

Storm Water Public Hearing
December 8, 2005

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Jeff Cook present.
No public comments were made.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present; Stephen Dahl, Jeff Cook, Wendy Anderson, Corlis West, Dan Tanner

Absent; None

1. Approve Minutes

- Corlis West made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted by the clerk, Wendy Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

2. Concerns from the audience

- None

3. Additions to the Agenda

- Community Center - Corlis West/Reversionary Clause.
- Community Center – Wendy Anderson/ Grant application.
- Old Business - Jeff Cook/McQuade Harbor update.
- Old Business – Jeff Cook/Appreciation.
- Dan Tanner made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Jeff Cook seconded. Motion passed.

4. Correspondence

- MAT informational packet
- Dan Tanner - Election Equipment meeting.

5. Treasurers Report

- Beginning Balance \$495,191.71
- Deposits \$174,803.08
- Expenses \$ 27,798.07
- Ending Balance \$642,196.72
- Wendy Anderson will check to see if all Township accounts are federally insured.
- Review Claims List for Approval:
 - Claim 1251 was from Co-op Light and Power for internet service. We were to get internet service at no charge from the power company, claim denied.

6. Department Reports

a. Police Report

- A letter of resignation was received from Officer Wick.
- Dog issue. There is a continuous problem of dogs chasing cars, getting into garbage, chasing walkers, joggers and people walking with children. Duluth Township does not have a contract with the pound although we do have an ordinance that states the dogs must be under owners' control. If the dog issue continues to get out of hand the Township might consider issuing licenses for the dogs so when caught they can be returned to their owners.
- And the continuing problem of livestock wandering on roads.

b. Fire Department

- Grant has been approved, new gear was ordered and received.

c. Community Center

- Building and Grounds Committee
 - Portables are leaking, the roofing skin is being repaired.

- A second estimate has been received to remove asbestos for the sprinklers. The holding tank for the sprinkler system is still pending.
 - A more permanent road needs to be built behind the portable classrooms for access to the other structures behind the Community Center. Wendy Anderson will get an estimate.
 - The alarm system needs to be added to the portable classrooms.
 - Sheri Camper will bring the Town Board a proposed list of capital improvements to the next Town Board meeting.
 - Addition to the Community Center: This is simply a planning committee looking into the eventual addition to the Community Center. At this time the committee is looking at a 2009 to 2010 time frame. Sheri Camper will bring a projection of current space and number of students to the next Town Board meeting. The school has always wanted to keep classroom sizes small, a suggested size would be 25 students.
 - Wind Generator: The application has been made, a conditional use permit will need to be applied for as the generator height will be approximately 35 feet. Wendy Anderson made a motion to allow the Community School to proceed, Jeff Cook seconded. Stephen Dahl made a friendly amendment that they need to remember to apply for a conditional use permit. Motion passed, Amendment to the motion passed. The township would own the generator.
 - Reversionary clause: At the November meeting Tim Strom received an e-mail from Phil Strom stating Kay Jacobs was working towards removal of the reversionary clause. The Town Board was not made aware of the project nor copied in on the correspondence. A suggestion was put forth to hold an open meeting to discuss this issue with Kay and whomever else is involved with the project.
 - Community Education: Jeanne Anderson presented an update on the financial status, year to date and will put a draft together for the next session.
- d. Legal
- At the November Town Board meeting, Tim Strom discussed the need to get written approval from the Town Board and the Lake Superior School District to participate in reversionary clause reversal discussions. At this time Tim Strom is representing the School District in an unrelated capacity and wanted a formal letter from both the Town Board and School district stating they understand his current work status and that it does not create a conflict of interest for Tim to act for the Town Board during reversionary clause discussions. The board approved and signed the letter.
- e. Town Hall
- No report
- f. Planning and Zoning
- A petition was presented to the Town Board requesting rezoning of a portion of the Muns 4 district along the Sucker River/Wildwood Road into a more restrictive district. The request is to change the minimum required acreage from 4.5 to 10 acres on the petitioned properties. The petition was withdrawn and will be rewritten as a request to change from 4.5 Muns 4 to a Fam 3 zone district with a minimum acreage requirement of 9 acres.
 - A potential public hearing on a request by the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church to put a cemetery on their property.
 - A conditional use request was given to Co-op Light and Power for a substation on the Homestead Road, pending the outcome of an approved EAW. The EAW is required due to the size of the project.
 - The Township zoning request went before the County Planning Commission in November and was approved. The request now goes before the County Board.
 - Adult Use Draft – Wendy Anderson made a recommendation to get Attorney Tim Strom involved now that a draft has been drawn up and presented to the Town Board.
 - The small storage room off the kitchen has been suggested for a Planning and Zoning office.
- g. Recycling
- Busy, continued problems with dumped garbage and recycling when the shed is closed.
 - A meeting was held at the Duluth Town Hall to discuss the need for a continued South Recycling Shed. Representatives from the DNR, WLSSD, Carolyn Marino, Sue Lawson, Wendy Anderson and members of the McQuade Joint Powers board attended. It was agreed to work together to redesign, grant search and place a recycling shed in the safe harbor area. The next meeting will be held at the Duluth town hall 9:00 a.m. January 19, 2006. The recycling shed will be included in the second phase of the McQuade Road project.
- h. Road and Bridge

- Road issues will be tabled until spring thaw. Both Road supervisors issued an apology to those who will now have to wait until spring for road grading.
- 2006 – Greenwood Road needs gravel and grading.

I. Cemetery

- Done for the year.

7. Old Business

- Appreciation. For years the township held some sort of appreciation gathering for employees and volunteers of the township. Many other townships did the same, why are we no longer holding such an event. Levied monies may not be spent on such gatherings.

8. New Business

- A resolution for the North Shore Sanitary Board of Management Elections.

9. Pay Bill

- Claim 1251 – denied.

10. Adjournment – 9:45.