

Town Board Meeting  
October 11, 2012

Present: Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Mount, Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen (Skipper)  
Absent: Barb Crow

Mary Anne Daniel will be unavailable during the month of November

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve Minutes

- September 13, 2012
  - Skipper made a motion to accept the minutes from September, Dave Miller seconded. Motion passed.

2. Meeting Schedule

- Posted Meetings
  - November 8, 2012

3. Concerns from the Audience

- No Concerns

4. Approve Agenda

- Dave Miller made a motion to approve the agenda, Mary Anne Daniel seconded. Motion passed

5. Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$861,019.57
Deposits	\$ 36,086.91
Expenses	\$ 97,381.37
Ending Balance	\$799,725.11

- a. Review claims list for approval
- b. pay bills – All are good to pay

6. Tabled agenda items from previous month

- No tabled agenda items

7. Department Reports

a. Police Department

b. Fire Department

- Attended NSCS's fire drill, all went very smoothly.
- Saturday night is the Fire Departments Harvest Dinner.
- Thank you to Don McTavish for the new Harvest Dinner display boards.
- Sherry Rovig continues to work on transferring the Fire Department retirement plan to PERA.

c. Planning and Zoning

- Directors Report
  - Don McTavish brought in an article on an "internet barn". The article was about the back-up generators and their pollution. What Don brings up is: what are the effects of these buildings and projects on surrounding neighborhoods and the environment? In our ordinance this would be considered a light industrial usage.
  - E-Mail from St. Louis County regarding their hazard plan. We have been asked to fill out events that have happened since 2005 pertinent to the plan.
  - The November Planning meeting will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a presentation from Diane Desottle on climate change and how it affects towns.
- Ordinance Changes
  - All of the changes in the ordinance have been discussed in addition how the shoreline rules are applied have been discussed with our Attorney. We are repealing ordinance #3 and issuing #4 because there are multiple small technical, punctuation changes and other small

issues needing adjustment it was easier to repeal the entire ordinance and issue an upgrade. This issue will be added to Old Business in November for further discussion.

- The last item reviewed at the Commission Meeting was subdivisions. The recommendation is to adopt St. Louis County's subdivision ordinance with the exception of minor subdivisions. St. Louis County's minor subdivision ordinance has no public process so it was removed from the Planning Commission's recommendation the remainder of the ordinance has a public process.
- Nonconformities question was given to our attorney Tim Strom. Nonconformities Article 4 section 3 A, sections #1 and #3 are in conflict. Wayne Dahlberg discussed and clarified the problem with the town board.
  - Tim felt we shouldn't allow nonconforming structures to be increased by 75%. The key is in not increasing the nonconformity.
  - Town Board To Do:
    - Take a vote in November on repealing ordinance #3 and enacting ordinance #4.
    - Read the redline strike out for the next meeting.
    - Create a summary for the Newspaper.
    - Someone from the commission or Sue will e-mail the nonconforming issues.
  - Town Board tables. Dave Mount will contact a few local contractors for prices on 7 tables.
  - Jerry Hauge submitted a letter of interest for the open Planning Commission position.
    - Interview right before the November 8th board meeting.
  - Assistant Zoning Administrator – resignation:
    - John Kessler is out of the hospital and into a care center recovering from an illness. For now the Planning Secretary, the Clerk and the Zoning Administrator are taking over John's duties.
- d. Legal
  - No legal report for this meeting.
- e. Roads
  - Stormwater
  - Road report
    - We are in the final process of finishing FEMA work; the Johnson, Gamble and Wildwood Roads need a bit more gravel, other than that we should start anticipating FEMA reimbursement funds. Routine grading for the fall and a few replacement culverts, all the roads are in good shape. We anticipate receiving 90% reimbursement from the state and FEMA.
- f. Community Center
  - Facility Report
    - Some teachers had concerns about the landscaping, whether it was child proof and sturdy. The landscaping is both child proof and sturdy.
    - Building Wireless upgrade: NSCS had the opportunity to take advantage of an offer to get a half price wireless upgrade at the school which will add more security, more capabilities within the school and a larger use area outside. NSCS is requesting half the funding from the Township which would be approximately \$5000.00.
      - Question: Does this constitute a necessity? We know we have to keep up the mechanicals but this is beyond that.
      - Question: Is it in the lease that it would stay with the building? As landlords we are providing the tenant with a facility that meets their needs. Do we need a contract from them saying it would stay with the building when they leave?
      - What would be the public benefit? The purpose of the funds was for capital improvement, by using these funds we will delay any further capital improvements.
      - Should we make the motion contingent upon the community being allowed to use the facility?

Skipper made a motion to approve \$5000.00 for an increase in the wireless network for NSCS, Dave Miller seconded. On the motion Skipper, Dave Miller and Dave Mount – Yea, Mary Anne Daniel – No. Motion passed 3 to 1.

- Kevin is getting estimates on the shed to put the mower and sprinkler in the old warming house. Estimated cost to cut in an 8' overhead door on the old warming shack, install a steel garage door, a lock on the main door and repair interior wall patch holes on the side of the existing building, basic electrical wiring and debris disposal \$3750.00.
- The Cemetery is not interested in the current lawnmower being used at the Community Center.
- Community Center financial budget discussion.
- Community Education
  - No report
- Recreation
  - Kevin sought bids for the new lawn and garden tractor/sweeper for the hockey rink. It had been decided the sprinkler was a higher priority purchase for this year.
    - Denny's \$15,969 with one year warranty
    - Bobcat \$18,058.00 two year warranties
    - Duluth lawn and sport \$14,784.95 two year warranty with extra bagger.
- g. Town Hall
  - Men's Room repair: plumber is coming next week.
- h. Materials Management
  - Recycling
    - Very busy
    - David Hooey is happy to remain a substitute instead of having regular hours. For now Pat Kelly will work the majority of the hours.
    - We will need to seek an additional substitute.
    - Fall hours begin November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - D/NSSD
    - Bill for the debit retirement \$875.00 is an annual fee.
- i. Cemetery
  - Cemetery has been quiet.
- j. Communication
- k. Personnel
  - Materials management opening

8. Correspondence

9. Old Business: No Old Business

10 New Business: No New Business

11. Motion to adjourn: Dave Miller made a motion to adjourn, Mary Anne Daniel seconded. Motion passed. 9:25 p.m.