

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES FROM APRIL 8, 2025

Lovells Township Board: DUNNING, HOPP, KENGEL, NEUMANN, WRIGHT

Attendees: Heather Lovell, Dave Soderquist, Jo Johnson, Michael Bila, Susan Shiflett, Jack & Pam Plants, Peggy Orr, Sally Brand, Brenda Conzett, Darby Kuenzel, Ann C. Duby

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL – MEMBERS PRESENT (P), MEMBERS ABSENT (A)

Dunning (P), Hopp (P), Kengel (P), Neumann (P), Wright (P); All present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Neumann motioned to move that the minutes from March 27, 2025 meeting be approved, 2nd by Dunning. Ayes; All, Nays; None. Motion approved

4. APPROVE PREPAID VOUCHERS

Wright motioned to approve prepaid vouchers. 2nd by Neumann. Ayes; Dunning, Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright. Nays; None. Motion carried.

5. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved made by Dunning to approve Treasurer's report as is. 2nd by Neumann. Ayes; Dunning, Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright. Nays; None. Motion carried.

6. APPROVE 1ST QUARTER PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

Dunning explained report was for first three months of 2025. In the future, we will present fiscal quarters to date. Motion made to approve 1st quarter P&L as is made by Dunning, 2nd by Hopp. Ayes; Dunning, Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright. Nays; None. Motion carried.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Assessing – nothing to report.
- b. Fire Department – 31 total calls for month. 27 of those happened during the ice storm; 4 of those were EMS, the other 27 were fire runs. State will reimburse all costs (labor & equipment) during ice storm. Chief Lewicki to submit figures for Bonus' to be given to those who worked during ice storm. Board will vote on that during next meeting. Carla Mercer rejoined team (will complete her EMT in May) and Abby Watson who is already certified joined team on April 7. Ron Dunning attended last night's fire meeting. Ron will look at both fire & bus schedules to see if he can accommodate joining fire team.
- c. Liquor Inspector – all 3 locations passed inspection.
- d. Zoning Administrator – issued one permit for an existing garage.
- e. Zoning Enforcement Officer – 3 inspections.

8. COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

- a. Board of Review – nothing new to report.
- b. Planning Commissions – met on 4/7/25. First experience with Zoom. Will need to work out zoom issues. 1 new application for Warblers submitted.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals - met last Thursday, April 3@3PM. Application approved without condition.
- d. Lovells Reading and Media Center – Hopp shared that new books were donated during ice storm.
- e. Parks and Recreation Committee – proceeding with drinking water and sapling project. Need 400 bricks; have 66 new, doubles 200 ea., small 100 ea.
- f. Historical Society – No meeting.
- g. Website Committee – plan to select hosting provider and name that we are going to use. Still on target for beginning of summer implementation.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Short Term Rental; New Vote Required – need to reprocess. Lawyer, Michael Bila reviewing current STR and will provide guidance to board members.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Dam 4 Portable Restroom – Received quote. Our half is \$185.00. Motion made by Tamera Kengal to approve payout of \$185.00 for dam 4 portable restroom. 2nd by Cheryl Hopp. Ayes; Dunning, Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright. Nays; None. Motion carried.
- b. Newsletter – Need ideas submitted for newsletter by June 1.
- c. Retirement Plan – Board looking to change leadership on retirement plan. This is a work in progress.
- d. Transfer Station Attendant – Ron Talleau is retiring from North Station on 4/30/25. Will supplement after 4/30 with substitutes until we can find someone to hire.
- e. Lawyer Visit – Meet and Greet – Michael Bila provided an overview of his law firm. His specialty is municipal law.
- f. Tammy Added (at beginning of meeting); Mason Griffin Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited (MGU) – Request for Resolution by Township Board – Neumann recommended adopting resolution. Kengel motioned to adopt this resolution with corrections, 2nd by Neumann. Ayes; Dunning, Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright. Nays; None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Entered at 11:12am, Closed at 11:22am –

- 1) Conzett shared that she stopped into road commission. Bridge was approved two months ago. Plaque will be reapplied to bridge this spring.
- 2) Sue S., wants Mike Bila hired as our new lawyer – we will need to close meeting and open back up for board to vote.
- 3) Heather Lovell would like township to create a Face Book page as more people look on Face Book for news.
- 4) STR – it was brought up that we should not use grandfathering terminology but rather use legal non-conforming when speaking about STR.

Motion to open meeting at 11:23 am

Motion made by Hopp to vote on approving Michael Bila as Township Counsel, 2nd by Dunning. Ayes; Dunning, Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 11:27am

Motion to close meeting by Neumann, 2nd Wright.

Meeting closed at 11:28am

Next Meeting scheduled for May 13, 2025 at 10AM – Lovells Township Hall

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet L. Dunning
Lovells Township Clerk*