

CASCADE TOWNSHIP

OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES

December 2, 2013

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

Members present were: Chairman Laures, Supervisor Arlen Heathman, Supervisor Harold Atkinson, and Clerk\Treasurer Michael Brown

Attendees present: Sheriff's Deputy Chad Miller, Jim and Sandy Hoss, Brenda DeCook, Jeff Olsgrad (Veit Transfer), Curt Hoffman (Veit Transfer), Steve Murphy (Tonna), Patrick Murphy (Tonna), Char Brown, Teresa Walters, Jim, Judy, Greg, Lana, Deb, and Bob Larsen, Robin Schoeppner, Don and Ardith Ottman, Lad Roering, Mark and Carrie Ostman.

Chairman Laures called for additional agenda items. Item 16 pertaining to the salt storage agreement was added. Item 13 was moved up in the order to facilitate the majority of attendees.

Township Board Continuing Business.

- A motion by Supervisor Heathman to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2013 town board meeting as published and distributed. Second by Supervisor Atkinson.
AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Laures
NAY: None
Motion Approved
- A motion by Supervisor Heathman to approve and pay the December Joint Powers bill (claim # 1521) of \$26,403.64. Second by Supervisor Atkinson.
AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Laures
NAY: None
Motion Approved
- A motion by Supervisor Atkinson to approve and pay the remaining Cascade bills (claim #s 1500 – 1520) of \$88880.31. Second by Supervisor Heathman.
AYE: Heathman Atkinson, Laures
NAY: None
Motion Approved
- Clerk/Treasurer Brown reviewed the financial reports.

Total receipts in November 2013 were:

1. Checking interest of \$147.87
2. Market Value Ag credit from MMB of \$498.95

The Premier Bank account balance as of November 30, 2013 was \$193,899.81

The CTAS balance as of the start of this meeting is \$193,899.81

The total outstanding checks are:

1. Checks written at this meeting - \$117,952.40

Ending CTAS balance on December 2, 2013 is \$75,947.41

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Supervisor Heathman. Second by Supervisor Atkinson.

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Laures

NAY: None

Motion Approved

- Sheriff Deputy's Report:
69 total calls for service for the past month. This includes 11 calls due to enhanced enforcement programs and 7 deer calls.
- Mail & Meetings Review
 - Supervisor Laures attended the MATS annual conference

Township Board New Business

10. Veit Transfer

Mr. Curt Hoffman was introduced as the new Environmental Regulatory Affairs contact for Veit. Supervisor Laures addressed with the Veit representatives the concern of flat tires at the adjacent motor coach company due to nails on the roadway. Mr. Olsstad stated they were aware of the concern and were now running their magnet over the road each day. Veit is also working directly with the motor coach company regarding the flat tire issue.

13. Orderly Annexation Agreement

Supervisor Laures provided an overview of the origin and reason for the draft orderly annexation agreement from the city. Supervisor Heathman noted his concerns with the proposed agreement and the urban expansion process. The affected property owners present noted their concerns over the annexation and assessment fees and the timing for annexation. After discussion with the affected property owners and the developer for whom the annexation agreement is required, the town board agreed to prepare a counter proposal to the city with terms and timelines more favorable to the residents. It is expected this draft will be reviewed at the January board meeting before submission to the city of Rochester.

11,12. Salley Hill Development

The board discussed with Ms. DeCook the concerns noted from neighbors regarding traffic and possible gunfire in the portions of the development adjacent to the Zumbro Ridge development. Ms. DeCook reiterated that no gun hunting is allowed in the development and stressed that Law Enforcement should be called for these concerns. Ms. DeCook provided an update on activities. The bridge approach on both sides is near completion. No paving has been done and utilities are not there yet. The board discussed the opinion of the township engineer that the developer's letter of credit (LOC) could be reduced to \$125,000.00.

Motion to reduce the Salley Hill Development LOC to \$125,000.00 made by Supervisor Laures. Second by Supervisor Atkinson.

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Laures

NAY: None

Motion Approved

The clerk will draft a resolution for adoption at the January board meeting documenting the LOC reduction.

14. Church Rental Request

Supervisor Laures and Clerk Brown provided a review of their meeting with the Geneva Christian Assembly regarding their request to rent, long term, the town hall for Sunday services. The supervisors discussed the purpose of the town hall and the desire to preserve availability for residents.

Supervisor Atkinson moved to deny the request for long term rental. Second by Supervisor Heathman.

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Laures

NAY: None

Motion Approved

The Clerk will notify the church of the denial.

15. Election Assistance Grant

The option to apply for a grant to assist with facility improvements for election accessibility was discussed by the supervisors. Due to the limited funds available, the short response time, and the project priorities of the grant program it was decided not to apply at this time.

16. Joint Powers and Olmsted County Salt Agreement

Supervisor Laures reviewed with the board the proposed agreement between the Joint Powers and Olmsted County that would allow Olmsted County to store a limited amount of salt mix at the Cascade facility and use the Joint Powers loader at Cascade to fill the county trucks. This would be on an exception basis to provide better response to the North and Northwest portions of the county. The agreement is a hold harmless agreement.

Supervisor Atkinson moved to authorize the chair and clerk to sign the agreement. Second by Supervisor Laures.

AYE: Atkinson, Laures

NAY: Heathman

Motion Approved

Discussion

Menards

The board reviewed the letter from the township engineer stating the Menards final grading plan approved by the city of Rochester failed to address the concerns of the township. Additionally, the city, contrary to the direction of the city council, failed to engage the township during the review and approval process. The board directed the clerk to arrange a meeting between the board and the city staff to understand the process they followed and why the township, as an adjacent affected municipality, was not included in the review.

2014 Meetings

As Labor Day falls on the first Monday of September and no business may be conducted, the board elected to move the September board meeting to the second Monday of September.

2014 Annual Meeting Absentee Ballot location

Supervisor Laures moved to designate the Town Hall as the location for absentee balloting for the 2014 annual meeting/election. Second by Supervisor Atkinson.

AYE: Atkinson, Laures, Heathman

NAY: None

Motion Approved

Motion by Supervisor Atkinson to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Heathman.

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Laures

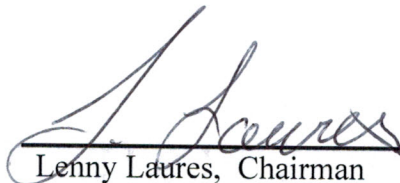
NAY: None

Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Submitted: Michael Brown, Clerk/Treasurer



Michael Brown, Clerk/Treasurer



Lenny Laures, Chairman

