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Town Board of Supervisors  
Regular Board Meeting December 11, 2014

Attendance: Dave Edblom, Mary Anne Daniel, Don Sitter, Jim Ward  
Absent: Mary Ann Sironen

1. Call to order
   a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approve Minutes
   a. November 13, 2014. Mary Anne Daniel made a motion to approve the minutes, Dave Edblom seconded. Motion passed unanimously

3. Approve Agenda
   a. Dave Edblom made a motion to approve the agenda, Mary Anne Daniel seconded. Motion passed unanimously

4. Finances
   a. Treasurers Report
      • Beginning Balance  $1,027,884.35
      • Deposit  $ 162,521.74
      • Expenses  $ 36,769.99
      • Ending Balance  $1,153,636.10

   i. Review Claims List for Approval
   ii. Second half of our tax appropriation arrived.
   iii. Approve Bills:
      • Hold 3729 anySite Hosting check until approve for payment by Mary Ann Sironen.
      • 3745 is the Police Liability insurance; 3736 Interstate Batteries for the Fire Department.
      • Mary Anne Daniel made a motion to pay the bills, Dave Edblom seconded. Motion passed unanimously
      • Net Pay Account Distribution for payroll was approved and signed.

5. Public Comment
   a. George Sundstrom Questions:
      • There was nothing in the November minutes regarding a sense of the community about the open house. I would like a combined take of the meeting and how many attended.
         o About 12 people showed up we had both positive and negative comments. All comments were taken to the design committee for their review.
      • You said you intend to open bids December 30th. Do you intend to start construction immediately upon opening bids? Do you have a contingency for winter construction?
         o Our bid documents are being printed on the 15th and no we do not plan on building immediately we plan on building in the spring when the road limits go off.

6. Department Reports
   a. Police
      i. Ryan/Lismore Road intersection: We were recently alerted of a traffic control change that will occur at the intersection of the Ryan and Lismore roads. The current stop signs will be removed from the Lismore road and new ones will be added to the Ryan Road. In addition a “cross traffic does not stop” sign will be added under the new stop signs on the Ryan Road. The change will take place on January 5th. New “cross traffic does not stop” signs will also
be added to the stop signs on the McQuade and Lismore intersection. Vic Lund County Engineer did a survey at the request of Voyager Bus Company and decided to pull the Lismore Road stop signs and place them on the Ryan Road. There was no input from the Township or the Police Department. The Township has contacted Mr. Lund and suggested flashing lights on the signs but we were told it was cost prohibitive. Question: would it be better if it was a 4 way stop? It would absolutely be better the Police Department has been trying to get a 4 way stop at the McQuade and Lismore for years. Don Sitter called Vic Lund to discuss the issue and how we can lessen the impact, Vic is encouraging anyone and everyone to call him for a discussion. Again Don suggested a 4 way stop, Vic Lund said it would not benefit the traffic flow. Shawn will put out an e-mail blast to notify all residents on the internet. Sue Lawson suggested talking to our County Commissioner. Vic Lunds direct phone number 625-3873 all residents are encouraged to contact him and discuss their concerns.

b. Emergency Operations
   i. Document for review: Discussion in January

c. Fire
   i. Pagers: It was decided to contact emergency operations they are talking about putting a responder on the tower at the end of the Olson Road. The tower is owned by the DNR and as of the last communication permission has been received. Mary Anne Daniel will continue to be kept apprised of the status.

d. Planning and Zoning
   i. Storm Water: We held a small stormwater meeting to discuss the required ordinance changes. We will meet the requirements keeping it as simple as possible
   ii. Directors Report: There will be no December meeting. In January there is a variance on the shore. Permits are slowing down a bit.

e. Recreation
   i. Report in packet

f. Legal

g. Roads
   i. The County will be crushing in the pit on the Normanna Road. We can pay for the crushing and have our own pile of Class 5 made. We would have to have someone haul it but it still would be cheaper than hauling it from where we do now. Dave will pursue.
   ii. Budget: Dave will talk to Janet.

h. Joint Use Committee
   i. Scheduled meeting December 15th 5:00 p.m. North Shore Community School the purpose is to review the matrix. We also need to have a discussion on getting alternates for someone to attend or change what is a quorum. Sue will talk to Tim.

i. Town Hall
   i. Questions on the new facility will be answered in committee level. If there is something we feel we shouldn’t answer it will be brought back to the Board.
   ii. Fuel oil use. Dave’s recommendation will be to go to COMO, they have repair techs in house. They will not do a buy program as they do with propane.

j. Materials Management
   i. Very busy, last Saturday everything had been full.

k. Cemetery

l. Communications

m. Personnel
   i. Cola raise is 1.7 for 2015

7. Old Business
   a. None

8. New Business
a. Resolution: To define and Implement Effective Individual Septic Treatment Systems: Dave Edblom made a motion to not support the resolution Jim Ward seconded. The Vote is to deny signing the resolution as written motion passed unanimously.
   - Question by George: If sewer systems are under the County's purview why is the Town Board having anything to do with it?
     o Because we were sent a resolution and asked to support it or not. We are not.

b. Homesteaders: May the Homesteaders scrapbooks, now in the cupboard in the center island of the kitchen, be moved to the "Archive Center" cupboard? Discussion: As long as we don't add locks and damage the cabinet in any way it is O.K by the board.

c. Request to appoint a Town Board representative to the North Shore Endowment Board. The Endowment board meets 4 times a year. Funds raised go into an endowment fund managed by the Duluth/Superior community foundation. Mary Anne Daniel will be the Town Board representative.

9. Correspondence
10. Meeting Schedule
   a. January 8, 2015

11. Adjournment Dave Edblom made a motion to adjourn, Mary Anne Daniel seconded. Motion passed unanimously