

## **CASCADE TOWNSHIP**

### **OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES**

**April 6, 2009**

Members present were: Chairman Lenny Laures, Supervisor Arlen Heathman, Supervisor Harold Atkinson and Clerk\Treasurer Joe Vroman.

Call to order at 6:00 pm at The Calvary Evangelical Free Church Meeting Room. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion by Supervisor Atkinson to nominate Lenny Laures as chairman of the Cascade Town Board for the year until the next Township annual meeting, seconded by Supervisor Heathman, motion approved.

Guest present: Deputy Val Coe, TCPA Zoning Administrator Gary Pedersen, Kevin and Heidi Binkley, Michael Brown.

#### **Sheriff Deputy's Report:**

At 6:30pm, Deputy Val Coe updated the Board on her patrol activities for the past month. There were 46 calls for service and a meth lab dump was found on West River Road NW in Cascade Township.

#### **Township Board Continuing Business**

- A motion by Atkinson to approve the minutes from the March 2nd meeting, seconded by Heathman, motion approved.
- A motion by Heathman to approve the minutes from the March 2nd Board of Audit meeting, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- A motion by Heathman to approve the minutes from the March 23 Special meeting, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- Supervisor Heathman made a motion to pay the April Joint Powers bill of \$361.25, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.  
The JPB bill was only \$361.25 because of the credit to both Townships from the interest income for the checking account since 2006, mowing and grading income from other Townships and metal recycling. This miscellaneous income will now be credited monthly to both Townships.
- A motion to pay the remaining bills was made by Heathman, seconded by Atkinson, all voted in favor to pay the total bills of \$13,679.88, motion approved
- Treasurer Vroman gave the financial report at the meeting. The checkbook balance at the end of the March 2, 2009 meeting was \$280,942.21. Then added to that total were the deposits in March, checking interest of \$172.25, Olmsted County 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Aggregate tax \$852.81 for a total income in March 2009 of \$1,025.06. Checks written at this meeting totaled \$13,679.88 for an ending checking balance on April 6, 2009 of \$268,287.39. Motion to approve the treasurers report was made by Atkinson, seconded by Heathman, motion passed.

## **Township Board New Business**

At 7:00PM, Supervisor Heathman made a motion to recess the Town Board meeting and open the Board of Adjustment meeting. This was seconded by Supervisor Atkinson, motion passed.

A variance request to allow a garage to be constructed within a side yard setback was received from Kevin Binkley of 5120 West River Road NW, Rochester MN 55901. He is requesting a variance to construct a garage five feet from the side yard property line. Gary Pedersen from TCPA gave the staff report. Discussion followed. The Board said that the house is existing which poses a hardship situation in this instance. Allowing the variance will allow for a better situation than before when the old garage was directly on the lot line with the neighbor. A motion by Laures to approve the variance as presented with recommendations from TCPA. This was seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

At 7:20PM, Supervisor Heathman made a motion to close the Board of Adjustment and reopen the regular Board meeting. This was seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

The road review of Cascade Town Roads was discussed and set for Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. The Board is to meet at the Town garage at 1:00PM.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Town noise ordinance from 1982 and determined that everything was in order. The Clerk was instructed to put this ordinance on the website.

The Board discussed the Parking Ordinance and Chairman Laures will review this with Rochester Township and Haverhill Township for their adoption also.

Supervisor Atkinson made a motion to pursue layout option B of concept plan for Cascade Town Hall and Community building and get a cost estimate. This was seconded by Chairman Laures, motion approved.

## **Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM**

Motion by Heathman, Seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

Submitted: Joseph Vroman, Clerk