

Town Board Meeting
March 14, 2013

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

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve Minutes

- Dave Miller made a motion to approve the minutes Skipper seconded. Motion passed

2. Meeting Schedule

a. Posted Meetings

- i) April 9, 2013 5:00 p.m. Program of Work
- ii) April 9, 2013, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Board of Audit and Equalization
- iii) April 11, 2013 7:00 p.m. Town Board Meeting

3. Concerns from the Audience

4. Approve Agenda

- Addition: Fire Department telephone.
- Mary Ann Daniel made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Skipper seconded. Motion passed.

5. Treasurers Report

- Add claim 1196
- Hold checks 1137 – 1146, reissue with amended amounts.
- All bills other than the above listed are approved for payment.

6. Tabled agenda items from previous month

- Hold "Community Center security" indefinitely.

7. Department Reports

a. Police Department

- No report this meeting

b. Fire Department

- Telephone: Dave Mount followed up on the question of whether the fire department can get a lower phone bill. The base bill is \$40.00 per month with taxes and fees added the only extra is a \$5.00 per month long distance fee. If we remove the \$5.00 it would be a small savings. Bob Engelson recommended just leaving it alone for right now.
- CenturyLink will reattach the Hall #2 telephone line. The faulty phone line was replaced when the town hall was landscaped to correct water drainage problems.
- We have a contract with Alden Township to provide fire service, they have a fire hall we have a truck in that hall. Until last month they had one firefighter who has since resigned from the department. We still have a contract but the question is should we continue to have a truck in that hall. Bob Engelson and Mary Anne Daniel will attend an Alden meeting and discuss the issue with the Alden Town Board.

c. Planning and Zoning

i) Directors Report

- Task force for emergency management planning. Sue talked with Hilarie Sorenson who is interested in joining the group. A doodle poll will be sent out to see which day works best for everyone.
- The Planning Commission has come up with 5 projects to work on for the upcoming year. Structure size; lot size, wind generators, Congdon trust and safe school routes.
- There is one opening on the Planning Commission.

d. Legal

i) Community Center

- Dave Miller, Mary Anne Daniel and Skipper attended a meeting at NSCS for a discussion on creating a Building Corporation, and the relationship between the Town and the Building Corporation.
- Tim Strom assisted the Town Board with a letter to the NSCS School Board asking for detail on under what statute and more detail on how the relationship would work. Once we receive something back from the NSCs School Board it was suggested we create a task force to “lay all of the pieces out there to be resolved”.

e. Roads

i) Stormwater

- Ordinance: Dave Mount made a motion to adopt ordinance #031413 regarding regulation of illicit discharges in Duluth Township using the copy provided to the Town Clerk, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed. Dave Mount will sign and send to the State.
- Summary: Skipper made a motion to adopt the summary of the Town of Duluth Ordinance regarding illicit discharges to the Townships/municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ordinance # 031413, Dave Miller seconded. Motion passed

ii) Road report

- No activity.

f. Community Center

i) Facility Report

- No activity.

ii) Community Education

- A few months ago we discussed the Coordinators salary right now they split a position and \$100.00. The position was originally part of the township but at the 2012 Annual Meeting we created a Community Education department and levied \$2000.00 the first of which Community Education won't see until July of 2013. Skipper made a motion that we pay each of our Community Education coordinators \$100.00 beginning January 2013 Barb Crow seconded. Discussion: It is a reasonable salary but the program needs to grow a bit. Motion passed.

iii) Recreation

- The skating rink is being put to bed for the season.
- Kevin is coming up with a plan for aluminum can recycling.

g. Town Hall

- Town Board desks: Dave Mount met with Dale Sohlstrom to discuss the Town Board desks, trying to rehab our current desks is probably not going to be cost effective. What was suggested was a center table long enough to seat 3 people then two side tables to make enough seating for 7.

h. Materials Management

i) Recycling

- Our new sub, Roger Beck, is working out very well.
- At the last Town Board meeting it was decided to rekey the locks, Carolyn held off making new keys for the Sub until it was decided when the rekey would take place.
- Frozen locks continue to be a problem.

ii) D/NSSD

- No activity

i. Cemetery

- No activity

j. Communication

- No activity

k. Personnel

- No activity

8. Correspondence
 - a. MAT Township officers short course
 - b. RSPT
 - c. Duluth Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
9. Old Business
 - No Old Business
10. New Business
 - No New Business
11. Motion to adjourn Dave Mount made a motion to adjourn 8:45 p.m.

Thank you Dave Mount for all of the work you've done for the Township from the rest of the Supervisors, Staff and Residents of Duluth Township.