

Town Board meeting
December 13, 2007

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dave Mount, Jeff Cook, Dan Tanner, Stephen Dahl, Wendy Meierhoff

1. Approve Minutes
 - a. Dave Mount made a motion to approve the minutes, Stephen Dahl seconded. Motion passed
2. Concerns from the Audience
 - a. No concerns at this time
3. Approve Agenda
 - a. Additions:
 - 1) Jeff Cook: D/NSSD under Old Business
 - 2) Dave Mount: Zoning Director applications under New Business
 - 3) Jeff Cook: PUD new language under Planning and Zoning
 - 4) Dave Mount: Forest Timber Project under Community Center
 - 5) Jeff Cook: Driveways and culverts under Legal
 - 6) Dan Tanner: Highlights of this year under New Business
 - 7) Shawn Padden: Barking dogs under Police Department
 - 8) Housekeeping: Agenda adjustment, move planning and zoning back to "D"
 - Wendy Meierhoff made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Dave Mount seconded. Motion passed
4. Correspondence
 - a. St. Louis County: Training Notice for Board of appeal; Stephen Dahl will attend
 - b. Lake County Agricultural Society: Fair donation request; no action
 - c. Northern Region Damage Prevention: Seminar donation request; no action
 - d. State of Minnesota: D/NSSD financial audit
 - e. Minnesota Association of Townships: calendar order form
 - f. SLCATO: Noxious weed addition request
5. Treasurers Report
 - Beginning Balance: \$771,420.47
 - Deposits: \$129,426.16
 - Expenditures: \$141,342.48
 - Ending Balance: \$759,504.15
 - Review Claims list for approval
 - Claim number 71235 Superior Construction: It is standard procedure to withhold a percentage on an incomplete project. At this time nothing has been withheld from the Superior Constructions payment request of \$84,218.00. Wendy Meierhoff recommended withholding \$3,000.00 from Superior Construction until the project is completed this coming spring, Supervisors Dave Mount, Jeff Cook, Dan Tanner and Stephen Dahl agreed. Claim # 71235 will be paid \$81,218.00.
6. Department Reports
 - a. Police Report
 - Chief Report: presented by Shawn Padden.
 - Firearms Ordinance: An ordinance restricting discharging of firearms, is needed from Expressway 61 to Lake Superior between the McQuade Road to the Lake County Line in Duluth Township.
 - Dog barking and loose dogs, township ordinance: Dave Mount queried if there are other options than the Township Ordinance? Generally our Police Department uses State Statutes thereby allowing the County Attorney to deal with any issues which might arise.
 - The Police Department has bids in for a new squad car.

b. Fire Report

- Chief Report given by Bob Engelson
 - One fire run
 - Title for tanker truck: will be placed in the safety deposit box at The Lake Bank.
 - Grant: Skid unit is here and installed on the truck.
- Alden Township letter: Dan Tanner will contact Pat Eller and arrange a meeting date for discussion.

c. Road and Bridge

- Done for the year
- Mr. Rodda will be getting the grader on the roads first thing this spring.

d. Planning and Zoning

- Zoning director report:
 - Wayne has created a list of outstanding issues which will need to be taken care of by the new zoning director.
- Co-op light and power is requesting permission to place a communication tower on their property. It was decided to make this a conditional use permit giving township residents the opportunity to discuss the issue.
- North Shore Management Plan update.
- Stoney Point cottages: Wayne will submit a position letter before he retires from his position as director.
- Short term rental requests: Wayne recommended the township watch those requests with care.
- An assisted living request (PUD) will be coming before the commission in the future.
- Pine Park Road association: Not quite complete.
- New Planning and zoning secretary: Jeanne Anderson
- New Planning Director: The Town Board has received 2 applicants.
- North Shore Management Board: Wayne would like to remain on that board as a citizen of the township. The Town Board has no issue with Wayne's request.
- One piece of unfinished business: Matter of the township residences who do not apply for a building permit but erect structures. This issue will be placed under Old Business on the January agenda.

e. Legal

- Larry Ulanowski: Request for access to his property behind Pine Road: Town can create a road – see Tim's e-mail 12/13/2007. Mr. Ulanowski was unaware that this issue had been brought before the planning commission. Our current ordinance calls for any such road to have an agreement in place between the land owners. Once the agreement is in place it will be recorded in the county court house; at this time this has not yet happened, the agreement which will cover both use of road and maintenance, is being fine tuned. Attorney Tim Strom recommended that he, Mr. Ulanowski and Mr. Ulanowski's attorney have a discussion to try and resolve this issue.
- Cartway petition pending off the Englund Road. Security funds have not yet been posted.
- Problem culverts and driveways discussion.

f. Town Hall

- Clerk Hours Jeff Cook made a motion to allow the clerk to move her hours from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday nights, Stephen Dahl seconded. Motion passed
- Thank you to Dan Tanner for the straw over the septic system.
- Hopefully with the adjusted drainage the town hall basement will stay drier this spring.

- Caulking on the hall siding is failing.

g. Community Center

- Principal's report given by Sheri Camper
- Forest Timber Stand Improvement Project: B.J. Kohlstedt: The project goal is to "improve the trees habitat for under story of bur oak by removing over mature and diseased aspen and disease-prone balsam fir. Provide education opportunity to observe logging practices and forest management." Project is to cover 11 acres in south half of the community center forest.
- Reminder that the facilities grant will open on January 1st. The first \$15,000.00 will come from Community center funds. Michele will send the bill to the township.
- Community Center well is still pulling water in at a low rate, possible problem with either the pump or the well.
- Community Education: Nothing new.
- Mowing did not go well at the community center last year. Should we be bundling all of our mowing with the same group who does the cemetery? We will start with the bidding process this coming spring.

h. Recycling

- Someone has stolen the wire kennel full of aluminum cans from the recycling shed. The cans go towards library books for the school.
- Alvin Anderson, the Tuesday afternoon recycling person, would like to use his snowblower around the recycling area so there isn't quite so much snow to move. Wendy, Alvin and Carolyn will have a conversation about the issue.
- Recycling pickup on the shore is doing well.
- Chum Lifecyclers would like to pick up fluorescent recycling.

i. Cemetery

- Nothing new.

7. Old Business

- Jeff Cook made a motion to accept John Bowen on the Duluth North Shore Sanitary Board, Wendy Meierhoff seconded. Motion passed.

8. New Business

- Shawn Padden: There is a big pine tree at the North East corner of the Torgeson and Homestead Roads obstructing the view of the School Bus.
- Dave Mount – Applications for the Planning Zoning Director are now closed. The Town Board of Supervisors will hold a meeting January 3, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss wages and other necessary position issues. Interviews will be held at 7:00 and 7:30 p.m.

9. Pay Bills

10. Stephen Dahl made a motion to adjourn, Wendy Meierhoff seconded. Motion passed