

CASCADE TOWNSHIP

OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2012

Call to order at 6:00 pm at the 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 Clerk/Treasurer Michael Brown, Deputy Val Coe., Jim and Sandra Hoss, Scott & Judy Hvamstad, Don Kendall, Jared & Kathrina Menzel, Bethany Bocker, Daniele Buettner, Johanna Christner, Steven Wilson, Nels Pierson III, Nicole Pierson, John Archbold, Roger Ihrke, Joe Adamson, Tony Knaver, Joe Bockhold, Dan Frissora, April & Gary Dahl, Bryan Schoeppner, Tammy Hart, Bill Tointon

Township Board Continuing Business.

- A motion by Supervisor Heathman to approve the minutes from the October 1st Town Board meeting as distributed, with the following modifications, seconded by Laures, all voted in favor, motion approved.
 - The West boundary of the RSD is the Salley Hill Development and not the Zumbro River.
 - Supervisor Atkinson requested that the value of outstanding checks in the financial report be changed from \$0.00 to NONE.
- A motion by Supervisor Heathman to pay the October Joint Powers bill of \$15,672.73, seconded by Atkinson, all voted in favor, motion approved.
- A motion by Supervisor Atkinson to pay the remaining Cascade bills, seconded by Heathman, all voted in favor to pay the total bills of \$40,223.70, motion approved.
- Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Brown reviewed the treasurer's report

The checkbook balance at the end of the October 1st, 2012 meeting was \$304,217.94
Added to that total were two deposits in October

1. checking interest of \$185.56
2. MN MV Credit – AG of \$489.80

Premier Bank checking statement on October 31, 2012 was \$304,893.30

Checks written at this meeting totaled \$40,223.70

Ending checkbook balance on November 5, 2012 was \$264,669.60

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Laures, seconded by Atkinson, all voted in favor, motion approved.

Sheriff Deputy's Report:

Deputy Val Coe updated the Board on her patrol activities. There were 38 calls for service since the last Township meeting.

Township Board New Business

Metes & Bounds request by John Archbold

Roger Ihrke of TCPA presented a review of the Metes & Bounds request. John Archbold is purchasing a small parcel (unplatted, zoned A3) from Wilmar Investments LLC. The parcel is inaccessible from the remainder of the Wilmar property and can only be accessed from the Archbold property (platted, zoned R1). The property to be sold will be used as green space for the Archbold property.

TCPA has no issues with the Metes & Bounds request.

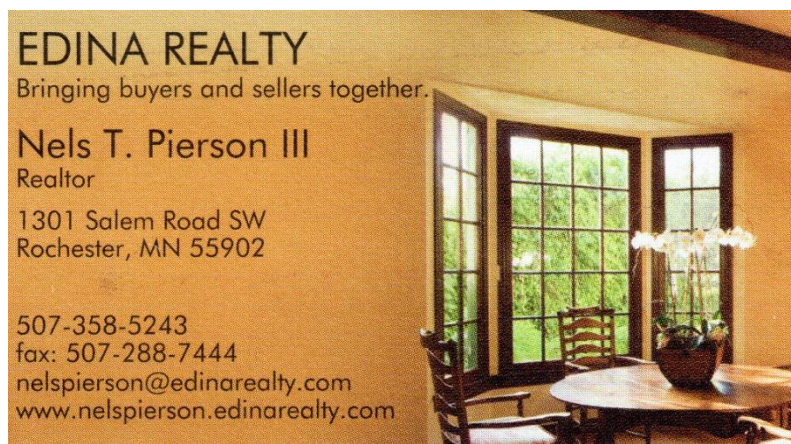
Supervisor Heathman moved to approve the request. Seconded by Atkinson. All voted in favor. Motion approved.

St. Mary's Barns

Nels Pierson III presented an overview of the property he owns and his plan for the old St. Mary's Barns on that property. Mr. Pierson showed the dilapidated state of the barns and expressed his desire to rehabilitate these structures into a facility that could be rented to various organizations. The property is currently zoned R1 and is bordered by RA zoned properties. Mr. Pierson suggested that an RSD for this area could allow the mixing of commercial and residential uses.

A discussion between the board, the assembled audience and Mr. Pierson highlighted several areas of concern that would need to be addressed. Additionally, the process for formally requesting zoning and/or conditional use permits was explained.

Mr. Pierson stated his desire to be available to answer any questions and requested that his contact information be added to the minutes. His business card is shown below.



RSD Discussion

Chairman Laures gave an overview of the township plans to create an RSD (Rural Service District) along 75th street. This will allow for the controlled mixing of residential and light commercial uses.

Roger Ihrke of TCPA explained the process for creating and applying for an RSD.

1. The township must designate the area for the RSD. Per township board action at the October 1, 2012 meeting this area has been defined.
2. Property owners wishing to use the RSD designation must apply for the zoning designation through TCPA. This requires review by the township Planning Commission and approval by the township Board.
3. After approval of the RSD zoning application, the applicant must apply for a Conditional or Interim use permit for the specific requested use of the property. This requires review and approval by the township Planning Commission.

Bryan Schoepner will be submitting his application for the RSD zoning designation so that it may be heard at the November Planning Commission meeting. This will include a public hearing.

Discussion

Chairman Laures will be attending the MATS annual conference.

CAPX contacted the township regarding the route of the new powerline and stated their need to create temporary drive accesses. Clerk Vroman will respond with the appropriate forms required for CAPX to request the temporary drive permits.

Joe Adamson of Rushford Hypersonic (www.rushhypersonic.com 507-864-4774) offered to coat a set of township cutting edges at no cost in order to test/demonstrate the abilities of the coating. Chairman Laures will follow-up on this offer.

Chairman Laures requested the township website to be updated with a reminder that any work in the road right-of-way requires a permit and township approval. Chairman Laures also requested that the annual meeting notice include a note directing township residents to the website for information on key items of importance.

The Deputy Clerk will pursue getting a mailbox installed at the town hall.

Motion by Supervisor Atkinson to adjourn this meeting at 7:50PM, seconded by Heathman, all voted in favor, motion approved.

Submitted: Michael Brown, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer