

CASCADE TOWNSHIP

OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Call to order at 6:00 pm at the new Cascade Town Hall Meeting Room. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Attendees present: Deputy Val Coe, Mike Brown, Dan Kruger, Don Ottman, Tom Bordwell, Ann Hinz, Gary Miller, Wayne & Arlene Laursen, Eric Tourdot, and Bill Angerman.

Township Board Continuing Business.

- A motion by Chairman Laures to dispense with reading of the minutes from the January 9th meeting and approve as presented, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- Supervisor Heathman made a motion to pay the January Joint Powers bill of \$20,786.19, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- A motion by Laures to pay the remaining Cascade bills, seconded by Atkinson, all voted in favor to pay the total bills of \$29,038.46, motion approved.

Treasurer Vroman gave the financial report at the meeting:

The checkbook balance at the end of the January 9th, 2012 meeting was \$338,534.26

Added to that total was the deposit in January, checking interest of \$29.91, Olmsted County final tax pmt \$5,948.39,

Bank checking statement on January 31, 2012 was \$344,512.56

Checks written at this meeting totaled \$29,038.46

Income at this meeting (since Jan 31st) \$4.00 (filing fees)

Ending checkbook balance on February 6th, 2012 was \$315,478.10

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Heathman, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

Sheriff Deputy's Report:

Deputy Val Coe updated the Board on her patrol activities. There were 31 calls for service since last Township meeting.

Township Board New Business

At 6:00 PM, Tom Bordwell, Director of Government Relations for Charter Communications met with the Board to discuss the franchise renewal with the Township. Discussion followed with Mr. Bordwell and stated that he will return in the fall for further discussion as the renewal date gets closer.

At 6:40PM, Ann Hinz of 6480 60th Avenue NW came before the Board to discuss lot line shift of approximately 1 acre from the Ziemann property to the East of her and add to her East property line before formal paperwork was submitted. She asked the Board if they foresaw any problem with this request as presented, and the Board responded that they did not see a problem at this time.

At 6:45 PM, Dan Kruger and Don Ottman from Pleasant Prairie Cemetery Association came before the Board and presented a 3 year financial status of Pleasant Prairie Cemetery for the Board review of the Cemetery's request for funding from the Township to help with the everyday operation of the cemetery. There was discussion on the subject and the Board invited Mr. Kruger to come back to the annual meeting on March 13th to present the cemetery financial summary to the citizens of the Township in their request for financial support. Mr. Kruger said that he will do that.

At 7:10 PM, Bill Angerman and Eric Tourdot from WHKS & Company, Wayne & Arlene Laursen from Hallmark Terrace, Gary Miller from Zumbro Ridge Estates Mobil Home Parks came to the meeting seeking approval for the Adoption of Facilities Plan on Hallmark Terrace and Zumbro Ridge Estates Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvements. A public hearing was advertised inviting the general public for this meeting.

At 7:20 PM, a motion by Laures to open the public hearing on the above request, seconded by Heathman, motion approved. Bill Angerman from WHKS spoke on what was statutory required to present and presented the Agenda for the Facilities Plan Public Hearing as follows:

- Introduction and Background
- Project Need
- The Various Treatment Alternatives Considered
- Selected Alternative – Lift Station to Connect to Rochester
- Financing
- Public Comments
- Requested Action of Township

Chairman Laures asked the meeting attendees if anyone wished to speak in favor or against the Facilities Plan. This statement was repeated three times. No one came forward.

Chairman Laures then asked for a motion to close the public hearing. A motion by Laures to close the public hearing, seconded by Heathman, motion approved.

Discussion continued by the Board and WHKS attendees about the Plan. The Board felt uncomfortable in signing the Plan on how it involves Cascade Township in owning the lift station. The Board stated that it wished to have the Township Attorney Peter Tiede review the Plan, the Resolution for Adoption and the Citizen Participation Plan prior to the Board's approval. The Board will draft questions for Mr. Tiede and send them to Clerk Vroman to forward to Mr. Tiede. Upon receiving a response back from Mr. Tiede, the Clerk will contact WHKS and set up a follow-up meeting.

The TCPA fee schedule for permitting projects in Cascade Township was reviewed and discussed by the Board. A motion by Laures to adopt the January 2012 fee schedule as presented, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

A motion by Atkinson to approve the new three year auditor contract with Smith-Schafer, seconded by Heathman, motion approved.

A motion to approve the land acquisition payment of \$42,500 by MnDOT for the loss of 0.56 acre for the redesign of Highway 63 North and 75th Street NE and allowing the documents to be signed later was made by Heathman, seconded by Atkinson, motion approve.

Motion by Atkinson to adjourn this meeting at 9:20PM, seconded by Heathman, motion approved.

Submitted: Joseph Vroman, Clerk