

Town Board Meeting
November 12, 2009

Roll Call: Present - Mary Ann Sironen, Dan Tanner, Dave Mount, Wendy Meierhoff
Absent – Stephen Dahl

1. Approve Minutes

a. Town Board Meeting October 8, 2009

- Dan Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Ann seconded. Motion passed. Dave Mount abstained from this vote.

b. Short Term rental minutes, October 22, 2009

- corrections:
 - Top of page 2. strike “You cannot consider some things that could not be required;” sentence will now begin with “*There is nothing in the list . . .*”
 - ¾ of the way down page 2. By taking your analogy you take small term items but you wouldn’t allow a WalMart? Strike small term items, sentence will now read: *By taking your analogy you would allow a small market but wouldn’t allow a WalMart?*
 - Middle of page 3: Allowing short term rentals is not a fair argument, add unlimited, sentence will now read “*Allowing unlimited short term rentals is not a fair argument . . .*”
- Dave Mount made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Ann seconded. This motion was not approved; there was no quorum at the meeting, the minutes will be kept as notes.
- Dave Mount made a motion that the Town Board formally close the Meyer Cartway petition, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed. All bills will be paid and a check for the remaining funds will be created and returned to the Meyers.

2. Meeting Schedule

No additional meetings

3. Concerns from the Audience

Val Brady: Stormwater. The Knife River watershed has excess sediment and muddiness, part of the Knife River watershed lies within Duluth Township. The South St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation district has a grant opportunity which would help the Township resolve any issues within the township. Dave Mount made a motion that the Board authorizes Dan Tanner and Dave Mount to move forward in their discretion, with the stormwater grant opportunity with the South St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District; the township share not to exceed \$15,000.00 from the existing Road and Bridge budget, and with the requirement that the construction proposed fit within the normal township road maintenance priorities. Wendy Meierhoff seconded. Motion passed

4. Approve Agenda

- Communications: Fiber optics – Mary Ann
- Communications: Survey – Don McTavish
- Stormwater: TMDL – Dave Mount
- Town Hall: Energy Grants – Dave Mount
- Mary Ann Sironen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed.

5. Treasurers Report

Beginning balance	\$756,614.31
Receipts	\$ 42,016.39
Disbursements	\$ 64,643.07
Ending Balance	\$733,987.63

- Interest rate at the bank was lowered.
 - a. Review Claims List for Approval
 - review claims #91123, #91106, #91117
 - b. Pay Bills: Bills paid
6. Tabled agenda items from previous month
- a. Reallocation of \$38,000.00 to Fire Department for FEMA Truck tabled in August re-tabled until December
 - b. Welcome to Duluth Township sign replacements tabled in October re-tabled until December
 - c. Voting machine tabled in October: Wendy talked to Paul Tynjala we can replace our Optic Eagle 3P with a used new replacement style machine. Ours will work for 2010, we can then levy money for a replacement.
 - d.
 - Ordinance #1 tabled in October: No one has an objection to repealing this ordinance.
 - Dave Mount will find out from our attorney if there are special rules on repealing ordinances.
 - Ordinance #2 – Disposal of solid waste ordinance #2. Tabled until December.
 - Mary Ann Sironen will contact MAT to find out how to repeal an ordinance.
7. Department Reports
- a. Police
 - i) Chief's report
 - ii) Contract:
 - Wendy Meierhoff will handle negotiations for the Police contract which expires January 31, 2010.
 - iii) McQuade Road gun query.
 - b. Fire
 - i) Chief's Report
 - Four new members
 - One truck fire
 - Still have room for one or two more new members.
 - c. Planning and Zoning
 - i) Written report in Supervisors Binder
 - Stoney Point: Old cars will be removed and walking paths for sale purposes will be created.
 - ii) Short Term Rental discussion.
 - d. Legal
 - i) Meyer Cartway: See motion on page one.
 - ii) Written report in Supervisors Binder
 - e. Road and Bridge
 - Stephen Dahl made a proposal that the entire 2009 Road stipend go to Dan Tanner who did all of the work this year.
 - Mr. Rodda has done his last grading for the year.
 - Dan has done a great job managing the road budget this year.
 - i) Stormwater
 - TMDL's: EPA required activity. Any waters not meeting specific standards are put on a list. Once the stream is put on the list a plan must be created to bring it under compliance. Knife River is on the list for turbidity. Dave Mount wrote a letter as board chair to the S. St. Louis County Soil and Water District.
 - f. Community Center
 - i) Tax issue
 - Wendy Meierhoff, Mary Ann Sironen and George Sundstrom attended the County Board Meeting, at the meeting the County Board said they would vote on a resolution if a resolution was brought forth. Melanie Ford will look into the legalities, Peg Sweeney and Wendy Meierhoff will write the resolution. George Sundstrom contacted David Dill who asked for

further clarification. Mr. Dill's office is also looking more into the issue and would like to have a meeting with the Board. Because of open meeting laws Wendy would like all correspondence sent to Board Chair Dave Mount, Dave can then parcel out responsibilities. Dave Mount will now be the central point of contact for this issue.

ii) Written report in Supervisors Binders.

g. Town Hall

i) Chair rack: Dan Tanner will order a new one.

ii) Wheel chair: Mary Ann will talk to Homesteaders, if no one wants the chair advertise it in the newsletter.

iii) Chalk Board: take apart and dispose.

iv) Energy grants: There are stimulus funds available for energy conservation projects. It is the Federal Government's agenda to have public buildings upgraded. December agenda

h. Recycling

- Light: Still a few problems with the outside light. Dave Mount will repair.
- Dan Tanner will ask the County for some Salt and Sand to be used on the parking lot.

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j. Communication

i) Wage calendar: Didn't like the end result, the Clerk will try a few other options before 2010.

ii) Fiber optic: Lake County is installing a fiber optic cable on the light poles, if Duluth Township would like to participate within the Co-op Light and Power service area they must pass a resolution to provide \$5000.00 in seed money for planning. The board chose to not participate as it does not cover the entire township.

iii) Survey: Don McTavish will create another survey in the newsletter, its purpose is to promote an open government.

10. Correspondence

a. MPCA – outdoor learning project: Dave Mount will take the document to Dan Schutte

b. St. Louis County, Old North Shore Bridge removal: noted

c. MN Dept. of Health, Tap water monitoring report NSCS: copy for NSCS, file.

d. 2010 Coastal program application notification: Mary Ann needs a new letter of resolution to renew her position on the board. Dave Mount will write a resolution letter.

e. D/NSSD Board of Managers Election: Wendy Meierhoff made a motion to approve, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed.

f. MATIT – Insurance package renewal: save for Stephen Dahl

g. WLSSD – district wide budget: Mary Ann Sironen

h. St. Louis County – tax forfeit lands: no objections to the sale.

11. Old Business

a. Ordinance #2

12. New Business

- Board of audit and equalization. The question is whether we should continue to have a Board of Audit and Equalization or not, if we give it up are we giving up local control? The question will be put to the Electorates in the newsletter survey.

13. Motion to adjourn: Dave Mount made a motion to adjourn, Wendy Meierhoff seconded. Motion passed. 9:35 P.M.