

Negaunee Township Special Board Meeting – April 25, 2019

Call to Order

Supervisor Wommer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members present included Kathleen Carlson, Jeremy Hosking, Patrick Moyle and Rachel Sertich.

Absent

None

Purpose of Meeting – Topics of Discussion

- Update on Property Purchase – 88 M-35 in Negaunee Township
- Interview Township Manager Candidates
- 162 Heritage Drive – Water Line
- Road Radar Speed Signs

Public Comment

None

Property Purchase – 88 M-35, Negaunee Township

Board members discussed the status of the property purchase at 88 M-35. Information included:

- The purchase is to close on Tuesday, April 30th.
- Surveyor Mike Mileski, GeoMetric Services, provided information if the survey was approved it would be completed within 30 days of authorization.
- Should the Township wish the survey to have monuments at the corners, there will be an additional \$500 charge per parcel.
- The Township will maintain the small parcel across the road from the home, and will possibly look to sell the parcel to one of the adjoining land owners.
- Chelsey Daavettilla will let the Township Treasurer know what will be needed for the closing.
- Mr. Knoop hopes to be moved out of the residence by May 17th.

Property Survey Upon motion of Patrick Moyle, seconded by Kathy Carlson, approval was given for the Township to contract with Mike Mileski, GeoMetric Services, to survey the two parcels of land at 88 M-35, with monuments, at a total cost of \$3,500. Motion Carried.

Rental Fee after Closing Board members discussed Mr. Knoop remaining in the residence for several weeks after the property sale. Upon motion of Kathy Carlson, seconded by Patrick Moyle, the Township was authorized to charge Mr. Knoop \$500 rental fee to remain at the residence until his moving date of 5/17/19, with Mr. Knoop to be responsible for maintaining utilities until that time. Motion Carried.

Property Insurance The Treasurer noted she had spoken with representatives at MML regarding insurance for the property. The Township's insurance policy renews 6/15/19. There will be no additional cost to have the property on the Township's policy until the renewal date. If the sale does not take place by 6/15/19 the Township would have an additional \$425 annual charge. Board members also discussed possibly seeking a separate policy for the property from an independent insurance agent. Upon motion of Patrick Moyle, seconded by Jeremy Hosking, approval was given for the Township to add the 88 M-35 property to the Township's Michigan Municipal League (MML) insurance policy effective 4/30/19. Motion Carried.

Sale Price Board members discussed what resale price would be established to sell the home with approximately 5 acres of property. In addition, Board members wish for the realtor fee to be reduced as the Township has done a considerable amount of the work to get the property ready to be re-sold. Upon motion of Patrick Moyle, seconded by Rachel Sertich, approval was given to list the property at 88 M-35 (after closing) at a price of \$210,000 firm, contingent on a lower negotiated realtor rate not to exceed a predetermined amount (which will not be posted in the Board minutes). Motion Carried.

Township Manager Interviews

During the next 90 minutes the Board interviewed 3 candidates for the Township Manager position, allocating approximately 30 minutes per interview. The candidates included:

- Nicholas Leach
- Benjamin Banfield
- Jason Makinen

Applicants were informed a decision will be made at the May 9, 2019 Board meeting.

Water Line – 162 Heritage Drive

Board members discussed providing water to 162 Heritage Drive. In order to do so a line would need to be bored under US 41 from the curb stop to the property. The property owners would pay the \$5,000 tap in fee and any additional costs for installation. Additional discussion was held regarding how this installation would conform with the Water Ordinance.

While work can continue to obtain information and costs to move forward with the project, the Board members wish to have detailed written information from the Water Department Supervisor about the proposed installation prior to a final decision being made at the 5/9/19 meeting.

Radar Speed Sign

The Clerk noted last Fall there had been discussion about portable radar speed signs which could be moved to various places within the Township. With the onset of winter this item had been tabled. She asked how she should proceed, and Board members wished for more updated information to be obtained.

Additional Public Comment

None

Adjournment

No further business appearing the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Sertich
Negaunee Township Clerk