

Town Board Meeting  
February 14, 2008

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Wendy Meierhoff, Stephen Dahl, Dan Tanner, Jeff Cook, Dave Mount

1. Approve Minutes

- Stephen Dahl made a motion to approve the minutes, Jeff Cook seconded. Motion passed

2. Concerns from the Audience

3. Approve the Agenda

- Wendy Meierhoff - LP Grant
- Jeff Cook – Class 5
- Dave Mount made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Wendy Meierhoff seconded. Motion approved.

4. Correspondence

- St. Louis County Public Works: New plowing fee
- Gary Kyuava – Noxious Weed Tabled until March

5. Treasurers report

Beginning Balance	\$781,772.40
Receipts	\$ 33,496.07
Disbursements	\$ 63,887.87
Ending Balance	\$751,380.60

a. Review Claims List for Approval

- Interest rate on the savings account went down.
- Date for a Board of Audit – 6:00 p.m. March 4, 2008

6. Tabled Agenda Items

- Bat: Meeting will be held March 4, 2008 7:00 p.m., all supervisors will attend. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss long range plans and options for financing an addition to the Community Center.
  - The scoreboard at the Community Center should be replaced, cost is approximately \$2000.00 but of low priority and can be discussed at a later date.
  - Other requests for replacement items are also beginning to come in, some of which can be tabled for a time.
- The School will continue with the lawn mowing.
- Community Education: Two applicants for the Community Education manager position. Dave Mount made a motion to have Wendy interview the two applicants and bring her recommendations back to the board, Dan seconded. Motion passed.
- Cemetery: Green Cemetery, a discussion about “Green” burials was held. Question was asked if there are legal statutes in this state which define how burials are handled.

7. Department Reports

- Police Department
  - Report was read and approved
- Fire Department
  - Our rebuilt tanker has responded to a fire in Two Harbors, the truck holds and hauls water. Lights will be installed and the final bill for the rebuilt tanker will be paid this month.

- The Fire Department has received a \$161,900.00 FEMA grant with a 5% match. The bid process will be done with Attorney Tim Strom's legal assistance. Bid specs will be created before talking to Tim for the next step.
- Road and Bridge
  - Class 5: Jeff Cook has written a letter requesting to be put on the County Bid and have the material stored at the Fox Farm Road site. Mr. Rodda will load the material himself as it is needed. This cost will not be included in Mr. Rodda's bid so a revised Class 5 bid will be needed, the request should reflect a "Per Yard" price.
  - Dave Mount had a conversation with a member of the board Lake Superior School District 381 regarding the North Bergquist (Jacobson Road). The Superintendent would like to attend a Town Board meeting to discuss their concerns and possible solutions. Because it is still early in the season, this discussion will be tabled until after the Spring Road Review at which time the Town Board will have the opportunity to view the issue without snow cover.
- Planning and Zoning
  - Dave Mount, Wendy Meierhoff and Sue Lawson have met to discuss a reconfiguration of the current Administrative Planning Staff. John Kessler will continue at his present salary until August, office hours will begin Tuesdays in April for two hours.
  - A long term goal is to have all records electronically filed and an increase in WEB applications.
  - A Team meeting will be held at least once a month, and once a week permits, phone calls and other business will be completed. This month a conditional use permit for a rental unit with 11 conditions was processed.
  - Two telephones have been canceled.
  - Planning and Zoning is requesting a resolution to apply for a star grant, Dave Mount made the motion to approve the Planning Commission apply for a star grant for a projector and screen, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed.
  - Valhalla Village project has been terminated.
  - Stoney Point cottages: Sue Lawson will meet with the County; with the subdivision process there has to be a community process which will need to be discussed. DNR waters permits only looks at the ordinary high water level and the lake, at some point the MNPCA will become involved.
  - Great River Energy (Co-op light and power) the pole will be 61' not the 92' originally anticipated. Public hearing in March.
  - A couple of variances for the Shore will be coming to the Planning Commission in the future.
  - Community School: A wind generating tower will need a variance.
  - North Shore Management Board: Working on a Planned Unit Development issue.
  - Stormwater duties will be moved from the Town Board to Planning and Zoning.
  - Do we want to make an application deadline date for the planning commission position opening in March? Interviews will be the first or second week in April, application deadline will be March 28<sup>th</sup>. Both of the other applicants for the planning director have expressed interest in the commission position.
- Legal
  - Meeting with Jeff Cook and Sue Lawson to talk about Road ordinances.
  - Harvest Contract at the Community Center: working with Dave Mount a harvest contract has been created. While we are discussing taking trees off the property, Dave Mount raised a point about the reversionary clause. Our School board representative Leo Babeu will try to get a letter from the current school board but with timing issues a problem, it will be recommended we proceed with the harvest.

- Pine Park road: Dave Mount has prepared a letter which will serve as a response to Mr. Stauber's letter. Dave will amend the letter and sign it with the approval of the board. So approved.
- Letter from a law office in Duluth which has to do with Dodges Log Lodges was received. A response letter from Wayne Dahlberg stating that a PUD process was not required if the cabins never split into single parcels.
- Town Hall
  - Nothing
- Community Center
  - Timber Stand Improvement: Copies of a contract, which Tim has seen and approved, which will make all official with McCabe forest products. The area of harvest is now 8 acres in size. Dave Mount made a motion to accept the Timber Stand Improvement contract with the provision that Dave Mount and Stephen Dahl be allowed to make small changes to the contract provided they do not change the basic contract, Jeff Cook seconded. Motion passed.
  - Letter to Principal Camper removing the township from the education portion of the project.
  - Principals Report:
    - Timber project will begin February 28<sup>th</sup>.
    - Thank you to the Fire Department for the wonderful ice on the rink.
    - Lights around the skating rink are burning out; the only lights left are the ones on top of the building.
    - Questions related to the rental agreement. We have a no smoking/no alcohol policy but there was a fundraiser with a silent auction, gifts in the auction included baskets of wine. Not a problem if the wine isn't opened on site.
    - Applying for the LP grant: requesting 100% funding for a classroom/Pavilion. Request for the township to fund \$2000.00 an outdoor restroom and \$5000.00 to complete the softball field for a total of \$7000.00.
    - It was suggested the skating rink area needs to be built up and leveled which would make it a parking area in the spring and fall, a skating rink in the winter. A comprehensive plan needs to be created for the Community Center. Wendy made a motion that we match \$7000.00 to the LP grant, Dave Mount seconded. Motion passed. Dave Mount requested Sue Lawson facilitate a comprehensive planning process.
    - Lawnmowing and Snowplowing will be managed and contracted by the Community School.
  - Community Education
- Recycling
  - No report
- Cemetery
  - quiet

## 8. Old Business

No old business at this time.

## 9. New Business

## 10. Pay Bills

## 11. Motion to Adjourn 9:50, Stephen made the motion, Dan seconded.