Haverhill Township Olmsted County, MN Minutes

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August 16th, 2023

The Haverhill Town Board convened at the town hall at 7:30 PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board members attending: Chairperson; Steve Pollack, Supervisors; Daryl Felt, Ben Hain, John Johnson, and Paul Uecker. Deputy Clerk; Jerome Lawler, Treasurer; John Barlow, and Deputy Treasurer; Laura Zumbrennan. A list of others attending is on file with the Clerk.

The minutes of the July 19th, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved with motion; P. Uecker, seconded by B. Hain, J. Johnson abstained.

The treasurer's report by J. Barlow and L. Zumbrennan was approved noting beginning balance, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and ending balance; motion and second; D. Felt, J. Johnson; carried. Motion to pay all bills; motion and second; J. Johnson, B. Hain; carried. Copy of report on file with the Clerk.

Deputy Thompson with Olmsted County Law Enforcement reported on incidents/calls for service within the township. Discussion centered on calls to the Meridian Behavioral Center located on 48th St. NE. Neighbors/residents living near the facility have concerns and questions including the following:

Facility patients/members claim that they have entered the care program voluntarily therefore are able to leave (come and go) at their discretion.

Members entering private property wanting to use the telephone or entering outbuildings.

Should or could the township monitor the facility's method of informing the public of incidents?

Is the facility being held accountable for the behavior of the residents?

Is the staff regulating and/or operating within its rules or within the law?

Is staff operating or in violation of the township conditional use permit?

The above is a summary of the concern of residents whose names are noted on separate list attached.

After board discussion; motion and second in support of reviewing the conditional use permit and at a regular board meeting discuss revising it as deemed necessary and notify DHS and those concerned; motion; J. Johnson P. Uecker; carried.

TCPA will be notified and "Title 42" and its content that the facility is using for its policy/guideline may be referred to in the discussion.

Don Borcharding representing Oakwood East Cemetery (Rochester Cemetery Association) presented a plan that would expand the cemetery on property they own located in the 3000 block of Viola Road NE. This property is north of Viola Road NE east of and adjacent to 36th Ave NE. (Section 20) The proposed plan includes platted lots, areas that are specific to denominations, (example Columbariums) and private drives, etc. The board has no problem with the plan and took no action.

There being no old business the following new business was discussed:

A reported dog bite on East Silver Creek Road.

Laura Heuton, living at Oslo Court NE, inquired on steps needed to open a child care service at her home. Was informed to inquire at TCPA with no town board action.

Miscellaneous tree trimming in township ROW. Motion to proceed; J. Johnson with from D. Felt; carried.

J. Johnson reported on proposed future development by Roger Payne east of East Circle Drive between Viola, Road NE and East Silver Creek Road.

There being no future business motion to adjourn by B. Hain with second by P. blecker, carried.

Deputy Clerk