

Town Board Meeting
June 14, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: Dave Mount

1. Approve Minutes

a. Town Board Meeting May 10, 2012

- Barb Crow made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Anne Daniel seconded. Motion passed.

2. Meeting Schedule

- July 4, 2012 Office Closed
- July 12, 2012 Town Board
- August 11, 2012 – “Come on Home” party

3. Concerns from the Audience

- Jack Rose: Problem with township communication when you call to report a problem.
- Shawn Padden: It might be a good idea to put an article in the newsletter clarifying when it might be best to call 911 instead of calling the township non-emergency number.

4. Approve Agenda

- Dave Miller made a motion to approve the agenda as printed, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed

5. Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$728,084.88
Deposits	\$ 4,140.30
Expenses	\$ 49,913.94
Ending Balance	\$682,311.24

a. Review Claims List for Approval

- The bank called and reduced our savings account interest rate.

b. Pay Bills – bills approved for payment

6. Tabled agenda items from previous month

a. Proposed Ordinance Changes

- Making short term rentals interim possibly removes some of the Planning Commission flexibility.
- In Article 5, if you add a “C” to the matrix for Commission review, you could then permit short term rentals.
- The Planning Commission recommended no Short Term Rental language but the Township wants something in place, we want to write standards and conditions.
- Tim’s e-mail makes the case for allowing short term rentals as an interim use.
- We could say those decisions are deferred through the Planning Commission.
- Interim or Standard you can put a time limit on them.
 - Difference between Standard and Interim: If the permit is standard and the ordinance changes the use is “grandfathered” in. If the permit is interim and one of the following happens “until a particular date or until the occurrence of a particular event or until zoning regulations no longer permit it” the interim permit is then terminated.
- Dave Miller made a motion to table this issue until July, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed.

7. Department Reports

a. Police Chief’s Report

- Speeding on our main roads: There is concern from people walking and biking on the Homestead, Ryan and McQuade roads about the number of speeding vehicles. Tickets are being issued but we can add an article in the next newsletter.

- b. Fire Chief's Report
 - A representative from the "Volunteer Fire Fighters Benefit Association" attended the last Fire department business meeting and provided information on liability/loss insurance for department members. The cost would be \$11.00 per person or approximately \$220.00 for the first year. MAT insurance purchased by the township provides Workers Comp and Medical insurance, Liability insurance is a separate policy. Mary Anne Daniel made a motion that the Township provide \$220.00 from the Fire Departments budget for insurance, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed.
 - Truck Driver training at the ERTC on June 23rd.
- c. Planning and zoning
 - i) Director's report
 - We had a rather long meeting last month and so we have decided to have a workshop to become a finely tuned machine. There are quite a few new members who would benefit from the meeting.
 - Small arms manufacturing: the commission has decided it is a use that is not addressed in the ordinance itself and so they will create performance standards. This issue was tabled until our next meeting. Manufacturing fire arms is closely regulated.
 - There will be a variance hearing at the upcoming commission meeting on property off the Pioneer Road; side yard and front yard.
 - New officers: Chair Paul Voge. Vice Chair Jo Thompson.
 - Continuing to work on the Land use Plan and waiting for the new ordinance.
- d. Legal
- e. Roads
 - i) Stormwater
 - MS4 has been submitted.
 - ii) Road Report
 - Alseth and Wildwood Roads have been re-graveled and graded. Torgerson has been graded.
 - Our grading has been delayed, Bob Rodda has been busy resolving water issues in other townships.
 - Slight change about dust control, we will add a little chloride to a few roads, those spots which received new gravel will get some chloride.
- f. Community Center
 - i) Facility Report
 - Final facility meeting for the year: The air exchange has been done in the office area and approved everything else is in pretty good shape just routine touch ups remain.
 - ii) NSCS Lease
 - The addendum has been signed. Recreation office space at the Community Center costs \$36.00.
 - iii) Community Education
 - Will meet next week to do the change over from Jo Thompson to Tera Freese.
 - iv) Recreation
 - a. Field Maintenance (option 2)
 - Fields have been mowed at least once, they look great. Sprinkler system is still in the works.
 - Possibility of a second water source with a second well and a pump in a shed. Mary Anne Daniel brought the suggestion to the fire department which is not interested in a hydrant but is interested in a well. A well would be a great water source if there is a fire nearby. A secondary water source will help maintain the grounds, but will also be beneficial for the Community Center itself. So far the quote Kevin has received is \$13,000.00 to drill a well plus a hydrant. Question: if you are going to put in a well would it be possible to have water at the Pavilion?

- Tournament insurance: yes we will be able to get insurance but it will only cover our township. The price will be somewhere between \$250.00 and \$500.00.
- b. Pavilion Rental
- Rummage Sale: A resident is interested in having a rummage sale at the pavilion. Question: Is this an appropriate use of the pavilion? Supervisor Decision: Let the minutes reflect that we do not find township property appropriate for retail sales.
- g. Town Hall
- i) CV Cabinetry – locate
- The cabinet might fit best along North wall right at the NW corner. Brackets will need to be placed on the wall to keep the cabinet from falling over.
- ii) Renovation plan offer/ideas
- There are people who would be interested in helping to design a town hall renovation. When the renovation becomes closer to reality it might be a good idea to take a look at the process.
- iii) Supervisor Desks:
- The Supervisors desks are falling apart with a book holding up one corner of one desk. Orrin Moe made these desks about 30 years ago and while they are still very sturdy and the shape works well for our needs it is time they were retired. Sue Lawson has asked permission to look into options and bring the options back to the Town Board in July.
- iv) Copy Machine:
- How long is the lease on the copy machine? When the lease is up it would be nice to replace with a machine that collates.
- h. Materials Management
- i) Recycling
- WLSSD will hold an electronics cleanout this coming Saturday (June 16th) from 9:00 – Noon.
 - Carolyn Marino has submitted both this past years annual report and next year's grant application request to WLSSD for their consideration.
 - The price of aluminum is down again so no one has broken into and stolen the aluminum cans.
 - Would it be possible to do a "Shred It" day here?
- ii) D/NSSD:
- Working at hyper speed because of the rain
- i. Cemetery
- The Memorial Day celebration was a great success and very well attended.
 - Our Cemetery Sexton Molly Tillotson has a number of considerations that she would like us to discuss:
 - The storage building floor is pretty badly cracked and heaved definitely needing attention. One suggestion is to allow it to become an Eagle Scout project. The Boy Scouts liability insurance would cover removal of the old slab the Township would be responsible for installing a new floor.
 - Monument resetting. A number of options are available Molly will get more information on the best possible solution to resetting some of the larger monuments.
 - Fee restructuring. With cremations becoming more common we are getting more burials per plot. Should we charge per cremation?
 - Plastic flowers are not allowed but what about allowing live shrubs instead?
 - Do we provide a handout about our Cemetery and our rules to people when they inquire about purchasing a plot? No.
- j. Communication
- i) Newsletter articles due next week

k. Personnel

i) Compensation Policy

- Barb is wondering if instead of including the price per meeting under 2.1 change the wording wherever there is a dollar amount to “the current compensation schedule which is approved by the board”. Dave Miller made a motion to approve the modifications, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed. Barb will create a clean copy to sign at our July meeting.

8. Correspondence

- a. MAT Membership Cards
- b. St. Louis County Wall Maps

9. Old Business

a. Weed Surveillance

- This item should be back in the newsletter, we need to show that we are looking for weeds.
- Church Lady Kitchen: Peg Sweeney is checking into how the “Church Lady” issue fits into townships.

10. New Business

The piece of property by the old Clover Valley School is back for sale again, it is wetland with very limited dry buildable space. It might be time to bring this issue to our County Commissioner and see if we can't get it unlisted.

11. Motion to adjourn: Mary Anne Daniel made a motion to adjourn, Dave Miller seconded. Motion passed 9:35 p.m.