

Town Board Meeting  
March 11, 2010

Roll Call: Wendy Meierhoff, Stephen Dahl, Dave Mount, Danny Tanner, Mary Ann Sironen  
Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve Minutes

- Town Board Meeting February 11, 2010
- Wendy Meierhoff made a motion to approve the minutes, Danny Tanner seconded. Motion passed

2. Meeting Schedule

- Additions:
  - Absent: Wendy Meierhoff will be absent for the May 13, 2010 meeting.
  - Correction, the next Town Board meeting is April 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - April 13, 2010 6:00 p.m. Program of Work

3. Concerns from the Audience

- George Sundstrom would like to speak under Community Center

4. Approve Agenda

- Correction:
  - Under Community Center: report is not in binder.
- Additions:
  - Portables to Community center
  - LED
  - Red Cross issue
  - Recreation Board
- Mary Ann Sironen approved the amended agenda, Danny Tanner seconded. Motion passed

5. Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$902,816.41
Deposits	\$ 72,734.46
Expenditures	\$ 29,084.25
Ending Balance	\$946,466.32

- We received
  - Taconite Production of \$25,000.00
  - Road Aid of \$7917.50
- Review Claims List for Approval
- Pay Bills: Bills were approved and paid.

6. Tabled Agenda items from previous month

- a. Community Center Checking account tabled until April.
- b. Welcome to Duluth Signs tabled until April.

7. Department Reports

- a. Police  
No report
- b. Fire  
No report
- c. Planning and Zoning
  - Stoney Point final plat: Signatures are needed; the Commission did not impose any further conditions.
  - A conditional use permit was approved for subordinate housing on the Johnson Road.
  - Discussion about Senior Housing with Greg Shendel

- Short term rental issues continue with Greenwood Road.
- Newsletter Survey: residents do not want short term rental.
- Time Limit expiration: Dave Mount contacted the Minnesota Association of Townships to find out if we can put a time limit on Conditional Use permits. The MAT attorney said the statute say no we cannot impose a time limit. The Greenwood Road short term rental continues to violate conditions which we need to enforce. The question is why do we have conditions if we cannot enforce them? 1. We need to send a letter striking the time line. 2. We should possibly have our township attorney continue to research the issue, and 3. The Planning department can take up the revocation issue. Dave Mount will write up something and bring it to the April Town Board meeting.
- An enquiry for a concession trailer on Cape Superior property.
- The April Planning Commission meeting will focus on the Alseth Road rezoning request.

d. Legal

e. Road and Bridge

f. Community Center

- George Sundstrom: There is a IRRB Community Center Grant opportunity for \$30,000.00. The only criterion is that the project must be started as soon as possible. A letter from the Town Board to David Dill asking for up to \$30,000.00 will start the process. The Community Center is in need of a new warming shack, a room for a kiln and storage. It would be possible to use the \$30,000.00 to create such a space in the form of a single structure. An unintended bonus is some heat from the kiln could be diverted to the skating shack. No matching funds are required for this grant.
- George Sundstrom: Update on tax issue. The House and Senate will both see the bill, the Governor is supportive of the language.
- George Sundstrom: is there any benefit going back to the County Board and asking for their continued assistance? Not at this time.
- Portable Classrooms: At the last Building and Grounds meeting there was discussion to add two additional portable classrooms to the Community Center. Charter school laws changed this year, schools are no longer allowed to give geographical preference so now students who live right across from the school might not receive a spot in the school however siblings are still allowed priority. Currently there are 56 kindergarten applications, the school would prefer to not turn away any children. The dream has always been to have three sections of kindergartens and first grades for a total of 50 students each grade. The class sizes with three sections would be 17 each for kindergarten and first grade. Second grade would then move to two sections with class sizes of 25 thereafter.

There are a number of issues

- Spacial needs
- We cannot do a bricks and mortar addition with the current uncertainty in the legislature.
- We would need to hire an architect for the project.
- This would put back the first phase of the addition a few years.
- The Septic System is not built to handle the number of students the school is discussing although in contacting the Health Department they said it might be fine.

Stephen Dahl made a motion to pursue plans to purchase two modular buildings for the Duluth Township Community Center at an approximate cost of \$150,000.00 contingent on verifying the projects feasibility. Purchase of these modular buildings will sustain the ability of the Community Center to provide service to residents. Mary Ann seconded. Motion passed.

We will have a continuation of this Town Board Meeting to complete the Towns business March 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

- Community Recreation: A request for township funding to create a water supply for rink flooding and new hockey boards. The water supply would divert water from the well under the parking lot with a 2" pipe. There is some question as to whether the well would support the increased volume of water. The Town has the authority to create a recreation board, the next step is to decide who will be on the board and begin the application and interview process. Next will be to create a responsibility outline for a recreation coordinator then begin the advertising and interviewing process. Long term planning, budget creation and the management and organization of all recreational activities are the Town's goals. Sue Lawson will contact Lakewood Township to find out about their recreation board and budget.
- LED
- Red Cross emergency center. The Red Cross hasn't followed through and isn't responding to attempts to contact them. Stephen Dahl recommended dropping the project.
- Community Education.

g. Town Hall

- Cribbage Tournament April 10, 2010. Town Board approved.

h. Recycling

- Busy
- Is there a possibility of raising the \$10.00 per hour wages? The next grant application comes out soon, Carolyn needs to know so she can add the increase. Program of Work

i. Cemetery

j. Communication

8. Correspondence

- a. Letter from MP&L: Rate Increase
- b. E-Mail: Sarah Lerohl WLSSD with attached return letter from Dave Mount - Noted
- c. Grandma's Marathon: 2010 Rudy Perpich Public Service Award
- d. MN Dept of Health: Sanitary Survey for NSCS and Town Hall
- e. St. Louis County: Gas Tax
- f. ARDC – Energy Action Plan Development
- g. Office of the State Auditor: D/NSSD Annual Audit Report
- h. St. Louis County: board of Audit and Equalization
- i. E-Mail: Kay Jacobs Re: Lake Superior School District 381

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Motion to adjourn Danny Tanner made a motion to close the meeting, Mary Ann Sironen seconded. Motion passed. The meeting will resume 7:00 p.m. Tuesday