to six dozen masks.

QUOTES FOR SERVICE FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

The proposed quote document was reviewed by board members. Some changes were suggested and added to the document. The clerk will e-mail the revised document and asked that they review it so she can begin printing as soon as possible.

Since the meeting in March will be virtual, the quotes will have to be mailed to the clerk before the meeting. The clerk will receive the quotes and scan them and e-mail them to the board members prior to the meeting. Letters will be sent out to contractors from last year. Quotes must be received by February 26.

We are planning to have testing done again this year. That will be a new cost to the township.

BYRON FIRE BUILDING

The clerk sent out a proposal for paying the City of Byron on the fire hall parking lot re-surface.

The clerk proposed the following repayment schedule:

Dec 2021	\$9,137.00
Dec 2022	\$9,137.00
Dec 2023	\$9,136.00

After review, the board approved the proposal for repayment. Drew Moessner will inform the City of Byron about our proposed repayment schedule.

The board members received a request for the fire hall purchase meeting. The board reviewed the plan and decided on Feb 18 as a time that will work for all members. The clerk will post this meeting.

ITEMS BROUGHT UP BY BOARD MEMBERS

There was discussion on the permit request on Tenth Street to extend fiber to one house. Drew has contacted them about the permit for this work. It will be a \$100 fee for this permit. When we receive the permit, we will sign off on the permit. They will be boring under the road. The board would like to see a map of the lines that are in Salem Township. Drew will request this.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Dave Rassel commented about enjoying the meeting.

A motion was made by Brian Connelly and seconded by Rick Lutzi to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

**Drew Moessner
Chairman**

**Sharon Petersen
Secretary**

APPROVED