

Town Board Meeting

June 12, 2003
(Unapproved minutes)

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- Present: Bruce, George, Stephen, Jeff
- Absent: Corlis

1. Approve Minutes

- George made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded. Motion passed

2. Concerns from the audience

- Janet Green would like permission from the board to explore the criteria used by the PCA for the Storm WaterPhase 2 program. Janet would like to know why the township was identified as needing to be involved in Storm Water Phase 2. Bruce made a motion to allow Janet to be a delegate for the township, seconded. Motion passed.
- Camping at Sucker River – College kids parking to go fishing.
- Dan Dunphy – would like to have firearms classes in the town hall. Place under New Business

3. Approve Agenda

- Bruce made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded. Motion passed.

4. Correspondence

- St. Louis County – snow plowing fee increase.
- Liquor license for Lakeview Castle and Shorecrest Supper club. George made a motion to reissue both licenses, seconded. Motion passed

5. Treasurers Report

- Janet was absent – each supervisor was given a packet with current information. George made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded. Motion passed

6. Department Reports

a. Police report read by Shawn Padden

- Speed trailer is located on North Shore Drive.
- Requests for signage along Stoney Point. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to City Administrator Mark Winson, County Commissioner Peg Sweeney and the County Road Supervisor – sign department, requesting signs along Stoney Point.

- Residential and Business burglaries along the shore.
 - New Squad is in operation.
- b. Fire Department
- 50 year drought plan has finally arrived and will be forwarded to the ISO tester for inclusion with our ISO test packet.
 - 2 fire calls and 1 medical call.
 - Fire Department is now having 2 training sessions and 1 business meeting per month.
 - Fire wise program was passed to the Chief from George.
- c. Community Center
- Portable classrooms – Jeff made a motion to approve the slab instead of the Helicoil, seconded. Motion Passed:
 - Yes: Bruce, Stephen, Jeff Abstained: George Absent: Corlis
 - Letter from Winkleman's requesting additional funds. George recommended we have our attorney write a letter stating this was not the terms of agreement, Bruce will contact our attorney.
 - Survey for the Computer Lab and Staff Person for the Computer Lab are tabled until July.
- d. Legal – No report.
- e. Town Hall –
- Request has gone out for furnace bids.
- f. Planning and Zoning –
- One more steering committee meeting.
 - Public Hearing for a variance request.
 - Star Grant – Jeff has the paperwork to sign
 - Hazard mitigation plan form will be completed by Jeff and returned.
- g. Recycling
- Power to building – Motion was made last month, Jeff will call MP&L and see how soon project can be completed.
 - Hagglunds will put more material on the driveway.
 - Aluminum cans – Once the old fire hall is moved there will no longer be storage for aluminum cans. It was suggested whichever group would like to collect the cans, put in and maintain their own collection bin.
 - Telephone will be reinstalled on Saturday.
- h. Road and Bridge
- Qwest – Bruce has been trying to get in touch with someone to correct an incorrectly installed cable. The cable will need to either be removed or reinstalled correctly.
 - Barricade needs to be replaced on the Ryan Road, south of the Pioneer road.
 - Date for Annual Road inspection – George made a motion to hold the annual road inspection 8:00 a.m. July 12th, 2003.
- i. Cemetery
- Cleanup day was held May 17th.
 - Dirt has been placed at the cemetery.
 - Rock has been requested.

Old Business –

- No old business this meeting.

New Business

- Concealed weapons George Sundstrom presented the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO RESTORE ONE AREA OF SANITY TO MINNESOTA:

WHEREAS the National Rifle Association has convinced a majority of the Minnesota Legislature and Governor Pawlenty that all Minnesotans would be more safe and secure in their persons if they all carried loaded, concealed firearms, and

WHEREAS the so-called "conceal-carry" bill was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor and became effective law in Minnesota May 28, 2003, and

WHEREAS the legislature exempted itself and schools from the provisions of the law but not the public facilities of city, county and township governments in Minnesota, and

WHEREAS the supervisors of the Town of Duluth do not believe that a more armed, loaded and concealed society is a more safe and secure society, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Duluth notify our state Senator and Representative of this resolution and request that they initiate legislation to repeal the "concealed-carry" law in its entirety, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Duluth join in support of other townships, cities, and counties demanding repeal of the "conceal-carry" law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until the above law is repealed, the public buildings of Duluth Township – namely the Town Hall, the Community Center, and fire-halls – are to be "concealed – loaded firearms unwelcome" facilities, and posted conspicuously as such near all entrances.

George made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded. Stephen made a motion to table all portions of the resolution with the exception of the bottom paragraph which is to be posted; the remainder of the resolution is to be tabled for a month, seconded. Motion passed

- Dan Dunphy – Would like to rent the Town Hall for a Gun safety class. George made a motion to deny the request to hold a training course for the new conceal safety course, because he does not want to be any part of the conceal/carry resolution, seconded. Stephen made a motion to table the motion until our attorney has a chance to view the request. George seconded with the request that it be revisited at the next meeting. Motion to table passed.

Yes: Stephen, George, Bruce No: Jeff Absent: Corlis

Motion to adjourn following payment of the bills.