

Town Board Meeting
January 9, 2014

Pledge of Allegiance
Communications Agreement Review
Attendance: Barb Crow

Approve Minutes

- Barb Crow made a motion to approve the minutes Don Sitter seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Schedule

- Budget meeting and Board of Audit: February 11, 2014 5:00

Approve Agenda

- Additions
 - Skipper: JUC member – old business
 - Dave Miller made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Tabled Agenda Items

- Community Center Rental Policy/Agreement form: Table until February
- November Elections – Remove from table – concluded

Request to be on the Agenda – Michael Kahl - not available

Concerns from the Audience – no concerns

Treasurers Report

- Beginning Balance \$1,111,887.29
- Deposits \$107.00
- Expenses \$23,220.04
- Ending Balance \$1,088,774.25

FEMA funds have not yet arrived (\$7000.00)

- Review Claims List for Approval
- Pay Bills – Bills OK to pay

Police Department

- Report given by Shawn Padden
- Question about extra patrol requests
- Discussion about calls

Fire Department

- Heating system: Hall #2 propane tank was empty, tank has been filled, Hall #2 furnace is working correctly.
- Lipe Bros has been hired to check the seal on the door.
- Hall #1 heating system is not working well. The system needs to be replaced and will likely cost us \$10,000.00 or more. If the project comes under \$10,000.00 a second bid won't be necessary. Barb Crow made a motion to allow the fire department to replace the heating system if the cost is under \$10,000.00, Don Sitter seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Research will include pricing a warning system for heating outage for each fire hall and the Town hall.

Planning and Zoning

- Stormwater MS4 is done and we have received confirmation that they have received the document.
- Tax Forfeit land: Sue Lawson's recommendation is that it should be back on the Tax Rolls.

- Upcoming planning commission: 1 conditional use permit for short term rental. The hearing will be in February if all documentation has been completed.
- John Schifsky and Sue met with Judy Gibbs from Duluth Park and Recreation regarding Congdon Trust Lands. A question that will need to be answered is who has zoning authority over the land it is City Land located within Township boundaries?
- Sue will talk to Clint Little about a possible star grant for working on Congdon Land issues and the North Shore.

Legal: No Legal this meeting.

Roads

- Johnson Road needed brushing: Wrights tree service cleared the brush.
- Mace Road pile of brush was dumped: Wrights tree service cleaned it up.

Community Center

- Joint Use Committee
 - Documents were provided from last night's meeting: "Preliminary Determinate – Use Matrix Responsibilities". All of the immediate problems are solved with the hockey rink and the pleasure rink enough to keep the program going we will keep track of the money spent in the interim. People don't understand that it is different from last year ABC now owns the building not the Township. Were there representatives from each ABC and NSCS? Why aren't there check marks in their categories on the matrix? Lengthy discussion on matrix document, use, maintenance and the recreation program.
 - Ice program will be maintained for the rest of the winter. An interim agreement (through March) was suggested to split the cost: Lights/Porta-Potty 50/50. Trash removal 50/50 split.
 - There are ramifications of the Joint Use Committee preliminary determination regarding ice rinks and the warming house. The Township cannot put a timer on the lights or the heat we don't own the building so we will need to work with ABC to accomplish those tasks.
 - The rental proposal has not yet been discussed by ABC.
 - Positive progress was made.
 - Important decisions were made for only one year.

Barb Crow made a motion that we send the counter proposal back to the joint Use committee for discussion Don Sitter seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Barb Crow made a motion that we allow Dave Miller to spend up to \$500.00 for emergency needs that occur in order to keep the recreation program running through March Don Sitter seconded.

Vote: Yes, Barb Crow, Dave Miller, Skipper, Don Sitter.

No Mary Anne Daniel

- Barb Crow will check into investing Community Center funds.

Town Hall

- Election Judge List 2014: Barb Crow made a motion to approve the election judges, Mary Anne Daniel seconded. Motion passed unanimously
- ADA Grant: Don Sitter has met with the contractor. Don will check on Grant status.
- Fuel/Heat: We ran out of fuel for a second time.

Materials Management

- Cold but people continue to recycle.

Cemetery

Communication

- Newsletter: things are going fine. February 23rd newsletter deadline

Personnel

- Clerk/Treasurer meeting rate. Barb Crow made a motion to increase the meeting rate to \$40.00 per meeting, Dave Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Correspondence

- Minnesota power: Great Northern Transmission Line
- WLSSD newsletter
- Minnesota LTAP newsletter
- Minnesota Dept. of Health newsletter
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – MS4

Old Business

- Barb Crow made a motion to appoint Dave Chura and Dave Miller to the Joint Use Committee for a one year 2014 calendar year Don Sitter seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

New Business

- Has the township ever held a rummage sale in the parking lot? No.
- Cindy Hale was interested in coordinating the Comm Edu program.

Motion to Adjourn: Don Sitter made a motion to adjourn Barb Crow seconded 10: 10 p.m.