

POKEGAMA TOWNSHIP
APPROVED REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13TH, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

Chairman Dave Deutschlander called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Supervisors who were present was Terry Peterson, Dean Swenson, Wayne Whited and Jason Zastera. Also, who were present was Treasurer Darla Hall, Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim, Zoning Administer Gordon Johnson.

AGENDA

Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Dean Swenson seconded to approve the agenda for the April 13th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting with one change moving Attorney Bob Ruppe to explain the process of paving Island Resort Road to after the Minutes are approved. All in favor motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Terry Peterson **motioned** Jason Zastera seconded to approve the March 9th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor motion carried.

ISLAND RESORT ROAD

Attorney Bob Ruppe introduced himself and stated he will explain the process on paving Island Resort Road. He first stated that there are two different MN Statue we could use. MN Statue 429 the assessed model and MN Statue 348 the subordinate service district. He recommends to use the subordinate service district MN Statue 348. He then explained the process and steps that need to take place in detail forming a subordinate service district. The first steps are to determine the boundaries of the subordinate service district. After boundaries are determined a petition must go around to all properties and it must be signed by 50% of the owners within the boundaries. If there are not 50% of signatures on the petition the subordinate service district may not be formed. If there are 50% signatures the township clerk must verify the signatures are correct and the town board adopts a resolution and must call for a public hearing. Attorney Bob Ruppe mentioned it is up to the town board on what is the best way to divide up the cost, and this is different type of situation due to the commercial properties. He suggests that maybe we could use sewer hook ups. He then explained that an engineer needs to be contacted for determining the cost of the project. Zoning Administrator Goerdy Johnson stated we have contacted the County Engineer. Road Supervisor Jason Zastera stated that we have had soil borings done already, and wanted everyone to know that the township has already started to be proactive in this and have looked into the cost of the maintenance on the road. We have got the ball rolling ourselves. The public had time to make comments, state their concerns and ask questions. Kathy Nielsen from the Pokegama Lake Association explained the PLA would like the Township to add a water quality improvement project for storm water and run off along with the road improvement project. Attorney Bob Ruppe stated the next step is contact an engineer to determine cost and determine the boundaries of the subordinate service district.

- D. Mat District 7 Lobby Day – Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim mentioned the MAT District 7 Lobby Day is on April 18th, 2023, 12:00 – 4:00 pm if anyone was interested in attending.

OLD BUSINESS – None

AGENDA REQUEST – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Nielsen from the Pokegama Lake Association wanted to thank the Board of Supervisors for their generous donation. She explained what the Pokegama Lake Association has been doing to improve the water quality in the lake.

CORRESPONDENCE


REMINDERS

- A. Planning Commission Monday April 17th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- B. Board of Appeal & Equalization Tuesday April 18th, 2023 at 9:00 am
- C. Fire District Meeting at Pine City Township Wednesday April 19th, at 7:00 pm
- D. Regular Board Meeting Thursday May 11th, 2023 at 7:00 pm

ADJOURN

Dave Deutschlander **Motioned** Wayne Whited seconded to adjourn the April 13th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.


Christy Belsheim
Administrative Clerk


Dave Deutschlander
Chairman