

Town Board Meeting
May 14, 2009

Roll Call: Dave Mount, Wendy Meierhoff, Mary Ann Sironen, Dan Tanner, Stephen Dahl
Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve Minutes

- a. Road Bid Discussion March 26, 2009
 - Wendy Meierhoff made a motion to approve the minutes, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed
- b. Stormwater Meeting April 9, 2009
 - Dan Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Ann Sironen seconded. Motion passed
- c. Town Board Meeting April 9, 2009
 - Wendy Meierhoff made a motion to approve the minutes, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed
- d. Closed Meeting Bieraugel vs Town of Duluth April 15, 2009
 - Table until June
- e. Road Bid opening April 22, 2009
 - Dan Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes, Stephen Dahl seconded. Motion passed
- f. Meyer Cartway April 22, 2009
 - Amend the third sentence of the minutes, Tim Strom speaking: "The meeting in July will be an official cartway hearing, but it will be limited to a status conference to see if the matter has been privately settled or, if not, what the next steps in the process will be."
 - Dave Mount made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Ann Sironen seconded. Motion passed

2. Meeting Schedule

- a. Posted Meetings
 - i) June 3, 2009 7:00 p.m. Ordinance Public Hearing
 - ii) July 22, 2009 6:30 p.m. Meyer Cartway
- b. Unposted Meetings
 - i) May 22, 2009 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

3. Concerns from the Audience

Sherry Camper: I just noticed there isn't anyone to manage the grants in the minutes?
Dave Mount: No, they are the Musser and LJ grants.

4. Approve Agenda

- Mary Ann Sironen add a new Communication department.
- Communication: community wide e-mail distribution system - Dave Mount
- Road and Bridge: Annual road inspection - Dan Tanner
- Community Center: Lawn - Mary Ann Sironen
- Dan Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Mary Ann Sironen seconded. Motion passed.

5. Treasurers Report

Beginning balance	\$870,410.70
Receipts	\$ 34,418.18
Disbursements	\$ 38,766.65
Ending Balance	\$866,062.23

- a. Review claims list for approval
- b. Pay bills
- c. Taconite Fund: the \$50,000.00 we are receiving this year is being used to offset the final cost of the new FEMA truck leaving us a balance of \$12,000.00. We cannot guarantee we will receive the taconite fund yearly but if we receive the taconite fund again next year we should set this fund aside for future township facilities maintenance. A new township fund will be created and named the Township Capital improvement fund.

6. Tabled agenda items from previous month
None

7. Department Reports

a. Police

- o Chief's Report – read and approved

b. Fire

- o Chief's Report: chief Robert Engelson
 - Fire department members attended truck driving school with the new FEMA truck.
 - New door is in Fire Hall #2, old doors are to be sold.
- o Tanker Bids – Two offers were received:
 - John Hagglund: \$500.00
 - Betties Pies: good faith offer of \$4,800.00
 - Wendy Meierhoff made a motion to sell the tanker to Betties Pies, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed
 - Sign the title with payment in hand. Dave Mount made a motion that Bob Engelson be authorized to execute the transfer of title on behalf of the town, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed.
- o We need to reallocate \$38,000.00 to the fire department to pay for the tanker. Table until August

c. Planning and zoning

- o Directors Report
 - Bieraugel: the original proposal put forth is not the only proposal to be considered, discussion with Mr. Andresen and the Bieraugels centered on basic variables involved in their concept. If a resolution was to be pursued we would need to get to the details. They do not seem to be concerned about getting this done in a hurry.
 - The contract has been secured in the Worden matter.
- o Facility planning meeting Tuesday was postponed.
- o Upcoming Planning commission meeting:
 - We have heard nothing from Lighthouse on Homestead regarding their sign issue.
 - Variance request on the Hegberg road.
 - Variance request for a wind generator which would be installed on a house. Wind generators are not allowed along the shore but this is a different model, smaller.
- o Permits are picking up
- o Dave Mount made a motion that the town board reappointed Jan Green to the Planning Commission contingent that she accept our reappointment, Stephen Dahl seconded. Motion passed.
- o Short Term rental recommendations from the Planning Commission: The handout outlines the reasoning behind the Commission's recommendations. The Planning Commission is recommending to the Town Board that short term rentals are discontinued within the township.
 - Dave Mount ordinance changes will be provided at the public hearing.
 - After a lengthy discussion on short term rentals the following issues were noted:
 - Tourism is not the dominant activity of the town
 - Budget concerns, traffic, enforcement.

- The town offers motel, bed and breakfast and home stay options.

d. Legal

- Newspaper of Publication: Dave Mount has been checking into the legal language guiding the Newspaper of publication decision made at the Annual Town Meeting.
 - The Electorates do not choose the Newspaper of Publication; the statute says the Town Board makes the choice.
 - It is possible neither the Duluth News Tribune nor the Lake County Chronicle fit state statute requirements while the Budgeter meets circulation requirements.
 - Dave Mount will continue to explore the issue.
- Original signed documents: Often contracts are signed and the originals do not make it to the town office. We need to become better at making sure all signed original documents are filed in the town office.

e. Road and Bridge

- Road inspection was held Tuesday May 12. A document of necessary work was provided as a handout. One road grading around Memorial Day, in July a financial review to see if we can afford a second grading. When we have a driveway that causes repetitive problem can we assess the property owner for the repair?
- Stormwater: the road supervisors started taking pictures and began GPSing culverts.

f. Community center

- Lease Discussion
- Johnson Control Facilities Contract
- Musser grant: Dave Mount gave a brief update of the project and matching funds. Dave Mount made a motion that the town commits \$10,000.00 from the Community Center fund to act as match to the Musser grand funds for landscape improvements at the community center, Stephen Dahl seconded. Wendy Meierhoff made a friendly amendment to add “partial match” to the motion replacing the word match. Motion passed.
- Dave Mount contacted a timber framing school to see if they would be interested in building the pavilion. Dave will continue to pursue the issue.
- Capital Improvement items: e-mail
- Lawnmowing: The Cutting Edge sent a bid for \$400.00 per mowing.
- Wendy Meierhoff and Stephen Dahl are tabling their report due to time constraints and have recommended holding a special meeting. Community center meeting May 26, 2009 6:30 p.m.

g. Town Hall

- The kitchen sink has been repaired; the grease trap has been removed and replaced with PVC piping.

h. Recycling

- Busy

i. Cemetery

j. Communication

- Community wide e-mail wide distribution system is not a replacement to the newsletter, just an enhancement of what we already have. Cost is \$8.00 per month to the hosting service.

8. Correspondence

- a. St. Louis County Auditor election held April 29, 2009
- b. Telephone cable approval – Qwest
- c. Hagglund Construction letter offering to perform construction services which would be outside the road contract.

9. Old business

10. New business

11. Motion to adjourn: Stephen Dahl made a motion to adjourn 10:00, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed.

