

April 8, 2010
Stormwater Meeting

Present: Mary Ann Sironen, Danny Tanner, Dave Mount, Stephen Dahl, Ann Cox, Don McTavish, George Sundstrom, Janet Johansen, John and Marilyn Kessler, Carolyn Marino.

Dr. Valerie Brady gave a stormwater watershed presentation.

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Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve Minutes
 - a. Town Board Meeting March 11, 2010
 - Wendy Meierhoff made a motion to approve the minutes, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed
 - b. Town Board Meeting Continuation March 23, 2010
 - Mary Ann Sironen made a motion to approve the minutes, Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed
 - c. Planning Interviews March 31, 2010
 - Brigid Pajunen was chosen to fill the open Planning Commission position.
2. Meeting Schedule
 - a. Posted Meetings
 - i) April 13, 2010 6:00 p.m. Program of work
 - ii) April 20, 2010 6:00 p.m. Board of Audit and Equalization
 - iii) May 13, 2010 7:00 p.m. Town Board Meeting
3. Concerns from the Audience
4. Approve Agenda
 - Community Center: Stephen Dahl – portables to permanent
 - Dan Tanner made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Wendy Meierhoff seconded. Motion passed
5. Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$946,466.32
Receipts	\$ 37,135.09
Expenditures	\$ 27,451.75
Ending Balance	\$956,149.66

 - a. Review Claims List for Approval:
 - Are we receiving receipts back from the Cemetery for burials?
 - Find out what Norms Service is paid for burials.
 - b. Pay Bills:
 - All bills signed and paid.
 - Treasurer is to check for account insurance certification.
 - A letter was sent requesting insurance no confirmation was received.
6. Tabled agenda items from previous month
 - a. Community Center checking account: with permanent structures being discussed this issue may be dropped.
 - b. Welcome to Duluth signs tabled until April: Tabled until May

c. LED signs tabled until April: A call has been placed to Vic Lund.

7. Department Reports

a. Police Department

- i) Chief's report in binder
- ii) Liquor License renewal: There were no objections to the renewal of the following licenses
 - a. New Scenic Café
 - b. Nokomis Restaurant
 - c. Lighthouse on Homestead

b. Fire

- i) Chief's report: one fire

c. Planning and Zoning

- i) Directors report in binder
 - o Dave Mount wrote a letter to the Worden's attorney; once a few suggestions are incorporated the letter will be sent out as final.
 - o Bieraugel matter: They have been invited to submit a modified proposal. Nothing was provided in time for the April meeting.
 - o Krook ranch: How do you decide how many horses? By manure management and pasture land. It is not an approved use of the land without a CUP
- ii) Motion to extend Yvonne Rufford's term to 3/1/2013
 - o Dave Mount made a motion to extend Yvonne Rufford's membership on the Planning Commission to March 1, 2013 upon her acceptance of the nomination. Dan Tanner seconded. Motion passed.

d. Legal

- i) Attorney's Report

e. Road and Bridge

- i) Stormwater meeting was held tonight.
 - Mr. Rodda will begin spring grading as soon as the road restrictions are off.
 - Dave Mount received a phone call regarding garbage dumped on a County Road.

f. Community Center

- i) Property tax exemption is no longer an issue. Both the House and Senate have signed the bill settling this issue and the Governor has indicated he will accept and also sign. Our many thanks to David Dill who took the initiative to move this issue forward, a letter will be written to Mr. Dill expressing the Townships appreciation for his efforts.
 - We were awarded \$30,144.00 from the Taconite Production Tax for our shed/Kiln proposal at the Community Center.
- ii) Brick repair estimates: Building and Grounds will handle this issue. There are two small areas where the bricks are flaking, the fund request will be under \$10,000.00. Bids have been received from B & H Masonry and Johnston Masonry.
- iii) Building Issues: substituting permanent additions for of portables.

We could build a permanent structure for approximately \$340,000.00, with a budget of \$100.00 per square foot. The big issue was the number of complications with portables. The permanent structure will not be done by August 15th, we are now looking at the end of September. Wayne Dahlberg of bdp architects, provided floor plans and a projected view of the outside of the permanent structure.

- Could there be an end date with financial penalties for going over schedule?
- Would the school have funding to furnish the rooms if they are built?

If a third classroom is added we would wish to create a possible community space for Kids and Co along with after-hours adult education. The concern is to keep a pad of \$200,000.00 in the Community Center account. With a three classroom addition there would be a budget remainder of approximately \$217,000.00. Fixed cost is \$170,000.00 per classroom for the first two and approximately \$140,000.00 for the third. High end of the project would be approximately \$513,000.00. If the bid went out on May 18th we could expect to receive bids on June 14th or 15th. Possible bid opening on June 10th or a special meeting on the 8th?

Dave Mount made the following motion: It is moved that the Town Board authorize BDP Architects to, under the direction of Supervisors Dahl and Sironen, develop designs and bid specifications for an addition to the Duluth Township Community Center. This addition would be approximately 4200 square feet and would include three primary rooms with appropriate supporting spaces. Supervisors Dahl and Sironen are authorized by the Board to develop and agree to contract terms with BDP Architects for these services, as well as bid evaluation and construction administration, in an amount not to exceed \$38,000, with the expectation that appropriate designs and bid specifications would be completed prior to the Town Board meeting on May 13th, 2010. This motion supersedes prior Board motions from the March 11th and March 23rd, 2010 meetings pertaining to the planning for an acquisition of two modular buildings. It is the Board's expectation that the total cost of this project would not exceed \$513,000. Stephen Dahl seconded the motion. Motion passed

Ayes: Sironen, Tanner, Mount, Dahl, Meierhoff

Nays: 0

Leo Babeu and Phil Minkinen from the Lake Superior School District 381 presented the upcoming levy vote.

g. Town Hall

i) May newsletter: Don will be leaving town and complete the newsletter on the road.

ii) Desk Computer: Dave Mount made a motion for Wendy to spend up to \$2000.00 for the replacement of the Clerks desk top computer and for installation, Mary Ann Sironen seconded. Motion passed.

iii) Voting Machine: Wendy Meierhoff made a motion for the clerk to purchase an M100 vote counter for an amount not to exceed \$4525.00 Danny Tanner seconded. Motion passed.

h. Recycling

i. Cemetery

j. Communication

8. Correspondence

a. Federated co-op: change in location notification

b. MP&L: Rate increase - Noted

c. WLSSD: Draft Ordinance establishing fats, oils, and grease standards – Passed to Mary Ann

d. North Shore River Rendezvous: 4/24/2010 - Noted

e. FEMA Flood Insurance Program: sent to Planning and zoning

f. Mittlefehldt: 5249 e-mail complaint: Police have been alerted to this issue.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

Community Center Sign: Tabled until May to review previous minutes for budgeted amount.

11. Motion to adjourn

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