Town Board Meeting March 9, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Wendy Gustofson, Travis Stolp, Dave Mount and Dave Edblom were present, Barb Crow was absent.

Motion to approve February Minutes: Travis made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Dave Edblom seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the agenda: Wendy made a motion to accept, Travis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of $570,904.73, deposits of $36,840.06, expenses of $11,146.08 for an ending balance of $596,598.71. All claims were approved for payment, and both the claims list and payroll net account distributions were signed.

Public Comment:

- Jo Thompson: Under the proposed White House budget there are programs scheduled to be cut that directly benefit our area (AmeriCorps, Coastal Program and Sea Grant). The following resolution was created, read in its entirety and approved by the Town Board:

  WHEREAS, the Town of Duluth is a small, rural township on the shores of Lake Superior and has many streams running into the Lake and is strongly committed to maintaining the high water quality of our lakes and streams;

  WHEREAS, the Town of Duluth has limited resources to both ensure water quality and meet Federal and State regulations, we depend heavily on our partnerships with Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program for both technical assistance and grant funding, AmeriCorps, and the Sea Grant Program;

  WHEREAS, if these programs are significantly cut the Town of Duluth will still need to meet standards and requirements and the efficiencies and assistance associated with the partnerships will be lost and result in financial hardships for the Township;

  THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Duluth adamantly and strongly opposes any significant decrease in the funding of these programs and would vehemently oppose the dissolution of these essential and valuable programs.

  Dave Edblom made a motion to approve the resolution, Wendy seconded. Motion passed with four ayes. Dave Mount abstained from this vote. Wendy or Dave Edblom will sign the document.

  Department Reports

  a. Police: All quiet
  b. Fire
     - Board Letter Fire Hall #1: Rob Peldo presented the proposed addition, maintenance and repair project of Ryan Road fire hall #1. Dave Mount made a motion that we authorize the work group to be named in a subsequent motion to authorize them to spend up to $25,000.00 to hire an architectural firm to change the conceptual designs into workable documents, Dave Edblom seconded. Dave amended his motion to $30,000.00, Dave Edblom approved the amendment. Dave Mount amended his motion that the town board authorized a work group to be named in a subsequent motion to seek and engage the services of an architect to develop bid able drawings for the fire department selecting the proposal that represents the best value of the township in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00, Dave Edblom seconded the amended motion.

Motion passed; Dave Mount, Dave Edblom and Travis Stolp voted Aye, Wendy Gustofson voted No. Dave Mount made the motion that the work group will include Dave Edblom and Travis Stolp from the Town Board; Rob Peldo and Bob Engelson from the Fire Department, Dave Edblom seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Fire Danger Sign: Declined

c. Planning and Zoning

i. Storm Water

ii. Director's Report

- Board Letter Rezone: As required by the Town's Zoning Ordinance the Planning Commission reported their findings of the old Clover Valley High School rezone. The next step is for the Town Board to change the zoning map. Dave Mount made a motion to proceed with the process to make a map change from LIU3A to FAM3 of the old Clover Valley High School, Wendy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Planning Commission continues to work on the Greenwood Road SMU8. Very few lots in the area meet the required 1 acre minimum or the 200' lot width. There will need to be a discussion on nonconforming structures.
- There will be another conditional use hearing for a short term rental off River Road.
- Paul Voge is completing his term on the Planning Commission which will leave one vacancy. The April Town Board meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m., interviews for the open planning position will be included as part of the meeting.
- On March 18th there will be an Arts and Heritage gathering from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. All are welcome.

d. Legal: Sue brought forward the need for cloud storage.

e. Roads

- Road Bid: Bid opening will be during the April 13, 2017 town board meeting.

f. Joint Use Committee

g. Town Hall

- Dave Edblom met with a Marvin Window representative to fix the small gap in the new addition windows. A thicker weather stripping was applied with additional pieces of weather stripping put in the basement for future needs.
- During the recent power outage the generator kicked on but provided no power to the main part of the town hall although there were functioning lights on the recycling shed. Dave Edblom has a call into Agate Electric to find out why the generator failed.
- Construction Status Inquiry: Dave Edblom to sign
- 4-H Bench donation: Clifton 4-H club dissolved and donated a new bench to the town hall.

h. Emergency Operations: nothing to report

i. Materials Management:

- Grant application has been submitted.
- The new light works well.

j. Cemetery: nothing to report

k. Communications:

- Our internet is down.

l. Personnel: nothing to report

Old Business

New Business

- RSPT Memorandum of Understanding: Dave Mount made a motion that the board directs the chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Storm Water Protection Team.
- RSPT notification of increase in annual dues.
- Draft Power point for Annual Meeting: reviewed.

Correspondence

- Duluth Area Townships – meeting minutes
- MAT – legal short course
- SLCAT agenda and minutes
- St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species

Calendar Events and Meeting Schedule

- Office Closed tomorrow Friday March 10.
- Office Open Saturday March 11 for Absentee Voting (MN §203B.085)
- Annual Election March 14, 2017 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Annual Town Meeting March 14, 2017 8:15 p.m.
- Board of Canvas March 16, 2017 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Audit March 16, 2017 6:15 p.m.
- Town Board meeting April 13, 2017
- Board of Appeal and Equalization May 9, 2017

Words of appreciation to both Wendy and Dave Edblom for their time on the Town Board as Supervisors.

Adjournment: Dave Edblom made a motion to adjourn, Wendy seconded. Motion passed. 8:57 p.m.