

MINUTES
STURGIS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2010
26015S WEST US 12 – 2:00 P.M.

Supervisor Morse called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. Krzycki, Arney, Bobalik and Hovarter were present. Also present were Gary Bland, Zoning Administrator, and Dale Hutson, Assessor.

The AGENDA was approved as written.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Bruce Caswell, Hillsdale, who is running for state senator of the 16th senate district was present to ask for our support. When asked about the Casino he stated that at this point he had an open mind but was neither for nor against until he had researched the matter.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Hutson denied a land division to the City of Sturgis. The property was not large enough to meet ordinance requirements. The parcel is on M66 South where the City's pump station is located.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Bland has been working with Mike Hughes. A ZBA hearing is necessary to approve a dimensional variance allowing the M66 property to be split. Northland Oil has a new owner. Their sign does not comply to the ordinance. The owner will attend the January Planning Commission with a new sign application.

MINUTES: Approved with a motion by Morse, seconded by Arney. Motion carried.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Approved with a motion by Bobalik, seconded by Arney, so approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved with a motion by Hovarter, seconded by Bobalik, so approved.

NEW BUSINESS: A Technology Official is needed for the Township. Morse made a motion to pay Mike Bobalik \$14.50 per hour for computer support and maintenance. Arney seconded and a roll call vote was taken. All Board members voted "yes".

FIRE REPORT: The Department has all new radios from a grant received. There was left over money they will use to purchase more hand held radios. Mark Griffith has been appointed Assistant Chief.

CORRESPONDENCE: Krzycki received a certificate from Terri Land with an attached copy of what was published in the State Laws of 1845, showing Sturgis Township was organized by the Legislature on March 19, 1845. Sturgis Township had previously been part of Sherman Township.

Submitted by:
Jo Hovarter, Clerk