

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 4, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Anderson, Brueckner, LaBlanc, Linn, Lee, Pozzini-Stedman; Advisor: Christopherson; Town Board Supervisor: McCune.

Absent: Alternate: Griffin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions): LaBlanc moved approval of the agenda as submitted with the addition of Ordinance No. 69 (Tobacco) Amendment as Agenda Item 7C. Brueckner seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2019 (Additions/Deletions): LaBlanc moved to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2019 with the corrections noted regarding Township Day, the bike giveaway, and the tent. Anderson seconded. Ayes all.

CONSENT AGENDA: Brueckner moved to receive the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Receive Animal Control Reports; B) Receive Ramsey County Sheriff's Reports; C) Receive Sheriff's Contract Group Minutes; D) Receive White Bear Lake Fire Department Report. LaBlanc seconded. Ayes all.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: **Stable of White Bear Township** is continuing to go through process of discussion, ensuring everything is well thought of. Development is in the works for the beginning of 2020. If everything goes according to plan, the Township should be able to sell this property at the end of 2019 or beginning of 2020. The **Pavement Management Plan** is taking a broad look at the streets in the Township and intentionally keeping the streets at optimal driving conditions. The Plan was discussed thoroughly through inception to completion, as well as at neighborhood meetings and the annual meeting. There was discussion of the streets in repair for this year. The major repairs will take place in 2020 and 2021. Township staff are looking into alternative funding sources, but tentatively plan for the 2020 Tax Levy as a "worst case scenario." The Township is actively working on implementing the asset tracking system known as **GIS**. This is another item that will take years to get started up, and from there will require maintenance, similar to the Pavement Management Plan. There has also

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been discussion and planning regarding the **Town Office Remodel**. Township is updating the building, bringing safety measures in to function.

OLD BUSINESS – TOWNSHIP DAY FESTIVAL: There was discussion of smaller items the Public Safety Commission could provide for the silent auction for the Township Day event that would cost more and for which people may bid more. Among things discussed were toboggans and cross country skis. It was the consensus that the staff will think about the items over the course of the month and will have the final decision at the following meeting, May 2, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS – TOBACCO 21: Katie Engman advised the Sheriff’s Contract Group on March 14, 2019 that there is funding available to the Contract Communities that will allow them to perform educational tobacco compliance checks to help further educate the vendors. Of the 7 communities that are involved in the Contract Group, 4 to 5 of them are looking to implement Tobacco 21. If the board wishes to have the additional educational compliance checks performed the cost to the Township would be \$10.00 per vendor for the following vendors: White Bear Township Holiday, 1150 County Road J; Cub Foods, 1059 Meadowlands Drive; Holiday Stationstores, 5970 Highway 61; Bald Eagle Investments, 5960 Highway 61.

If the Board wishes to amend the Township’s Tobacco Ordinance, Engman could provide the Town with a model from which to work from the potential changes such as: Prohibiting the sale to anyone under 21, restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products, updating current tobacco product language.

There was discussion of waiting to see how White Bear Lake handles this agenda item. There was discussion of the state regulation moving through the legislation regarding Tobacco 21, HF331. Economic impact, PR among the communities, and other factors were also discussed.

Linn made the motion to recommend to the Town Board to follow the progress of HF331 until it reaches its ultimate end, upon which time the Commission will render a recommendation. Anderson seconded. Ayes all.

Anderson made the motion to recommend participating in the proposed educational compliance checks for the \$10 per vendor, since last year the Township was at 100% compliance with its vendors. LaBlanc seconded. Ayes all.

LIAISON REPORTS: Rich Brueckner reported the progress Otter Lake Elementary has had over the last two years with Principal Cynthia Mueller. In fact, an article was written in the White Bear Press about [Otter Lake Elementary School’s Special Ed Program](#), and as a part of it, Mueller implemented “self-talk,” a school wide social-emotional learning program. Brueckner reported that other school districts around the state are coming to Otter Lake to see how it’s working, since the number of referrals for special education are down because of the program Mueller has helped to initiate.

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Brueckner also reported that Mueller would like to be notified about any potential rerouting that may happen in regards to the West Bald Eagle road. She will keep in contact with the director of transportation for White Bear school district, but she would appreciate any information if the Commission has any regarding this issue.

Connie Anderson reported on the chase, the build on the truck that the White Bear Fire Department. She also reported that the fire calls are down and the ambulance calls are up.

NEXT MEETING DATE / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2019. Township Day will be discussed. There was discussion of in the past a sheriff has been present to discuss sheriff's reports. It was the consensus that Staff will invite a sheriff to ask an officer to be present at the May 2nd meeting.

OPEN TIME: No one appeared for the open portion of the meeting. The Commission discussed that there should be some policy on if someone passes away that the Township sends flowers. Lin recommended that there should be some language regarding "sitting member" of any commission, committee, or board. Anderson noted that there should be a dollar amount.

Linn made the resolution of the Public Safety Commission that the Township spend up to \$100 to memorialize any sitting member who passes. LaBlanc seconded. Ayes all.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: FYI Items are in the packet.

Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Brueckner seconded. Ayes all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan R. Cavanaugh
Recording Secretary