

Town Board Meeting
Thursday September 9, 2010

Roll Call: Mary Ann Sironen, Stephen Dahl, Wendy Meierhoff, Dave Mount
Absent: Danny Tanner

1. Approve Minutes

- August 12, 2010
 - Amendment to Community Center: There will be rubber flooring in the new building but not in the old building because of the humidity on the cement.
 - Mary Ann Sironen made a motion to approve the minutes with the above amendment, Dave Mount seconded. Motion passed.

2. Meeting Schedule

- Wage discussion meeting September 14, 2010: Wendy is unavailable for this meeting.
- Town Board Meeting October 14, 2010

3. Concerns from the Audience

- Bill Aho: Homesteaders Sign
 - Mary Ann Sironen discussed the new signs Clifton Fire Auxiliary has offered to make for township buildings at the last Homesteaders meeting. It is not the object of the township to disrespect the Homesteaders by removing their sign; the Town Board would like to move the Homesteader sign to the framed portion over the township office with the old outside "Town of Duluth" sign moved to the current Homesteader sign position.
- Bill Aho also brought to the floor the bad dips in the Ryan Road where culverts were replaced before the road was resurfaced.

4. Approve Agenda

- Amendments
 - Community Center construction update
 - JOC meeting
 - Community Recreation
 - Community Insurance
- Wendy Meierhoff made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Stephen seconded. Motion passed

5. Treasurers report

Beginning Balance	\$1,048,430.16
Deposit	\$ 52,168.07
Expenses	\$ 103,497.00
Ending Balance	\$ 997,101.23

- Review Claims List for Approval
- 2nd half of the taconite production tax has arrived.
- Lightening strike at school – why does our fire panel keep getting hit?
- The Community Center lawn mowing/snowplowing bill was high this year due to the Christmas storm last year. That storm cost almost \$2200.00 to remove the ice from the parking lot.
- NSCS insert Claim #1812 was paid through general fund this month the remainder will again come from the Community Center fund.
- Pay Bills: claims were approved.

6. Tabled agenda items from previous month

- Three fold kiosk style sign: Wendy Meierhoff does not have a design at this time.
- Welcome to Duluth Sign

7. Department Reports

a. Police

- Chief's Report
 - Busy month

b. Fire

- Chief's Report
- Fire Truck: The fire department will purchase a fire truck from Scanlon which will replace an aging truck.

c. Planning and Zoning

- Director's Report
 - Bieraugel rehearing at the September Commission meeting. They have an amended application for our review.
 - At the last meeting there was a review of short term rentals.
 - Schousboe rental was found to meet conditions.
 - Worden Short Term Rental was terminated by the Commission with 60 pages of background documents.
 - McQuade Harbor will present conceptual plans at the October Commission meeting for an interpretive structure. Comments on the plan will be taken by the Commission; the Commission will forward their comments and recommendations to the MnDNR.
 - Lighthouse Restaurant off-site sign. In March 2005 the Lighthouse applied for an off-site sign. The Commission tabled the decision keeping the application fee. There was no decision and the 60 day rule expired.
 - Worden decision letter was sent notifying them that their short term rental was terminated. The Wordens have until October 1st to appeal. Dave Mount will contact our Attorney for some early research.

d. Legal

- Attorney's Report

e. Road and Bridge

- There is a lot of work being done on the Olson Road. We need to get professional design help for some troublesome areas. Rod Garver has expressed interest in helping Danny with road issues. We might search for a consultant to write specs for specific road issues.
- Val Brady wrote Clint Little from the Coastal Program and requested a data base and GIS map of ditches and cross culverts within the township. Dave Mount asked that we use the technology available, but also make the information available for those less technical.
- Two directional signs down on the Alseth Road from a car accident.
 - Stormwater

f. Community Center

- Warming Shack.
 - The Land Use Permit is forthcoming.
 - There is no issue with the impervious surface.
- Hockey Rink: The hockey and pleasure rinks were going to be leveled out with dirt currently in front of the septic mound, it was decided that instead of moving the dirt we could move the rink to where the dirt is piled. There were two concerns, the first is about funding for lighting the rink this year, and the second is having more people behind the school during off hours. Electrical work was going to be done in conjunction with the dirt work. It is possible to create a multi-purpose area; elements of the decision are both geographic and economic. The pleasure rink and the hockey rink will be separate, relocating the small soccer field to accommodate the change. Mary Ann Sironen will contact Amy Bergerson and let her know of the soccer field change. Preliminary plans will be completed with the next week or two. Funding will be tight, the shell of the warming shack building will be built but some of the interior and extras will have to be held back until other funding is located, Dill dollars are being used and LP is donating the siding. Wendy Meierhoff made a motion that the Town Board authorized Supervisors Dahl and Sironen to not to exceed \$5000.00 to relocate the dirt pile excavated during the building

addition, Mary Ann Sironen seconded. Motion passed. The board reviewed and approved the revised plan.

- Community Education: Two forms were revised and clarified 1. Community Education Service Provider Agreement and 2. Community Education Service Provider Facility Use Agreement Form. All were approved for use.
- Construction: The Community School would dearly love to have the third classroom and office. Two of the newly added classrooms are for the school, the third is a shared school/community education space and the office will be shared by community education and the recreation commission. By expanding the total space the Town Board was hoping to receive community space.
- There will be a JOC meeting September 21st. Don McTavish or Sue Lawson will be our community member representative.
- Recreation Coordinator: As of today's meeting we only have one applicant. We will review the application at the October Town Board meeting. It might be helpful to also post the position in the school newsletter.
- Insurance: Stephen e-mailed about different rates. So far he hasn't heard back from MATIT
- The Community Center addition is a week behind because of the steel.

g. Town Hall

h. Waste management

- Recycling - Busy
- D/NSSD will be having a public meeting October 19th 7:00 a.m. French River church for a rate adjustment.

i. Cemetery

j. Communication

- Don attended the Community School communications meeting; things seem to be going a bit better.
- There will be an upcoming wage meeting dealing with the stipends, Web master and Community Education wages,
- The gift certificate was given to Linda Holinday for all her work on our web site was greatly appreciated.

k. Personnel

8. Correspondence

- Minnesota Department of Health: Coliform Fact Sheet/Rule:
- St. Louis County: 2011 CDBG Funding Cycle: Noted

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Motion to adjourn: Wendy Meierhoff made a motion to adjourn 9:10 p.m. Mary Ann Sironen seconded. Motion passed.