

Town Board Meeting
September 13, 2012

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

*** Dave Miller and Barb Crow will be absent in October

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve Minutes

a. Town Board Meeting August 9, 2012

Dave Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed

2. Meeting Schedule

a. Posted Meetings

i) October 11, 2012 Town Board Meeting

ii) October 13, 2012 Harvest Dinner

b. Add

i) Fall barbecue at the North Shore Community School September 28th.

3. Concerns from the Audience

4. Approve Agenda

- Move Materials Management to beginning of meeting:
- Barb Crow made a motion to approve the agenda as amended Mary Anne Daniel seconded. Motion passed.

5. Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$70,075.65
Deposits	\$ 56,359.62
Expenses	\$ 65,415.70
Ending Balance	\$861,019.57

a. Review Claims List for Approval

b. Pay Bills: Dave Miller made a motion to pay the bills Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed.

6. Tabled agenda items from Previous Month

7. Department Reports

a. Police Department

- Busy month.

b. Fire Department

i) Resolution 09132012: The relief association is the arm of the fire department which provides retirement service to those old enough to retire. Currently the retirement investments are being handled by an individual company and managed internally by a board voted on by the membership, audited yearly by a State approved accounting office and then reviewed by the State Auditor's office. The Fire Department has recently looked into having the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) take over the retirement account which would eliminate a great deal of work and the financial burden of a yearly audit from our volunteer members. PERA is a reliable retirement service which handles all State and Governmental retirement funds with a stable track record.

Resolution 09132012

Firefighter Retirement Plan
Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

A RESOLUTION OPTION TO JOIN THE VOLUNTARY STATEWIDE LUMP-SUM VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT PLAN.

The Town Board of the Town of Duluth, Minnesota does ordain:

WHEREAS: The Town is authorized to join the Voluntary Statewide Lump-sum volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA); and

WHEREAS: The Town of Duluth and the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association have jointly consented to and obtained a cost analysis for joining the Voluntary Statewide Lump-Sum Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan from PERA not less than 90 days ago; and

WHEREAS: The Town of Duluth highly values the contributions of the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department members to the safety and well being of our community and wishes to safeguard their pension investments in a prudent manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DULUTH MINNESOTA:

1) The Town of Duluth hereby approves coverage by and requests participation in the voluntary Statewide Lump-Sum Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan administered by PERA under the terms provided in the PERA cost analysis at the \$1250.00 benefit level per year of service; and

2) The Town Clerk and Board Chair are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

A motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was proposed by Board member Mary Anne Daniel and was duly seconded by Board member Barbara Crow and upon vote being taken thereon, all board members voted in favor. Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Duluth on the thirteenth day of September 2012.

ii) Town of Alden Data Center: Alden Township would like to make the Town of Duluth aware of a proposed Data Center on the Ives Road in Lake County. The Town Board reviewed the documents provided by Alden Township and will take these documents as a point of information.

c. Planning and Zoning

i) Directors Report

- At the last Planning Commission meeting a public hearing was held for subdivisions at which no one spoke. After much discussion by the Commission it was decided that some questions needed to be answered. At the next Commission meeting Scott Smith from St. Louis County, will attend to discuss and offer some solutions.
- Moratorium on Short Term Rentals – possibly in October.
- Land Sale on Greenwood Road is pretty clear, no action to be taken.
- Membership: we are down one member, possibly place an ad on the web site.

d. Legal

e. Roads

i) Stormwater

ii) Road Report

- Busy month for roads. Most of the focus has been on FEMA making sure all the paperwork and documentation has been completed. FEMA representatives have been very helpful.
- Flood repair on the Gamble Road has been completed
- Wildwood still needs to have some ditching done and a few more culverts replaced
- The Johnson road will be completed tomorrow.

- f. Community Center
 - i) Facility Report
 - The School looks nice, lots of improvements; we have shared in the expenses for the landscaping around the school and resurfaced the gym floor.
 - ii) Community Education
 - iii) Recreation
 - A new user and maintenance friendly sprinkler system is at the School. There are a few things that will need changing in the Warming Center to accommodate the new system.
 - Estimates for the mower/sweeper machine are still in the works. The current estimate we have is \$14,350.00. The intent is to store the sprinkler system and the mower/sweeper in the old warming center but needs to be remodeled and made workable. Is it possible the Cemetery might have use for the old lawnmower?
 - The hockey rink boards are up.
 - Vikings Legend in Two Harbors is closed, the 5 on 5 has been canceled for this year. We have a possible sponsor for next year.
 - g. Town Hall
 - Men's Room: We have a water pressure problem in the men's room. Skipper will call for maintenance.
 - h. Materials Management
 - We have finally received our Grant funds; they were lost on an employee's desk at WLSSD.
 - We need to post an open Sub position.
 - Aluminum cans have been picked up. At one time aluminum cans were collected for multiple agencies which alternated picking up the cans; we are now down to one agency, all the cans go to the North Shore Community School Library. Aluminum cans may be placed in general recycling with glass, cans and plastic. We are having a problem with garbage being dumped in with the cans and constant vandalism; a building would prevent that but would it be something worthy of further investigation? This would be a possible project/fund raiser for the Recreation department
 - i. Cemetery
 - It has been a quiet summer, there were 2 plot sales, one full burial, 2 cremain burials and 3 monument stone markers.
 - Some of the fallen stones are being looked at for repair this fall.
 - Mary Anne Daniel will talk to Molly Tillotson about a lawnmower and review the lawnmowing contract for next year.
 - j. Communication
 - The newsletter is out; deadline for the next newsletter is October 23rd.
 - We need to resolve some scheduling glitches between the school and Community Education.
 - k. Personnel
 - We need a new zoning member.
 - There are a few changes happening in recycling.
8. Correspondence
- a. St. Louis County Special Assessments: we do not currently have any special assessments.
9. Old Business
- a. Sami Resolution: The Sami cultural center has become a 5013C and is now seeking funding.

Resolution 09132012a
Duluth Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING support for the creation of the Sami Cultural Center of
North America in the Town of Duluth

WHEREAS, the Sami Cultural Center of North America is an organization dedicated to education about Sami and Sami-American history and culture;

WHEREAS, many residents of Duluth Township and the surrounding area have a heritage from the Sami region

WHEREAS, the center would foster an awareness of Sami culture through education, communication, research and the arts.

WHEREAS, the center would maintain relationships with indigenous and environmental communities through research, archives, meetings, cultural classes, art exhibits, internships with guest teachers and cultural experts bringing their expertise

WHEREAS, the center would occupy a building along the North Shore Drive that has a history of the arts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Duluth Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota does hereby heartily support the creation of the Sami Cultural Center of North America at 5527 North Shore Drive.

Mary Ann Sironen made a motion to approve the resolution, Dave Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously September 13, 2012.

10. New Business

- Wolf trapping discussion – a public safety issue

11. Motion to adjourn

- Barb Crow made a motion to adjourn, all seconded. Motion passed 9:11 p.m.