

CASCADE TOWNSHIP

OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 5, 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, Mary & Bill Truskowski, Elizabeth & William Morice, Will Morice III, Bill Tointon, Larry Klemenhagen, Kevin Binkley, Brenda DeCook.

Township Board Continuing Business.

- A motion by Supervisor Heathman to dispense with reading of the minutes from the February 4th meeting and approve as presented, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- A motion by Supervisor Heathman to dispense with reading of the minutes from the February 6th meeting and approve as presented, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- Chairman Laures made a motion to pay the February Joint Powers bill of \$24,664.88, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- A motion by Supervisor Heathman to pay the remaining Cascade bills, seconded by Atkinson, all voted in favor to pay the total bills of \$29,960.94, motion approved.

Treasurer Vroman gave the financial report at the meeting:

The checkbook balance at the end of the February 6th, 2012 meeting was \$315,474.10
Added to that total were the deposits in February, checking interest of \$27.58, Olmsted County gas tax pmt \$27,780.79, 2 filing fees 4.00, WHKS for legal ad 59.76, Olmsted County payment in lieu of taxes \$19.50 for a total deposit of \$27,891.63.

Bank checking statement on February 29, 2012 was \$343,365.73

Checks written at this meeting totaled \$29,960.94

Income at this meeting, none

Ending checkbook balance on March 5th, 2012 was \$313,404.79

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

Sheriff Deputy's Report:

Deputy Val Coe updated the Board on her patrol activities. There were 20 calls for service since last Township meeting.

Township Board New Business

At 6:30 PM, Gary Pedersen, Cascade Township Zoning Administrator, presented a General Development Plan and Zone Change request from A-3 (Agricultural) to R-1 (Low Density Residential) for a new subdivision called River Highlands.

Mr. Pedersen presented the GDP conclusion points that staff identified, and recommends approval of the GDP with the following recommended conditions:

1. Address out lots and open space – recommend that the open space in out lots A and B be increased to at least two acres.
2. Storm water ponds have agreements to make sure they are maintained properly on the private lots

Bill Tointon from McGhie & Betts spoke on the layout of the suburban subdivision, the septic locations and the street access to West River Road.

Mr. Morice spoke at this meeting as well as Mr. Truskowski on the closeness of the new street to his property line.

Discussion by the Board followed on the issues and recommendations. A motion by Heathman to approve the GDP as presented, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

Gary Pedersen, Cascade Township Zoning Administrator, presented a Zone Change request from A-3 (Agricultural) to R-1 (Low Density Residential) for a new subdivision called River Highlands. Discussion by the Board followed.

A motion by Heathman to approve the zone change request as presented for the Dr. Merry property (River Highlands) and the Don Vehrenkamp parcel from A-3 (Agricultural) to R-1 (Low Density Residential). This was seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

At 7:40PM, Larry Klemenhagen from Olmsted County Administrative Services for election redistricting came before the Board to present adopting one of several proposals for new election precincts based on the 2010 census. After some discussion, a motion by Heathman to chose Plan #1 with 4 precincts, one of which would be the Byron School District only. This was seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

At 8:00 PM, Kevin Binkley of 5006 West River Road NW came before the Board for discussion on his zoning (A-4) if that would allow him to replace a building with a new building that doesn't comply per building code. No resolution to the request.

At 8:25 PM, Brenda DeCook, president of the Quilters Society Guild, came before the Board to inquire about renting the town hall building for the Quilters meeting monthly. Discussion by all followed as to the number of people attending each meeting and on what day of the week. Their meeting night and the Board meeting are the same night and the Board stated they will try that for a period of time to see if there is any conflict with schedules. The Board approved the request and the rental fee would be \$150 per month. Mrs. DeCook said that should not be a problem.

On old business, there was discussion by Board members on the 65th Street NW from the 34th Avenue intersection west to 50th Avenue NW for the Township share of expenses to repair the road. The Board was in agreement with the breakdown from the City of Rochester Public Works Dept. This will be paid for over the next 4 years.

Motion by Atkinson to approve a resolution prepared by Dale Prestegard of Olmsted County Public Works, for the State of Minnesota acquiring right of way from Cascade Township for an expansion of County State Aid Highway 14.

This was seconded by Heathman, motion passed.

A motion by Laures to approve the annexation of 2.68 acres of land already owned by the City of Rochester Public Utilities and located directly west of the Rochester Lapidary Jewelers property.

This was seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

Motion by Heathman to adjourn this meeting at 9:50PM, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

Submitted: Joseph Vroman, Clerk