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CASCADE TOWNSHIP OLMSTED COUNTY-MINNESOTA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2022

OPENING BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hegrenes at 6:00pm. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Supervisors Gary Sieck, Dean Hegrenes, Mike Black, Nicole Brueck, and Arlen Heathman, and Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist. Guests in attendance included Kay Bieniek, Caitlyn Brady and Skip Langor from Olmsted County, Kevin Graves of WHKS, Allie Lechner of Zumbro Ridge Estates, and Victoria Clark of Northcountry Financial.

Supervisor Hegrenes explained the purpose of the meeting to be discussion of the funding offered by Olmsted County to Zumbro Ridge Estates for decommissioning of their old septic system and their Orangeburg pipe project as it relates to connection to the City of Rochester sewer system through Cascade Township's Subordinate Service District.

Kevin Graves reviewed the process of the development of the SSD from the engineering perspective, explaining how the district was finally defined as the two mobile home parks. He explained the additional projects ZRE has contracted WHKS for work outside the scope of the SSD. He further reported on the status of the televised pipelines, explaining the red/yellow/green categories and possible phased approach.

There was discussion about how the offer of funding from Olmsted County came about, beginning with ARPA funding and moving instead to taxpayer levy funds.

Victoria Clark explained the history and mission of Northcountry Financial and their involvement with Zumbro Ridge Estates from their initial relationship with the founding of the ZRE cooperative to the present project. She communicated the possible services NCF may provide regarding the funding from the county.

Township Supervisors expressed concerns regarding the Olmsted County Agreement for the offered funding, including but not limited to the following:

- This project belongs to Zumbro Ridge Estates and will take place on private property, outside the jurisdiction of the township.
- Cascade Township did not request this funding.

- There is potential for additional time and expense for the project under the requirements of this agreement.
- Uncertainty of potential cost overruns is concerning.

Action items include the following:

- Kevin Graves and WHKS will complete the design and cost opinion work as contracted with ZRE.
- Olmsted County representatives will investigate securing the funding agreement with NCF rather than Cascade Township.
- Kevin Graves will provide to Kaye Bieniek the plans, specifications, and quote for the decommissioning for ZRE's old septic system in hopes to fund this project and complete it this year.

These items will be on the agenda for the next town board meeting (October 10), with each party represented at that meeting. Formal recommendations will be provided by Kevin Graves and WHKS by Friday, October 7.

It was moved by Supervisor Brueck and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

There were seven citizens registered in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

Chairman Dean Hegrenes

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