

Town Board Meeting
September 9, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Present: Stephen Dahl, George Sundstrom, Jeff Cook,
Absent: Corlis West, Bruce Aho

I. Approve Minutes

- George made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction, Jeff seconded. In the August minutes under Legal should read “use it or lose it”, Motion passed.

II. Concerns from the Audience

- Bruce Lindberg – would like to state the Township is currently violating state law with the removal of his property from the map and LIU status. Mr. Lindberg also claims harassment. George and Jeff both assured Mr. Lindberg the issue has not yet been resolved; the map has not been changed. The township is currently in the process of reviewing the Draft Ordinance and making changes, the Draft has not yet been approved. The next meeting will be September 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
- Bob Engelson would like to borrow the town’s tables for the North Shore Community School Barbecue September 17th. The Town has a hall rental that day, the tables are not available.

III. Approve Agenda

- Additions
 - Legal – Lease agreement
 - Legal – Storm Water
 - With those additions, Jeff made a motion to approve the agenda, George seconded. Motion passed

IV. Correspondence

- None

V. Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$381,959.16
Deposits	\$ 636.66
Expenses	\$ 18,946.96
Ending Balance	\$363,648.86

VI. Department Reports

a. Police Report – Shawn Padden

- Report read and approved.
- Political signs have been vandalized.
- A suggestion was made to put a note in the newsletter reminding residents; we do not have a full time Police Department. If there is a problem that needs immediate attention please contact 911.

b. Fire Report – Bob Engelson

- Two First responder calls

- Chief is Barry Lampi has been hired to maintain the fire trucks. Question, are we entering into a conflict of interest? No we do not put out bids for truck maintenance.

c. Community Center

- Phil Strom requested the Town Board not sign the Johnson Control contract at this time. September 29, 2004 4:00 p.m. a meeting will be held at the North Shore Community School to review the contract. A decision will be ready by the next Town Board meeting.
- Sheri Camper – invitations to the North Shore Community barbecue were presented.
- Sheri has been approached by a number of parents with a request to hold Community Education type classes.
 - Parents have volunteered to fully run these classes.
 - Both the School and the Town carry insurance for these situations.
 - Suggestion to rent a room using the regular rental cost.
 - These would be Community Classes as opposed to School classes.
 - Any costs should be offset by tuition.
 - Advertisement is encouraged (Township Newsletter).
- Proposed lease agreement which consists of one contract but several documents. There was some confusion between the documents. George made a motion that as this is a Community Center Issue, Stephen and George will meet with Johnson Controls to negotiate the contract, Jeff seconded. Motion passed. Tim Strom will contact Mike Wardlow from Johnson Controls, set time and date, then contact the Town Board.
- Phil Strom presented a modification of the Lease Agreement between the North Shore Community School and the Township. Tim and Phil Strom will work out the language and bring it back to the Town board.

d. Legal

- Bob Engelson – The Chief and Assistant Chief are reimbursed for maintenance they do on fire department vehicles. Do we jeopardize our volunteer status or chance a conflict of interest with payment? Tim will look into the relationship between the fire department and the Township. Jeff will attend the next Fire Department business meeting to discuss it with the membership.
- The next Draft ordinance “Special Meeting” will be September 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Tim will be unavailable for that meeting but will continue researching the Lindberg/Berggren documents.
- Storm Water. The township is looking at some tough, hard regulations with a mandatory storm water plan for our township. Tim will check to see if any other townships are concerned with what the MPCA is requesting.

e. Town Hall

- The monitor on the township computer has gone out and is not repairable. George made a motion to authorize Don McTavish and the Clerk purchase a laptop and a monitor for \$1700.00 that will suffice the needs of the Township, Stephen seconded. Motion passed.

f. Planning and Zoning

- Public Hearings: Bartelt sign in the right-of-way, the Bartelts agreed to remove the sign.
- Attached garages: One fee if the garage is attached, separate fee if it is unattached.
- Bille property Board of Adjustment – request denied. Planning commission records regarding the previous Board of Adjustment and variance request should be delivered to the clerk for the permanent file.
- Zoning Administrator – a job description has been requested.

g. Recycling

- South recycling center will be closed for the Inline marathon

h. Road and Bridge

- Jeff will ask the contractors to get the Greenwood Road back up to pre sewer installation standards before winter.

i. Cemetery

- Sextant Denise was contacted and a report requested.
- George made a motion to require artificial flower removal from gravesites by October 15th, Stephen seconded. Motion passed.

VII. Old Business

- No old business at this meeting.

VIII. New Business

- Current Community School CD expires in early October. Janet is to research and contact George to discuss purchasing a new one or rolling over the current CD.

IX. Pay Bills Jeff made a motion to authorize check distribution, Stephen seconded. Motion passed

X. Motion to adjourn. 8:57 p.m.

By Ann K. Cox
Clerk, Duluth Township