

Town Board Meeting
May 12, 2005

Meeting was called to order at: 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Wendy Anderson, Jeff Cook, Stephen Dahl, Dan Tanner, Corlis West

Absent:

1. Approve Minutes

- Wendy made a motion to approve the minutes as sent out, Jeff Cook seconded. Motion passed.

2. Concerns from the Audience

- Bill Peterson from Northland Construction. A request to rent or use, the recycling shed for Northland Construction storage during construction of the McQuade Road Safe Harbor. It is very likely the recycling shed will have to be moved before construction has been completed. Jeff Cook recommended talking to WLSSD.
- Bob Abrahamson Re: Memorial Day service. George Sundstrom rented a PA system, Bob would like to have George reimbursed for the rental fee. George will submit a bill to the township.
- Larry Nesgoda – property across from his house on the West Knife River Road. Larry is requesting something be done about the condition of the property. The Junk Car ordinance will be enforced. Larry Nesgoda would like to be copied in on all correspondence.
- Barry and Janet Lampi– their neighbor is bringing in 50, 60 cars, which can be seen from the road.

3. Approve Agenda

- Dan made a motion to approve the agenda, Stephen seconded. Motion passed

4. Correspondence

- David Chura- no further action
- Scott J. Smith of the St. Louis County Planning Department. St. Louis County does not need to approve the Town of Duluth's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. "The Town has legal authority to plan, and that plan may provide the basis for your official land-use controls." The County will review a draft of the town's zoning ordinance but they do not anticipate finding any areas of concern. The Board will hold a special meeting 7:00 p.m. May 31, 2005 to look over the highlighted areas of the draft ordinance and make sure the changes have been correctly incorporated into the draft.
- Memo from Arrowhead EMS Association – passed along to Corlis.

8:00 p.m. The Meeting was closed at this time to open Road Bids.

2 road bids were received: Hagglund Construction and Rodda Construction. Mr. Rodda did not include cost of gravel or certificate of liability in his bid. Corlis made a motion to accept the bid from Hagglund Construction, Dan seconded. Motion approved. Meeting was reopened at 8:17 p.m.

5. Treasurers Report

- Beginning Balance \$451,020.61
- Deposit \$ 28,970.88
- Expenses \$ 19,607.49
- Ending Balance \$460,384.00
- Interest rate for CD at Beacon bank will be 2.1% if we roll the CD over. If we move the CD to The Lake Bank the interest rate would be 3%.

6. Program of Work

- Zoning Ordinance Special Meeting to review the highlighted changes in the draft ordinance, 7:00 p.m. May 31st.

7. Department Reports

a. Police Report

- Given by Shawn Padden and approved
- Wendy made a motion to approve Liquor licenses for the New Scenic Café and Lakeview Castle, Jeff seconded. Motion approved

b. Fire Report

- Fire Truck bid opening on May 4th at 7:30, one bid and one no bid response. Fire department members did vote to accept the one bid received. Dan Tanner made a motion to approve the bid,

Corlis seconded. Dan and Corlis removed their motion from the table. Jeff made a motion that the Fire Department enter into a 5 year lease contract from Leasing 2, Inc. at 5.5% interest. Wendy seconded. Motion passed. The board will sign the lease approval at the June 9, 2005 board meeting.

- Alden Township overpaid their contracted fire service payment. The Fire Department will reimburse \$1798.43.

c. Community Center

- LHB was accepted to do engineering specifications for the sprinkler system, and tank.
- Possible grant from "Firewise" for the water storage tank.
- NSCS meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- A lease meeting is needed.
- *Question: What needs to be done before we begin improving the land around the community center?*

Answer: Stephen Dahl recommended bringing the issue up at the Building and Grounds committee meeting.

d. Legal

- Moratorium on Adult Uses – June Meeting.

e. Town Hall

- Stephen made a motion to allow Janet to purchase a large safety deposit box for the town hall, Dan seconded. Stephen rescinded the motion and asked Janet to check into where we can purchase a larger safety deposit box and what the cost would be.

f. Planning and Zoning

- Review of the Draft Ordinance May 31, 2005.
- Zoning assistant interviews 6:00 p.m. May 31, 2005. Wayne will contact each applicant.

g. Recycling

- No report.

h. Road and Bridge

- Road and Bridge tour completed.
- Culvert was replaced on Greenwood Road.
- Priority List of items needing completion this summer to be created for the Road contractor.
- Calcium chloride needs to be ordered.
- Minimum maintenance portion (east side) of the Paul road is in very bad condition.

Cemetery

- Adam Wolffe is our current cemetery lawn contractor.
- A request was made to raise a Gravestone. Dan will work with Adam and see if it can be raised up.
- The Junipers just before the cemetery gates are dead and need to be replaced.
- Cemetery is of a size we do not have to put yard care out on bid. Person hired must be at least 18 years old and have liability insurance.

8. Old Business

- Coastal Program; Storm water mapping and GIS of culverts.

9. New Business

- Wendy will write a letter to St. Louis County Land Commissioner Dave Epperly and issue an invitation for a tax forfeit land discussion with the township.
- June – discussion on setting time limits per agenda item.
- Water festival – June 4th
- June – Secretary/Clerk discussion.

10. Pay Bills

11. Motion to Adjourn 10:20 p.m.