

Town Board Meeting
September 8, 2011

Roll Call: Present Barb Crow, Dave Mount, Barry Lobbestael, Mary Ann Sironen
Absent Dave Miller

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve Minutes

- Community Center Meeting July 27, 2011
 - Barb Crow made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Ann seconded. Motion approved
- Town Board Meeting August 11, 2011
 - Mary Ann made a motion to approve the minutes, Barb Crow seconded. Motion approved

2. Meeting Schedule

- a. Posted Meetings
 - i) September 15, 2011
 - ii) September 23, 2011
- b. October 15, 2011 - Post

3. Concerns from the Audience

4. Approve Agenda

- Barb Crow made a motion to approve the agenda, Barry Lobbestael seconded. Motion passed

5. Treasurers Report

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| Beginning Balance | \$744,299.68 |
| Receipts | \$ 34,846.48 |
| Expenses | \$ 56,397.98 |
| Ending Balance | \$722,748.18 |
- a. Review Claims List for Approval: Approved
 - b. Pay Bills

6. Tabled agenda items from previous month

7. Department Report

- Police Report
 - Quiet
- Fire Report
 - Fire Hall warning signs were removed from the Homestead Road.
 - Bonding issue for Relief association; we are waiting to hear from MATIT.
- Planning and Zoning
 - Tree Cutting on City of Duluth/Congdon Trust Land. Our ordinance does not speak to whether the City has to abide by our ordinance or not. We need to protect the lakeshore and road from erosion by keeping the natural brush and trees in place. Barb Crow and Sue Lawson suggested they could meet with the City Forester to discuss and attempt to resolve the issue. Possibly an article in the newspaper providing more information on Congdon Trust Land. Another player in this issue is the Scenic Drive Association. Stone pickers are becoming another problem.
 - The Community Center Stormwater management plan is not done at this time.
 - There will be a public hearing on the Krook Riding Arena variance request at the next Commission meeting.
 - Continue to review the zoning ordinance.
 - Review of the Worden CUP; permit was not revoked. Review again April 12, 2012
 - Commission approved the CUP for a Sami Cultural Center with additional conditions.
 - Facilities planning meeting September 15th.
 - Two Sign requests.

- Bill Lannon has resigned from the Planning Commission which leaves an opening for the remainder of Bill's term. We will advertise on the Web site. Sue will talk with the Commission at their next meeting.
- Legal
 - No legal
- Roads
 - Road Report: finished work on the Alseth Road, Grading will be coming up soon.
 - Stormwater
 - Dave Mount made a resolution to adopt resolution 09082011, Mary Ann Seconded. Motion approved.

Resolution 09082011

WHEREAS the Town of Duluth is a participant in the Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT), and this participation is important to fulfilling Town Responsibilities as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4);

WHEREAS Dr. Valerie Brady is a Town resident, is a research scientist with expertise relevant to storm water management, and provides the Town with expert advice in meeting MS4 requirements;

WHEREAS Dr. Brady has expressed a willingness to represent the Town of Duluth on the RSPT and to report back to the Town Board as appropriate;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town of Duluth appoints Dr. Valerie Brady as its official representative and voting member on the Regional Stormwater Protection Team. This appointment will remain in effect until terminated by request of either the Town or Dr. Brady.

Signed and Attested September 8, 2011

- Community Center
 - Propane Tank. There are a large number of questions which need to be answered before we can make a decision. Propane Tank discussion 6:30 p.m. September 15 at the Town Hall. Due to Dave Miller's travel schedule Mary Ann and Barry will work on the issue.
 - If it is Como's tank why are we being asked to pay \$10,000.00 to update their tank?
 - What are the alternatives?
 - Is there a compliance date?
 - Why is this so urgent, if we are already out of compliance is there a grace period?
 - Should we be researching the purchase of our own tank? If so this would allow NSCS to bid for less expensive fuel. If we do purchase a tank, the tank would belong to the township but the propane would belong to NSCS.
 - We need an above ground tank, would we be required to dig up the underground tank?
 - Who says we have to change and by when?
 - Should we research alternative energy solutions?
 - Capital Improvement 2010-2011 report: explanation of what the school did with their money.
 - DTCC/NSCS Summary 110825 Status: This financial report is based on July figures; the question is what does the Township really want for public space?
 - Community Education
 - New Computer has been purchased.
- Recreation: Planning for fall, the push is to complete the warming shack and rinks.
- Town Hall
 - Add painting the Town Hall to the meeting September 15th. We have received one quote from Calico Painting. There are a few major items needing repair prior to painting: parts of the freeze board on the North will need replacing, there are areas on the kitchen window needing repair and aluminum trim pieces are loose with large gaps in the siding. The fascia is in bad

shape and the entire building needs a fairly aggressive paint job. Dave Mount contacted other painters for quotes but hasn't heard anything to date.

- Supervisor Desks: The front wheel has come off of one of the Supervisor desks, a new wheel will need to be purchased.
 - Window shades: Dave Mount will purchase 8 window roller shades for a approximately \$20.00 per window.
 - Library: Chris Michaud has volunteered to take care of and arrange the books, Jana Pastika has also volunteered and will work with Chris to maintain our library.
 - Materials management
 - Recycling
 - D/NSSD
 - Cemetery
 - Molly is doing a great job; right now she is working on a couple of issues with some incorrect or unclear deeds. Future plans include: working with Mary Tennas on tree and shrub planting; proposing to right and re stand 6 monuments which have fallen over or are at risk of falling over. The goal is only 6 per year for now.
 - A suggestion was made to have Native plantings at the Community Center perhaps that might work in the Cemetery also.
 - We do need to Thank Mary Tennas for her beautiful additions to the township property in the form of plant arrangements by the South and West Town Hall doors.
 - Communication
 - Letter from Melissa Cox for the middle fiber project: This might be a separate issue from the broadband project. Mary Ann will check.
 - DAT meeting: For any additional County road work the Clerk will have to write a letter of request. And an answer to a previous months question: What is the benefit belonging to SLCATO – answer is bonding.
 - Glitches with e-mail and calendaring with the school.
 - Personnel
8. Correspondence
Free township legal seminar.
9. Old Business
Meeting postmortem: Mary Ann does not feel 3 hours is too much to spend working on township business one night a month. Barb expects to be here with no issue to the length of the meetings. No complaints.
10. New Business
11. Motion to adjourn: Barry Lobbestael made a motion to adjourn, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed 9:20 p.m.