

Empire Township Meeting Minutes October 27, 2015

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Holmes at 8:00 p.m...

Present were: Terry Holmes, Jamie Elvestad, Ed Gerten, Kathleen Krippner, & Brian Hilgardner

Agenda: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the agenda. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting Minutes: Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on October 13, 2015, Planning Commission meeting on October 20, 2015 and Park and Rec meeting of October 26, 2015. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer Report: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the unaudited treasurer report as read. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Bills to be paid: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$109,064.31. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Hearings

Hearing #1: The purpose of this hearing is to consider the variance application of Greg Komis, 3613 205th Street West, to allow an encroachment in the front yard setback area for a porch on the front of the home. The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning ordinance. The plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner and the variance will not alter the essential character of the locality. Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the variance. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Hearing #2: The purpose of this hearing is to consider amending Ordinance No. 510-F Empire Township Fee Ordinance by adjusting fees, if any, for capital and operating expenses in the public utility system. Ed Gerten made a motion to close the Hearing #2 and leave open for further discussion if any necessary changes are needed. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Hearing #3: The purpose of this hearing is to consider amending Ordinance No. 515-D Empire Township Fee Ordinance by adjusting fees, if any, including but not limited to construction permit fees, connection fees, inspection fees, miscellaneous fees, other development fees and

rental fees. Jamie Elvestad made a motion to close the Hearing #2 and leave open for further discussion if any necessary changes are needed. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Reports

Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges

The ballfields are done with drain tile and will work great. Still need 5-6 loads of lime per field. Backyard drainage: There is solid clay and it was dry one foot down. The drainage field is 2' wide. They need to go further east with the drainage tile. Terry Holmes made a motion to have Jamie and Jeff oversee this project and make the necessary decisions. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Park & Rec

Baseball will put the top part of the 12 x 14 storage shed with an overhead door. This will allow them the use of the shed.

They would like to use the fields more. They have one age that would not need the small fence but they would take it down and put back up as needed. It would be only one field.

Bolton & Menk

Old Business:

New Business:

Brian will send a letter to MNDOT regarding the speed study.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve Southern Hills Golf Course liquor license. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Gerten made a motion to approve Dreamerick LLC Probationary Conditional Use Permit Extension. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer