

Town Board Meeting

January 8, 2004
(unapproved minutes)

Pledge of Allegiance

Thank you to John and Marilyn Kessler for the donation of a new flag, eagle header and base.

Roll Call Absent: All members present

1. Approve Minutes
 - George made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jeff seconded. Motion passed.
2. Concerns from the Audience
 - John Abrahams spoke on the Commissioners approval for ATV usage on the North Shore Snowmobile trail. George suggested if Mr. Abrahams would like to submit something in the form of a resolution the board will look at the issue.
3. Approve Agenda
 - Additions under old business
 - 2003 Audit
4. Correspondence
 - Letter from the Army Corps of Engineers to notify the township the McQuade Road project will begin in the year 2004. Next McQuade meeting January 28th at the Lakewood Town Hall
5. Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance \$241,109.02
Expenses \$ 33,587.11
Receipts \$19,318.83
Ending Balance \$226,840.74

Janet made a recommendation the township move their banking services from Wells Fargo to Lake Bank in Two Harbors.

6. Department Reports
 - a. Police Report read by Shawn Padden
 - One door at the Community Center causing multiple false alarms.
 - b. Fire Report given by Jerry Simmons
 - Two medicals, no fires.
 - Four new members have passed their Fire Fighter tests.
 - An Ambulance was donated by Gold Cross and will now become our new rescue unit.
 - c. Community Center
 - LHB submitted a packet to the Fire Marshal, hopefully solving some of the issues the Fire Marshal expressed concerns over.
 - Johnson Controls gave the township a copy of their yearly inspection list.

- Stephen presented a “Proposal to include Township residents on NSCS Communications Committee and increase communication to residents” to the board. The purpose of the group is to “discuss information regarding Community Center building and grounds expenditures by both the Township and North Shore Community School, and to publish an article reporting the information in the Duluth Township Newsletter”.

d. Legal

- Wildwood Road. The Town's recorded interest goes to the middle of section 33. In order for the Wildwood road to be extended beyond the recorded length, the town would have had to have maintained the extension for 6 years. Donine Dunphy brought a survey to the board to view.
- Tim discussed the resolution between the Town and the Community School with Phil Strom, there is some concern about retroactive language.

e. Town Hall

- Temperature Alarm. Stephen presented a telephoning unit to the town board. Cost would be approximately \$178.95 and would call 3 numbers if the temperature in the hall dipped below the set amount. George made a motion to authorize up to \$200.00 to purchase an alarm system to call 3 people, seconded. Motion passed.

f. Planning and Zoning

- The draft ordinance has been distributed to the Town Board and Steering Committee.
- There will be an open house from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday January 13.
- CDBG Grant. Nancy Larson received the final submission, this grant has been completed.
- Star Grant. End date has been extended to January 31, 2004
- Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation grant.
 - One requirement is Education in the form of producing a handbook or brochure which will be created by Fladmark Publishing and Superior Design Inc. The deadline for this project is December 15, 2004.
 - The second requirement is to hold community wide forums. The zoning committee is following a publication Lake County put together.
 - George made a motion to approve the resolution to “The Duluth Superior Community foundation that we accept the \$3,000.00 and the extension to December 15, 2004”, seconded. Motion passed.

g. Recycling

- Aluminum will no longer be accepted at the South Recycling shed until there is someone willing to collect it or create a storage facility.

h. Road and Bridge – No report

i. Cemetery

- Denise Connolly submitted a report and a bill for \$40.00.
- Denise is in the process of indexing Moe's index cards.

2. Old Business

- Audit. George made a motion to contact the State Auditor to audit our books and procedures for 2003. A motion was already made and the form sent in, no response from the State Auditor has been received as of this date. George made a motion to check into the cost of an independent audit and then decide which company would do the audit. Motion died for lack of second. George made a motion to authorize up to \$5,000.00 for an independent auditor, seconded. Motion passed.

3. New Business – no new business at this time.

Pay Bills

Motion to Close 9:17 p.m.