

POKEGAMA TOWNSHIP
APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28TH, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

Chairman Terry Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Supervisors who were present was Dave Deutschlander, Dean Swenson, Wayne Whited and Jason Zastera. Also, who were present was Zoning Administrator Gordy Johnson, and Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim. The special meeting was published and posted.

Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to approve the agenda for the June 28th, 2023 special meeting as written. All in favor motion carried

Chairman Terry Peterson explained the purpose of the meeting tonight was to explain how to form a Subordinate Service District, for paving Island Resort Road. Those who were attendance stated their concerns and asked questions on the Subordinate Service District.

Emily a representative from Pokegama Lake MHC, RV Park was on speaker phone for the entire meeting. She questioned on who will determine if maintenance is needed. Chairman Peterson stated at first there shouldn't be any maintenance needed. The road should last for 20-25 years. She also questioned other than the township not having to maintain the road, grading, potholes etc. How else is this a benefit? Chairman Terry Peterson stated you will have a nice hard smooth road.

Leslie Lecuyer 18826 Island Resort said she is definitely in favor of the of the subordinate service district. She feels it will increase the value of their properties. She asked what would be the townships base price on paying for maintenance? Is the township considering paying for what they are currently paying for grading and dust control? She then asked how will the interest on the loan be paid, will it be put on the SSD or will township pay? Her next concern was the heavy truck traffic from the RV Parks and if there will be any weight restrictions on the road. Chairman Terry Peterson stated it will be a 7-9-ton road it will be able to handle that amount of traffic. Her last concern was a safety concern with the RV parks expanding there is only one way in and out for emergency vehicles. Supervisor Jason Zastera mentioned there was another way out at one time but it is now blocked with a house, and the road is wide enough for emergency vehicles to pass through. Leslie also stated the Pokegama Shores owner has contacted her and believes that they are in favor of the project.

The next concern was the speed of the traffic with a paved road. The Township has no control over on how fast people drive. There are 10 MPH speed limit signs now and nobody follows them. The Township does not monitor traffic control it is law enforcements job to do so.

Jim Hannon 11244 Lakeview Shore Dr stated he is not happy with the subordinate service district it will be in effect for life and that it not only obligates you it obligates the future property owners. He mentioned Pine City Township formed a subordinate service district for Golf Rd and the property owners were charged additional costs that they did not expect and were not happy. He mentioned the owners will be responsible for all maintenance as the Township see fits. Also, he does is not favor the market value sample formula. The 19 individual property owners should not have to pay 57% when it is the businesses that are using the road the most. He feels the commercials should be around 90%. He is not against paving the road, he would be willing to pay, but will not be involved in a subordinate service district.

Steve Harranty 18201 Island Resort Rd stated he lives on the very end past Pokegama Shores and that he is in favor of the road. He asked if they were going to go all the way to the end. The pavement will stop at the intersection of Lakeview Heights. He is also concerned on drainage issues on the last part of the road. The supervisors stated that is a different issue and can be addressed at a different time.

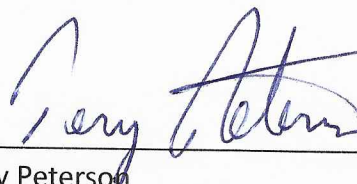
The process of the subordinate service district was discussed. They need to choose someone to go to each property owner to have the petition signed. If someone owns more than one parcel, they can only sign the petition once. Husband and wife both can sign as long as they are both on the property deed. The petition needs 51% of the signatures within the boundaries to proceed with forming the SSD. When the petition gets turned to the township the clerk will verify the signatures, and will have 30 days to call a public hearing. The clerk stated the public hearing will be published and the notice will be mailed to all property owners. At the hearing the Town Board will adopt or deny the resolution establishing the SSD. Property owners have 60 days to petition for a referendum 25 % of the property owner's signatures are needed.

The market value formula was discussed and the property owners feel it is unfair, because the traffic on the road is caused by the commercial properties. It was mentioned that we could also use the sewer connections as well. It was explained that this is an informational meeting only and no formal decision will be made tonight. We will address some more at the next Regular Board Meeting, and at the public hearing the details will be discussed in the resolution.

Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Jason Zastera seconded to adjourn the June 28th, 2023 Special Meeting. All in favor motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm



Christy Belsheim
Administrative Clerk



Terry Peterson
Chairman