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Special Meeting Minutes LAKE ANDREW LISTENING SESSION Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Attendees: Julie Johnson, Steve Wollak, Bill Little, Kathy Sauer, Paul Wippler, Sandy Saldana, Todd Waytashek, Brandon and Cathy Tschida, Beau Pilgrim, Dennis Lozinski, Tony McNeal, Mat and DeAnn Heinen, Luke Rude, Tom Kubat, Jason Miller, Cassie Kazeck, Jen Lyman, Greg Johnson, John Slahnsky, Kevin Weeks, Lloyd Erdmann, Joe Bovy, Keith Carston

Attendees via Zoom: Delroy Rothstein, Anna Hinkemeyer

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Supervisor Johnson gave a brief background of the history and issues of the development and explained there are two options for residents:

1. residents can pool money to sue Scott Jarnot;
2. if 80% of landowners want to repair the road, they can petition the township to improve roads, in which case township will assess landowners (62 lots) for the cost of the project.

Government entities cannot spend money on private property. Townships can only rebuild existing roads.

Board will send a letter, along with the minutes from this meeting, to Scott Jarnot requesting a timeline within the next 4-6 weeks of how and when the job will be completed.

Supervisor Wollak added that roads are terrible; some tar is only 1 inch thick; contractor did not do a good job. Contractor should be held liable.

RESIDENT INPUT

Keith Carston
6833 Jaclyn Lane NE
Sauk Rapids

We can't do anything—we are paying taxes. What have you done, what can you do except call Scott?

Board Response. We have oversight—the roads must meet the standards of the township. They are private roads. State law says government entities cannot spend public money on private property. Development rules have changed since the 2000s and there are many controls now, but application of these new laws cannot be applied retroactively to Lake Andrew.

Building permits were withheld for a while, probably for the wastewater facility.

Fourteen lots are left—can possibly withhold proceeds from sales of those lots to pay for road construction.

Noel Johnson

225 Alaina Place
Sauk Rapids

We were originally promised walking trails and parks—didn't happen, but we made the neighborhood our own and like living there. Who is the governing authority of the agreement—who is the governing authority?

Board Response: The Township

Who signed the agreement?

Board Response: The Board members who were in office at the time.

So, the Board signed the agreement with the developer, but has no authority?

Board Response: I believe the Board is completely responsible. There are now laws in place that were not in place when the Lake Andrew was developed. Septic is governed by MPCA. Townships are small and do not have the funds to construct roads. Until private roads are completed, they cannot be accepted by the Township for maintenance.

It is frustrating that projects have no oversight.

Todd Waytashek (on Board previously)

Money gets passed through without the Board knowing about it. The Board is informed by the County of property sale. No legal method to address that gap.

Anonymous

What does Watab do for tax money?

Why can't you hire an attorney to fight this?

Greg Johnson

Nothing has been done since last year's meeting.

Dan Christianson

Why don't you call attorney to make sure he will be here?

Paul Wippler

This problem was from previous board. I had many problems building my place with previous board. There was so much stuff that went on in Watab in the last 10 years with the previous Board--They did whatever they wanted. Don't blame it on current board members. Let them do their job.

Lloyd Erdmann (on Board previously)

When development was previously proposed I said there should be fire hydrants; The other Board members said they were not needed. I walked away from development at that point. I did not like the way the board was handling it. The Board talked about warning prospective buyers but received several anonymous threats.

Scott Jarnot wanted a turn lane to the Development and said he would pay for it. He did not pay for it, so the Township put liens on remaining lots until he paid.

Sandy Saldana

There is no homeowner's association. Utility bills are paid to Scott—maybe don't pay him.

Supervisors will continue attempts to reach Scott Jarnot and ask him to attend the next meeting.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to recess until we can reschedule with the Township attorney; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.