

FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP SPECIAL ROAD VACATION MEETING

May 8, 2018

A special meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:40 PM on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 immediately after the May Board meeting. Board members in attendance were Supervisors Jim Weizenegger, Walt Richmond and Tom Dechmann, Deputy-Clerk Sharon Owen and Clerk-Treasurer Marla Yoho.

Property owners in attendance included: Shorty and Jodi Spohn, Jim Kramer of KLD, Jon Thomas and Lee Wangstad.

Shorty Spohn explained he had contacted Anderson Bros. and asked if they could identify the costs for the cul-de-sac vs. the 395-ft roadway. They told him the roadway was \$10,000, which means the cul-de-sac must be \$3,200, or the balance of the \$13,200 estimate.

Tri-City gave him an estimate of \$18,000 for the entire project.

Tom reported he met with Bryan Drown of Bolton & Menk on April 26th to determine what road work is needed on S. Agate Shore Drive and Trail. He also asked him to give a separate estimate for the 395-ft roadway and the cul-de-sac. The high cost for mobilization would be covered by our roadwork project.

Jim Kramer questioned why the Board was making the Spohns pay for paving the cul-de-sac and the roadway. He said the land within Birch Bay should automatically revert to the Spohns since they own the land, and the road only serves one property.

Tom explained that asking the Spohns to pave the 395-foot roadway was strictly the beginning of a negotiation process. Jim Kramer opposed that idea.

Lee Wangstad submitted a letter outlining seven specific points that he feels should be taken into consideration before vacating the road within the RV Resort. The points include: 1) The property has a real value. 2) The road should be constructed in compliance with county spec. 3) A start and finish date should be established. 4) A fence should be constructed to prevent RV access. 5) The cul-de-sac should be large enough to accommodate RVs and 5th wheelers. 6) There should be signage such as "No RV's Allowed". 7) The Spohns have donated \$2,000 towards the trail, which has given them some special consideration on this matter.

The Board will and has already taken points 1 through 6 into consideration. Marla addressed point #7, concerning the trail donation. The township and the Fairview Trail Advisory Committee, which started the fund-raising campaign, specifically did not ask the Spohns or Birch Bay RV Resort for a donation towards the trail because they knew the road issue and future CUPs would be coming in front of the Board. Bill Klohn (of the Quarterdeck) did it without knowing of any possible repercussions. The check for \$1,000 (with a commitment of another \$1,000) was made out to the Community Foundation, which allows the Spohns a tax write-off. If the money had been paid through the township, it would not have been accepted. Since it was paid to the Community Foundation the township cannot refund the money.

Richmond/ Weizenegger/ Unanimous: Motion to table the discussion on vacation of a portion of S Agate Shore Dr (the old Birch Dr.) until we have the cost estimates from Bolton & Menk at the June Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Preston-Yoho, Clerk-Treasurer

Jim Weizenegger, Chairman