

Duluth Town Board Meeting
September 11, 2008

Roll Call: Present - Danny Tanner, Jeff Cook, Dave Mount, Stephen Dahl, Wendy Meierhoff
Pledge of Allegiance

30 seconds of silence for all who have been lost on this day and over the past year.

1. Approve Minutes

- The words “Motion Passed” need to be added under Legal: *Meyer Cartway. Stephen Dahl made a motion to accept Resolution 081408 setting security for Meyer Cartway proceeding, Jeff Cook seconded. “Motion passed”.*
- Jeff Cook made a motion to approve the amended minutes, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed.

2. Concerns from the Audience

- Janet Green: Letter request for Coastal Land Conservation Program
- Don McTavish received a note from the Johnson family who recently lost their home on the West Knife River Road. The Johnsons wish to thank the Township and Fire Department for all they have done.

3. Approve Agenda

- Stephen Dahl and Jeff Cook: Recycling
- Wendy Meierhoff: Community Center - Skating Rink
- Stephen Dahl: New Business - Insurance
- Dave Mount: Roads
- Town Hall: Photo Copier
- Town Hall: Storage – shipping container, airtight, fire proof, get it out of this facility.
- Stephen Dahl made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Dan Tanner seconded Motion passed.

4. Correspondence

- Lake County Commissioners: *Move to Old Business*
- MP&L Power Rate Case
- St. Louis County: new mailbox’s – *no objection*
- University of MN: Wood Ash application - *no objection*
- St. Louis County: Guardrail; *the St. Louis County traffic engineer notified their intent to remove the guardrail from in front of the town hall. Our concern is the parking lot and the lack of delineation between the town hall parking lot and the road. Dave Mount suggested a line of break away reflective posts as a replacement.*
- Minnesota Department of Health: Public Water Supply; *If we add a new water supply*
- St. Louis County Sheriff: Hazard Mitigation Plan; *Opportunity to receive funding.*
- St. Louis County Association of Officers: *Survey passed along to the Clerk.*
- Minnesota Department of Transportation: Solicitation for Enhancement Projects; *Suggestion for grants to create a bike trail within the township. This was referred back to the town board.*

5. Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$907,294.31
Receipts	\$ 21,209.93
Expenses	\$157,404.28
Ending Balance	\$771,099.96

- a. Review Claims List for Approval

6. Tabled Agenda Items from Previous Month

- a. No tabled items this month

7. Department Reports

a. Police

- Report is now on the Internet.
- Firearms Ordinance: There are a lot of safety issues with hunting below Highway 61. This Ordinance would apply to everyone below highway 61 only allowing bird shot, and bow hunting, no single shot. Our attorney will rewrite the ordinance, a letter will be sent to all affected by the ordinance, and a copy of the ordinance will be placed in the newsletter and newspaper, and then a public hearing will be held.
- Nelson matter: A citation will be issued.
- Animal Control: we need to come up with a plan to do something about the problem of uncontrolled animals. Suggestion to contact Lake County Animal shelter or Cloquet Friends to Animals.

b. Fire Report

- 3 fire calls, 4 first responder calls. One of the fires was a fatality.

c. Road and Bridge

- There are a few rough roads which need grading, some culverts and regular maintenance to be completed before winter. A bit more dirt will be placed on the North Bergquist and the roads will be graded one more time in October.
- Gamble Road: The County has not install signage "Road ends 500 ft" or "Dead End" signs at the bottom of the road, the signs keep getting stolen.

d. Community Center

- New Windows have been installed; a lot of positive comments have been received.
- There is no insulation in the school, it will cost approximately \$13,850.00 to insulate the whole bottom of the school; this will come from School funding not the Township Community Center fund.
- The Community Center has a diesel generator to power the sprinkler system which actually has the capacity to power the entire school. It needs a huge electrical panel, but if it was up and running it could be used in the event the power is out for an extended period of time throughout the township. Something to put on the list for future consideration.
- Septic system is all done except the hydro seeding, total cost was \$149,000.00.
- The skating shack/skating rink lights don't work. Jeff Cook made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$3,850.00 for electrical and light repair of the hockey and general skating rinks, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed, funding will come from the Township Community Center fund.
- Wendy Meierhoff made a motion to go forward with a purchase of limestone not to exceed \$1500.00 for the recreational skating rinks, labor to be donated by community members Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed.
- Fall Barbecue is September 12, 2008 at the Community School, all are invited.
- Wayne Dahlberg presented the Community Center addition concept to the Town Board. This concept plan will be on display at the Community School during their barbecue. Wayne discussed the recent BAT meetings; this plan takes into account some of the dialogue from those meetings.

e. Legal

- Meyer Cartway: Order for Hearing has been signed; the hearing date has been set for October 14, 2008 7:00 p.m.
- Elden Cartway: The meeting at 6:30 p.m. September 22, 2008 is still on unless we hear otherwise.

- Worden Hearing 7:00 p.m. September 15, 2008. The hearing has been published, posted and letters were set out to neighbors within ¼ mile.

f. Planning and Zoning

- A record year: we have had a variance or a Conditional use Permit at almost every meeting.
- Board of Adjustment for Odyssey Development was upheld for the Planning Commission. Odyssey has until the 19th of September to file with the Courts. Odyssey recently requested discussion with a member of the Planning Commission. The old documents will not be revisited; a new proposal will be needed. Odysseys preliminary sub division plat was approved; however they did not meet the criteria to get a variance as set forth by our Ordinance.
- Board of Adjustment for the Worden appeal and revocation of their CUP (Conditional Use Permit) will be held 7:00 p.m. September 15, 2008.
- A Variance request for shoreline setback on a small parcel of property by Bluebird Landing has been received. The building envelope has not been clearly defined.
- Dogs of West Knife River: howling barking dogs, three driveways east of the corner where the Homestead meets the West Knife River. Duluth Township does have a barking dog ordinance.
- North Shore Management Board Technical Assistance Committee – Erosion Hazard area. They have prioritized some projects and will be moving forward.
- Master site plan: Prints will be available for viewing at the Community School barbecue.
- Grants: computer projector, screen speakers coastal grant. This will be used for Planning Commission training and meetings, it will also be available for the Town Board to use.
- The second star grant started in August; reports will be created by Dave Mount with Sue Lawson’s assistance.
- In December the big Coastal Grants will become available. The master site plan would be a perfect project for this type of grant. Wendy recommended we follow through. A resolution will be needed from the town board in October.
- Sue Lawson requested the Town Board consider the following resolution:

Whereas Lynda (Sue) Lawson is a resident of the Town of Duluth, St. Louis County and;

Whereas Sue Lawson has experience, education and skills in natural resources, community planning and zoning, and an interest in helping in the protection and management of the natural and community resources along Minnesota’s North Shore;

Be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Duluth, St. Louis County fully support her application and candidacy for the Governor’s Council on Minnesota’s Coastal Program.

Dave Mount made a motion to adopt this resolution, Stephen Dahl seconded.

Motion passed.

g. Building Addition Team

h. Town Hall

- Elections: A request for two supervisors to assist with cleaning up after the Presidential Election. Dave Mount and Dan Tanner volunteered.
- Copier: Township photocopier needs to be replaced; Wendy Meierhoff will talk to Bob Sundstrom.
- Storage: Possibly purchase a shipping container to contain all of our archive files. Tabled until October.

i. Recycling

- Busy
- Aluminum cans have been stolen again.
- Wendy Meierhoff made a motion that we give Stephen Dahl up to \$1500.00 to move the recycling shed Dave Mount seconded. Motion passed.
- On the Shore they have curb side recycling, it has recently come to our attention North Shore Sanitary is paying twice the amount for tonnage. Jeff Cook will contact WLSSD to discuss the issue.

j. Cemetery

- 4 yards of top soil has been ordered – the town hall will be billed.

8. Old Business

- Ambulance: St. Louis County reimburses Lake County Ambulance for mileage. Lake County will turn down the mileage reimbursement but wishes to be allowed to collect taxes within their response district in St. Louis County. Our option is to agree with the taxing district and have a Town Board member sit on the Board of Directors for Ambulance Operation. The only way we could get out of this is for Lake County Ambulance to request from the Board of Emergency Services moving the line moved to the Lake County/St. Louis County boarder. Ambulance service district, we do not feel it is fair and equitable to be included in the Ambulance Service District. Options: 1. Ask Tim if we have the ability to pay from Township funds, this would follow the township line not the service line. 2. Use the number of households in the service area not the value of each house in the form of property taxes. Lake County property values are not yet equal to St. Louis Counties. Dave Mount will go back to the Lake County Commissioner and discuss the nature of our concerns.

9. New Business

- Insurance: It would be nice if one or two other supervisors review our current insurance policy and at the next meeting discuss if there is anything else we need or if there is anything needing adjustment.
- Community Education. We currently have three classes with a fourth coming.

10. Pay Bills

11. Stephen Dahl made a motion to adjourn, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed.