

Town Board Meeting
February 12, 2009

Present: Dan Tanner, Jeff Cook, Dave Mount, Stephen Dahl
Absent: Wendy Meierhoff

Approve Minutes

- Board Meeting January 8, 2009
 - Jeff Cook made a motion to approve the minutes, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed
- Tax Forfeit Meeting February 2, 2009
 - Dan Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes, Stephen Dahl seconded. Motion passed. Dave Mount abstained from this vote.

Concerns from the Audience

No concerns at this meeting

Approve Agenda

- Jeff Cook: Under Road and Bridge – class 5
- Dave Mount: Under Community Center – Musser grant
- Stephen Dahl: Under Community Center – Grants
- Stephen Dahl: Under Community Center - Roof
- Jeff Cook: Under Planning and Zoning – Tiered aquatic life uses (TALU)
- Dave Mount: Under Old Business - Firearms
 - Dan Tanner made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Stephen Dahl seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance:	\$ 904,911.96
Deposits:	\$ 60,710.90
Expenses	\$173,966.12
Ending Balance	\$791,656.74

- CD at Lake Bank has come due – will we put it in another CD for another year?
- Claim # 9231 recode to General Township.
- Claim # 9216 Snowplowing. The parking lot was full of snow which needed to be taken care of; Hagglund Construction declined the opportunity to plow Keith Darsow accepted. The Board considers their choice a sound investment and will leave things the way they are for the 2008/2009 season. Jeff Cook made a motion to retain Keith Darsow for snowplowing services at the rate of \$65.00 per hour for the remainder of the current winter season, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed.
- Bob Engelson questioned claim #9242.
- Claims List is approved

Community Center Roof: Wayne Dahlberg. Original prints of the school have been found; Wayne made two copies for the township, retained a copy and stored additional on a CD. Bid opening date will be the March 12 Town Board meeting 7:30 p.m. Start up date will be after the middle of June.

IRRB Grant: Current fiscal year funds have already been spent; new fiscal year is July 1. The IRRB will hold our grant application until the new fiscal year.

Stephen Dahl contacted Mr. Oberstar's office regarding economic stimulus funding. Funds will go in one lump sum to the Department of Education. The Community School wrote a letter of intent immediately. With our plans in place we have the potential to receive a grant.

Tabled Agenda Items from Previous Month

None

Department Reports

- Police: Nice and Quiet.
- Fire
 - New Truck has arrived and is currently in Hall #1.
 - Payment from FEMA has been requested; unless there is a red flag somewhere it should be transferred soon.
 - Bills for the new truck were passed to the Clerk.
 - Stephen Dahl will call MAT for new truck insurance.
 - This truck requires ultra low sulfur fuel. We do not currently have an account at Holiday (application completed).
 - The truck is too large for Hall #2, the mirrors can be folded forward to fit, but the fit is very tight. Bob Engelson contacted a construction company to remove the center post, two doors and completely replace with a single door \$5,500.00.
 - Review rules of disposal concerning the old tanker.
- Planning and Zoning
 - Provided by E-mail.
 - One open planning commission position: *advertise in March Newsletter*.
 - Tax forfeit property: St. Louis County is granting the Town board's request to withdraw the parcel from the sale. Dave contacted Bob Krepps; their office is preparing a response letter to our letter.
 - TALU: Jeff Cook attended a meeting; TALU is a biological way of assessing life in a lake.
- Legal
 - Provided by E-mail.
 - Today we were served papers on the Worden 5232 property. Stephen Dahl nominated Dave Mount as Primary contact and Dan Tanner as secondary contact. Both accepted.
- Road and Bridge
 - Class 5: Stephen Dahl recommended we order what we ordered last year.
 - Storm Water: Annual storm water meeting 6:30 April 9th board meeting. Publish in Duluth News tribune and Newsletter.
- Community Center
 - We have received funds from the Musser grant, a matching fund grant. There is a possibility we will take the matching funds from the Community Center.
 - There is another LK Johnson grant opportunity for which the Community School may apply.
 - Joint coordination over site committee made up of two school members and two board members: Wendy Meierhoff and Stephen Dahl.
 - Lawn mowing: The Community School is to maintain the lawn under the lease agreement with the township. Currently the old lawnmower is broken, if the township provided a new lawnmower the Community School's summer help with mow the lawn. Dan Tanner will seek a quote from "The Cutting Edge" for 10 mowings.
- Town Hall
 - Copier has arrived.
 - ¼" plywood was purchased to complete soffits on the fire hall.
 - Town Hall needs to be painted this year.
- Recycling
 - Busy
 - Aluminum cans weren't stolen this month but then there is a new lock on the cage and aluminum prices are down.
 - New doors and paint on the recycling shed for 2009.

- Cemetery
 - Proposal from “The Cutting Edge” for 10 mowings @ \$240.00 per mow.

Correspondence

St. Louis County Public Works: Setting snowplowing fees for 2009/2010 - *Noted*

Qwest: plan road construction because of their lines - *Noted*

Office of the State Auditor: post card - *Noted*

MPCA: 2008 storm water report – *Passed to Dan Tanner*

MAT: Spring Short Course – *March agenda*

Old Business

- Firearms: There was plenty of resistance heard at the meeting. It was decided to work through the newsletter with articles about the current trespass laws and posting property giving people the tools they need to protect their land. This issue is tabled; we will resolve the problem using education instead of an ordinance.

New Business

- No new business

Jeff Cook made a motion to adjourn, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed 9:35.