

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**  
**Special Joint Meeting/Work Session – April 13, 2017**

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special joint meeting/work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Northern Township and Bemidji Township, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Northern Town Hall.

City Council: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Erickson, Larson. Absent: Hellquist, Johnson

Northern Township: Mike Kelly, Clark Chambers, Curt Blumhagen, Jess Frenzel. Absent: Paul Wiese

Bemidji Township: Brian Merschman, Jan Heuer, John Rowles, Lowell Vagle. Absent: Pete Fredrickson

City Staff Present: City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director Craig Gray, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Miller

Northern Township Staff Present: Town Clerk Mary Isrealson

Northern Township Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Kelly stated that the purpose of the joint meeting was to conduct a public hearing to amend the Revised Joint Powers Agreement for Provisions of Planning and Zoning Services.

Northern Township Attorney, Jason Kuboushek, advised that this meeting is a result of a Settlement Agreement reached between the Joint Planning Board, Northern Township and Bemidji Township. As a part of that settlement agreement, the parties discussed revising the Joint Powers Agreement to release Bemidji Township as a member, and also revising the Orderly Annexation Agreement to remove Bemidji Township from that agreement. Pursuant to the amendment process set forth in the revised joint planning agreement, action was taken by the Joint Planning Board to pass a resolution to move forward with the adoption of the settlement, which was to be followed by this joint meeting of the three local government units.

Kuboushek stated that the Settlement Agreement was adopted by Northern Township on March 27, 2017; the Joint Planning Board adopted it on April 12, 2017 and Bemidji Township was prepared to address and adopt it at this time.

Bemidji Town Board Vice Chair Heuer acknowledged Kuboushek's summary and, whereafter, made the following motion:

**Motion by Heuer, seconded by Rowles, for Bemidji Township to adopt the Settlement Agreement between the Joint Planning Board, Northern Township and Bemidji Township. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

Public Hearing to Revise the Joint Powers Agreement for Provisions of Planning and Zoning  
After conclusion of Bemidji Township's action adopting the settlement, Attorney Kuboushek then stated that the ultimate effect of the two proposed resolutions will be to release Bemidji Township from both the revised Joint Planning Agreement (and would no longer be a member of the Joint Planning Board), and the Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation.

Chair Kelly opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. to allow an opportunity for public and elected official comment. With no public or elected official response, the public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.

Each jurisdiction was expected to subsequently meet and pass both resolutions at their next regular meeting.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller  
Deputy City Clerk