

Township of Helena Board of Supervisors  
 Regular Monthly Meeting  
 New Prague Ambulance Conference Room  
 7:00 PM • March 3, 2016

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**Call to Order** The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Helena Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Nytes at the New Prague Ambulance Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Officers Present** Chair Ed Nytes, Supervisors John Wermerskirchen and Duane Deutsch, Treasurer Pat Lambrecht, Road Overseer Darryl Perkins and Clerk DeAnn Croatt.

**Also Present** Tom Johnson, Ben Adamich, Tena Monson, Andy Catania, Greg Pekarna, Nathan Hutton, and Steve Trewartha

**Minutes** On a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen the Minutes were approved as corrected; carried unanimously.

**Geronimo and Pollux Community Solar** Staff from Geronimo provided more information related to items discussed at the DRT meeting and requested a CUP recommendation. Board ensured all conditions recommended by Attorney Ruppe and Engineer Nelson were included, which they were.

Jordan Fire Chief Greg Pekarna was present to discuss his concern for firemen’s safety. A tour and procedural response will be held prior to energizing. Tena Monson stated Geronimo did not expect the firemen to extinguish a fire; rather respond for containment

An escrow of \$3k was a township condition, along with a copy of the final plans being available for engineer and attorney approval.

On a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen the CUP received favorable recommendation with the following conditions; carried unanimously:

1. Meets all county conditions
2. Escrow fund of \$3k paid prior to CUP approval
3. Decommission amount adequate to cover future costs (per county’s #13)
4. Final plans submitted to township for review and approval
5. Geronimo will work with local fire department per county’s #11
6. Taxes current
7. Applicant aware the township has a Right t Farm Ordinance

**Tower Estates** Nathan Hutten was present to request the speed limit be lowered from 30 MPH to 25 MPH on Mark and Lucy as there are a number of young children in the neighborhoods. Wermerskirchen recommended pursuing the opportunity of having the Scott County Highway Department place a “Your Speed Is XX” indicator temporarily along the roadway for awareness. In addition, Perkins will relocate the “Caution, Children at Play” sign and place flags on the relocated sign.

<b>Receipts</b>	1/25/2016	\$ 6,590.38	Scott County	Tax Settlement
	1/29/2016	\$ 1.70	State Bank	Interest
	1/29/2016	\$ 25.02	State Bank	Optima Interest
	2/4/2016	\$ 100.00	Fertimix	Jordan Fire Call
	2/4/2016	\$ 1,003.14	Comcast	Franchise Fee

2/4/2016	\$ 1,976.93	Bevcomm	Franchise Fee
2/26/2016	\$ 17,057.21	Scott County	Gas Tax
2/29/2016	\$ 2.03	State Bank	Interest
2/29/2016	\$ 26.00	State Bank	Optima Interest

## Old Business

- Snow Plowing** Johnson reported snow plowing went well. An issue of motorists driving carelessly on Baseline Blvd. was addressed by Deutsch and the Scott County Sheriff's Department.
- Road Overseer** Perkins presented a request by Lindsey Coy for a second driveway for their corner lot; the driveway must be on a different township road from the existing drive and receive approval of the Road Overseer.
- RSP2 Park** Quotes were reviewed from Busch Property Improvement, Greenhead Turf Management, and Steve Rynda. On a motion by Wermerskirchen/Deutsch the quote from Steve Rynda was accepted; carried unanimously.
- Quotes for weed and feed were reviewed from Quality Green and Greenhead; on a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen the quote from Quality Green was accepted; carried unanimously.
- SMBE** To ensure conversion is completed this spring, a meeting was set on a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen; carried unanimously, for Thursday March 10, 2016 at 4 PM in Silver Maple Bay Estates. Stasney Electric, RT Excavating, Project Manager Maas, Supervisors and Clerk will be encouraged to attend to ensure everyone understands the scope of the project and understand the need to complete this project early spring. Clerk will contact Maas/Trnka; Wermerskirchen will contact Stasney [subsequent conversation with Maas that Trnka would not be in attendance for health reasons; material is stockpiled and Trnka plans to stay on the project until it is complete].
- Misc. Quotes** Quotes were reviewed; decisions tabled to after Spring Road Viewing.

## New Business

- Election Judges** The following Election Judges were registered with their respective political party and are available to work the primary and/or general election: Dave Minar, Florence Minar, Jon Hendricks, Fran Barten, DeAnn Croatt, Judy Pauly, Mary Miller, Barb Wermerskirchen, Darryl Perkins, Marty Bisek, Rhonda Sandey, John Wermerskirchen, Shirley Schoenbauer, Ed Nytes, Shari Nytes, Duane Deutsch, Cathy Joubert, Pat Lambrecht, Karrie Deutsch, Peter Croatt, and Robert Yost.
- Cedar Lake Imp. District** John Wermerskirchen will represent Helena Township at the Cedar Lake Improvement District meeting. Nytes will inform Dave Bruzek of the appointment.
- New Prague Fire** Levy information was received and will be communicated at the Annual Meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. The levy for 2017 is \$68,031.42.
- Meeting Location** Clerk will contact the City Administrator, Michael Johnson, to ask if township meetings could be relocated to the fire hall instead of the ambulance conference room, at the suggestion of ambulance staff.
- Lobby Day** Officers wishing to attend Lobby Day will register with Gary at gburdorf@gmail.com.
- RSP2** The ravine issue will be discussed at the April Meeting. Deutsch has been in communication with SWCD.

**Payment of Bills** On a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen bills #5460-5472 were paid; carried unanimously.

5460	\$	195.00	Couri & Ruppe	Geronimo Community Solar
5461	\$	4,102.00	Art Johnson Trucking Inc.	Plow and Chip Roads
5462	\$	1,445.00	MBA	Life Insurance
5463-9	\$	7,231.83	Officers & employees	Mtg., wage, labor, reimbursements
5470	\$	911.00	PERA	DCP
5471	\$	470.06	MN Dept. of Revenue	State Withholding and Match
5472	\$	2,458.26	US Treasury	Federal Withholding and Match

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Lambrecht distributed the Treasurer's Report. Supervisors discussed budget concerns for the General and Road & Bridge funds; may need to increase after holding steady for four consecutive years.

On a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen the report was accepted as presented; carried unanimously.

**Reminder** Upcoming meetings:

Annual Meeting, March 8<sup>th</sup> at the NP Ambulance Conference Room at 8:00 PM  
SMBE SSD, March 10<sup>th</sup> on site at 4:00 PM  
SCTA Spring Meeting 8 AM March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Legislative Day, March 31<sup>st</sup> at the State Dept. of Transportation Cafeteria at 10:00 AM  
Board of Review, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the NP Ambulance Conference Room at 7:00 PM

**Adjourned**

On a motion by Deutsch/Wermerskirchen the meeting was continued to March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM at Silver Maple Bay Estates and to March 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM for the Scott County Township Association Spring Meeting; carried unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted by Clerk DeAnn Croatt

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Chairman Ed Nytes