

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 4, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Anderson, Brueckner, Lee, Linn, LeBlanc, Pozzini-Stedman; Advisor:
Christopherson

Absent: Griffin, without notice; Supervisor: McCune with notice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions): Linn moved approval of the agenda as submitted with the additions of two speed issues under New Business 7E and 7F. LeBlanc seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2020 (Additions/Deletions): LeBlanc moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2020. Brueckner seconded. Ayes all.

CONSENT AGENDA: LeBlanc moved to receive the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Receive Ramsey County Sheriff's Reports; B) Receive Sheriff's Contract Group Minutes; C) Receive White Bear Lake Fire Department Report. Anderson seconded. Ayes all. There was some discussion over the Ramsey County Sheriff's Report missing person investigation was a typo, there was not a missing person in the Township, the Town Clerk noted.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: The Town Clerk reported on behalf of Supervisor McCune. He noted the Town is proceeding with the **2020 Street Improvements**, and due to the economic climate, staff and the Board are considering Peterson Road and Otter View Circle Improvements. The bids for the street improvements came in nearly \$1 Million less than the Engineer's estimate; this is why the Board is considering additional projects, not to mention interest rates are favorable to the Township. It was noted that the Town Clerk will contact the Fire Marshall to be kept apprised with the street closures pertaining to the street improvements. Staff is working on going for bid for the **Restrooms at Polar Lakes Park**, which will be funded by the EDA Fund and the Park Funds. The **Water System Improvements** are currently underway and are being paid for by the Water and Sewer Funds. Due to the riots around the metro area, the Township did declare a **Two-Day Curfew** for May 30th and May 31st. Most recently, the Town staff is full-staff and open to the public as of Monday, June 1st since the COVID-19 pandemic.

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NORTH PORTLAND AVENUE SPEED ISSUES: The Town Clerk received notification in the beginning of May that a resident informed the Township about a speeding issue on Portland Avenue where the speed limit changes to 35 mph right before the curve. The resident would like the Public Safety Commission to consider recommending the Town Board ask Ramsey County for a lower speed limit. The Commission discussed perhaps flashing sign that shows speed. A couple of the members frequent Portland Avenue and gave their input. There was some discussion of the flashing sign, and it was noted that the Township may not be able to do anything about it since it is a County road. The Board had asked previously, but the County had come back with engineering of how the speed is accurate, speed numbers, traffic counts, etc. But the Commission decided it would be worth a try.

Linn motioned to recommend the Town Board to ask Ramsey County to consider putting up digital speed signs on Portland. Brueckner seconded. Ayes all.

ORDINANCE NO. 16 – NUISANCE: The Town Clerk reported that the Town Board discussed this agenda item at the Executive Town Board meeting in May. At that time the Board had asked the Town Attorney to draft up an addendum to Ordinance 16 that aggressively penalizes landlords/owners, not tenants, for nuisance homes. In every case one would get a warning, then a \$50 fine and it would double from there until the problem is taken care of. The draft would be in July's meeting packet, but due to the Public Safety Commission not meeting in July, there was some discussion of how best to proceed. Town staff will email the information and the members will give feedback in between the June and August meetings.

LIAISON REPORTS: Brueckner brought up the deaf child area signs. The Town had the one sign taken down, but he noticed that it was put back up. He wondered if the City had put the sign back up. There was some discussion over this.

FUTURE MEETING DATES / NEXT MEETING DATES: The next Public Safety Commission Meeting will be held on August 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

It was noted that Night to Unite has been postponed until October 6th for now. The Township is considering cancelling Township Day.

It was noted that the Town Clerk should put into the *News & Views* section of the *White Bear Press* that residents should not be burning treated deck wood as it puts fumes into the air.

SPEEDING ON WHITE BEAR PARKWAY: The Town Clerk reported that he had received an email regarding a speed issue on White Bear Parkway north of 96. It was determined during the meeting discussion that that area is considered White Bear Lake's jurisdiction. Staff will be in contact with the resident.

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SPEED ISSUE ON WEST BALD EAGLE BOULEVARD: The Town Clerk reported that another report of speeding has come about on West Bald Eagle Boulevard. There was some discussion of the street and the potential location of the speeding incidents. It was noted that there were 2 flashing speed signs around this area. There was discussion on how this should be handled. The Town Clerk will be in contact with the resident and ask for additional information. The members suggested having Ramsey County Sheriff's Department patrol there during those times.

OPEN TIME: The Commission briefly discussed Township Clean-up Day. The Town Clerk explained how Republic had drafted a report on how best to have the event amid this pandemic: closed car windows, IDs and sewer and water bills, masks and gloves, two parking lots fully functioning, etc. Township staff was notified they will be doing the work of ensuring residents keep their windows closed, etc.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: There were no added agenda items.

LeBlanc moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Anderson seconded. Ayes all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan R. Cavanaugh
Recording Secretary