

Town Board Meeting

March 13, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Jeff Cook absent

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve minutes – no action taken

2. Concerns from the audience

- Sue Lawson would like to add to the agenda: Planning and Zoning recommendation
- Sue Lawson would like to add to the agenda: New Business - resolution

3. Approve Agenda – approved with the two additions from Concerns from the Audience.

4. Correspondence:

- Minnesota State Health, Human Services and Corrections Budget Division hearing on the Governor's 2004-2005 budget proposal.

5. Treasurers report – No report

6. Department reports –

a. Police Department – No report

b. Fire department – No report

c. Town Hall

- Stephen increased all insurance by 40%

d. Planning and Zoning

- The Planning and Zoning board recommends David Miller to fill the open seat on the commission. Corlis made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning members and approve Dave Miller, Stephen seconded. Motion passed
- Steering committee meeting on March 20th

e. Recycling

- Memo from Jeff Cook; the south recycling shed will remain on the shore, just a bit south of where it currently sits.

f. Road and Bridge – The road and bridge contract will need to be renewed, the current contract runs to April 30, 2003. Bruce made a motion to submit the contract for a 2 year period (2003 – 2005), Corlis seconded. Motion passed. Publish in the newspaper for 10 days.

g. Legal

- Recommendation to hold a separate reorganization meeting between 7 – 17 days following the Annual Town Election. Stephen made a motion to hold our reorganization meeting March 26th 7:30 p.m. Bruce seconded. Motion passed.
- On the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) calendar it states the Head Election Judge is to be in the election place for the entire election. With the Board's permission, Tim will contact MAT to find out what the rule is.
- At the Annual Meeting the voters allocated \$5000.00 to hold an audit, the Auditors office will do it for no cost. Tim has checked into it and bring the required form to the town board.
- At the Annual Town Meeting George made a recommendation to authorize \$10,000.00 for lawn mowing/snowplowing. The lease agreement currently held with the charter school states the charter school assumes responsibility for lawn mowing/snowplowing. Do we have the right to rescind the \$10,000.00 if we re-open the annual meeting in August? Tim thinks the answer is yes but he would like to check into that law.
- If Tim sends an e-mail to the township office, make a copy and have it available at the town board meeting.

g. Cemetery –

- Cemetery maintenance bid; 10 mowings per year with the first mowing before Memorial Day. Publish in the newspaper for 1 day.

h. Community center

- Stephen made a motion to reimburse the township \$5177.32 for the community center insurance paid out of general fund, Bruce seconded. Motion passed. Stephen will call the agency and request a written breakdown of the insurance.
- Library program – Arrowhead library system has not been contacted yet. All employees who work for the library system are employees of the municipality.
- Stephen made a motion to hold a special meeting to check into the possibility of purchasing portable classrooms for the community school, Bruce seconded. Special Meeting will be held on March 26th, 7:30 p.m. The closed bid must be submitted by April 2, 2003.

New Business

- Brita Aug would like to rent the town hall for French River Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible school this summer. Because their building is not available this year the township can wave the general rental fee as a good neighbor service. This issue will be added to the special meeting March 26th.
- George attended an election for the St. Louis County representative to the Minnesota Association of Townships. Jim Fisher won the election as the County representative.
- Mileage allocation for 2003 is \$.36 per mile.

Board of Canvass

- Election results have been reviewed. Bruce made a motion to certify the election of Jeff Cook, Corlis seconded. Motion passed.

Sue Lawson presented the following resolution to the town board "A Resolution of the Townspeople of Duluth Township opposing preemptive military action against Iraq by the United States of America". Bruce made a motion to not accept this resolution at this time, Corlis seconded. Vote called: NO - George and Stephen Yes - Corlis and Bruce The motion is tied, and has then failed on a tie vote. The tie vote leaves the resolution before the board. George requested a motion to table the resolution, hearing none no action will be taken on the resolution. Sue has the right to represent the resolution at the next board meeting.

George made a motion to adjourn following the payment of bills. Bruce seconded. Motion passed, 8:50 p.m.