

Town Board Meeting
April 12, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mary Anne Daniel, Barb Crow, Dave Mount, Dave Miller, Skipper (Mary Ann Sironen)

1. Approve Minutes

- Town Board meeting March 8, 2012
 - Dave Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, Skipper Sironen seconded, Motion passed.

2. Meeting Schedule

- April 17th 6:00 – 7:00 Board of Audit and Equalization Skipper Sironen will be absent.
- April 24th 7:00 Program of work.
- May 10th, 7:00 p.m. Town Board Meeting

3. Concerns from the Audience

- No concerns.

4. Approve Agenda

- Old Business: Dave Mount added Township Signs
 - Barb Crow made a motion to approve the agenda, Dave Miller seconded. Motion passed.

5. Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$736,669.13
Deposits	\$ 35,625.30
Expenses	\$ 30,042.49
Ending Balance	\$742,281.94

- Review Claims List for Approval
- Pay bills: All bills were approved for payment

6. Tabled agenda items from previous month.

7. Department Reports

- Police chiefs report
 - Minnesota materials management division: State Bids for lower priced supplies. Skipper Sironen made a motion to adopt the Admin MN Resolution, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed.
 - Nokomis Restaurant Liquor License
 - New Scenic Café liquor license
 - The Town Board approved both Liquor Licenses.
- Fire Chief's report
 - Given by Keith Darsow. We received two new used vehicles, the first is a larger used ambulance from Gold Cross the second was a pick- up truck from Enbridge.
 - Question from Town Board: did Normanna disband their fire department? No the fire department is there, there are one or two Normanna Town Board members who are trying to disband the fire department or trying to get down to only a few members and rely on only mutual aid for their services.
- Planning and Zoning report
 - Directors Report:
 - The planning commission has started working on the Comp plan update.
 - This was the last meeting for Jan Green and Dave Chura.
 - April Meeting will be election of officers and continued working on the Comp plan. Sue will be unable to attend this meeting.
 - A phone call was received from Jeff Levine who is proposing a fire arms manufacturing operation at the Bomark base. Fire arms manufacturing is not a listed use in that particular

table so it will be brought to the Planning Commission likely in May. Sue will talk to Mr. Levine and ask for a detailed plan.

- Proposed Ordinance Changes: Sue Lawson presented a set of the proposed changes to the Town Board. It was suggested we review the proposed changes and bring our suggestions back to the rest of the Board members in May. Any marked Legal will need to be followed up with our Attorney. Table until the May Town Board meeting.
 - Barb Crow will talk to Tim Strom
 - Shoreland regulations VS the North Shore Management plan. Two issues on page 2 of the summary, “shall” language implies if there is a violation we have to take action. Does “shall” legally bind us to take action?
 - What to do with short term rental? We have had previous discussion about whether to prohibit its use Planning’s recommendation is to remain silent on STR by removing all mention. The alternative is to prohibit its use. If it isn’t listed in the use table it would then go before the planning commission each time a request was made.
 - Dave Mount made a suggestion to take this on as homework to give our new supervisor time to read the recommendations, comments and those items needing legal opinion. Unless someone disagrees Dave would like to discuss the “shall” issues with our attorney.
 - The bill that was going through the legislature to remove our ability to do much about short term rentals have been removed for the year, the subject isn’t dead but it has been removed.
- Legal
- Roads
 - Stormwater: Dave Mount wrote a fairly pointed letter to the State. There isn’t a great deal of confidence much will be changed.
 - Road Report: We will start with Alseth and Lismore getting gravel if the weather holds, the west part of Greenwood road will get gravel and a new culvert will replace a worn culvert on Greenwood road.
- Community Center
 - Facility Report: The only issue with the facilities is the air handler systems in the new part of the building aren’t working correctly Johnson control came in and rebalanced them. Aaron said it was to be done by the contractor Dave Miller will talk to Wayne Dahlberg.
 - The school is planning to remodel the office area. One of the areas which will be worked on is the old health room in which there is a beautiful cabinet from the old Clover Valley High School. We would like to incorporate the cabinet into the new vision for the town hall. Dave Mount will take a look at the cabinet and see what difficulties we might have moving it to the Town Hall. Removal time frame is end of school.
 - Community Education
 - Letter of Resignation: We sadly received a letter of resignation from Jo Thompson. Michelle Libby and Skipper Sironen will decide what to do next. There is not a lot of activity right now going into summer so there is a little time to advertise and plan. Many Thanks to Jo for all of her hard work and the time commitment she gave to Community Education for the past few years. Jo will be done in July.
 - Recreation: Kevin is working on a few different things one of which is the eyesore with the warming center.
 - The Hockey boards collapsed due to some of our spring weather, after a few conversations it was decided they need to sit on top of timbers.
 - It has been a wet spring so there is garbage which needs to be picked up around the warming center. We have a group of volunteers who will get together soon to do some clean up.
 - Something needs to be done with the fencing around the soccer fields, Kevin will devise a plan to clean up and try to keep people off the fields until they are dried. Two proposals have been brought forth the first was to get a sprinkler system the second was to get a lawnmower with a brush accessory. A thought was to have the fire department water the area but dragging hose across the fields will do damage to the seed or dirt, if we could use the deck gun it would be a better suggestion. It would also take a couple of heavy trucks

trying to get close to the area needed to be watered. A letter from Walt Carter was read, he is concerned we water the fields well. The board appreciated Walts input.

- Town hall
 - MN Department of health letter: we will have Ojard look at the well head and bring our well back into compliance with the State.
 - Lawnmowing: The Cutting Edge, rates are the same as last year. Dave Mount has asked our cemetery sexton if she would in the future wish to add lawnmowing to her job duties with appropriate compensation.
 - Church Ladies rules and the kitchen. Skipper Sironen will look into the rules.
- Materials Management
 - D/NSSD
 - Recycling: only real problem is someone keeps on cutting the padlock for aluminum cans which were being saved for the Community School Library as a fundraiser. Skipper Sironen talked to Barb Jackson who no longer knows what to do to keep people from stealing the cans and destroying the surrounding fence. It has been suggested they take the aluminum can recycling to the school. Question – why do we not have a surveillance camera? We do this as a favor to the school so they can use the aluminum sale for library books. If the school wants to have aluminum cans collected to benefit their school then they will need to provide the proper storage facility to try and keep the problem from happening.
 - Pat Kelly is working out, we miss Alvin. David Hooey is our sub.
- Cemetery
 - Fee Increase notification by Norm's Service.
 - Molly Tillotson and Barb Crow thought it would be nice to take pictures of the head stones and put them on our web site so people can view them and print them if they prefer.
 - There was an issue about the number of cremations allowed in a plot.
- Communication
 - Don McTavish would like a picture of the new Supervisors.
- Personnel
 - Compensation Policy Resolution: some changes were suggested. The completed document will be brought to the Program of work meeting 8:00 p.m. April 19th.
- Correspondence
 - University of Minnesota: wood ash application notification.
 - MN Department of health – postcard.
 - MN Department of health – whooping cough:

8. Old Business

- Welcome to Duluth Signs: have been pulled from the Freeway unless we install them on County Roads, they will no longer be allowed on State Roads. The County will install the signs, all that has to be done is to bring the signs to the County.
 - All Supervisors agreed that we will put new signs up.
 - Which roads? Dave Mount provided a map, there were no comments about the chosen locations.
 - Design: strike "Land use Permits" change to "visit us at" with our website at the bottom.
 - Barb Crow made a motion to allow Dave Mount to spend \$1200.00 to purchase "Welcome to Duluth signs" Dave Miller seconded. Motion passed.

9. New Business

10. Motion to adjourn. Dave Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barb crow seconded. Motion passed.