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**CASCADE TOWNSHIP
OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA
BOARD MINUTES**

November 2nd, 2015

OPENING BUSINESS

Called to Order at 6:01 pm at the Cascade Town Hall. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Chairman Arlen Heathman, Supervisor Dan Frissora, Supervisor Jimmy Hoss, Supervisor Lenny Laures, Supervisor Gary Sieck and Clerk/Treasurer Steve Wilson

The minutes from the October 5th, 2015 meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Supervisor Hoss to approve the minutes as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve the claims of \$99,871.96 and payroll of \$9,310.75 as presented. Supervisors Sieck, Heathman, Frissora and Hoss voted in favor and Supervisor Laures abstained. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Laures and seconded by Supervisor Hoss to approve the claims of \$167,013.05 and payroll of \$5,329.54 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township cash control statement and bank statement. It was moved by Supervisor Frissora and seconded by Supervisor Hoss to approve the cash control statement with an ending month balance of \$342,810.34 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the monthly email and mail. Clerk/Treasurer Wilson discussed a certified letter from Olmsted County Planning regarding the legal description of the Pleasant Prairie Cemetery.

The Board provided reports to the other Board members and to the citizens regarding meetings attended over the last month. Supervisor Frissora reported on a legal seminar and a Joint Powers work group. Supervisor Laures reported on a pre-construction meeting for the 55th Street extension along with ROCOG and TCPA.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Heathman read a statement from attorney Ken Bayliss regarding the status of the Lawsuit from Wilmar Investments LLC:

“As we noted at last month’s meeting, the Township has timely answered the Complaint and a judge has been assigned to the case. The court has not yet approved the schedule for the lawsuit, but it appears that the trial in this case will not occur until sometime in late 2016. We will know more about how fast the case will progress at next month’s meeting because it is anticipated that the court will issue a scheduling order before then. We expect to be able to report more at next month’s meeting.”

Supervisor Heathman gave a report on a Cease and Desist Letter sent on October 19th 2015 by the Township attorney Tiede/Grabarski. Wilmar Investments LLC and Mathy Construction have responded to the letter and have generally indicated they will abide by the request during the pending legal action between Wilmar Investments LLC and Cascade Township.

Douglas and Janet Cederholm presented a potential variance request for a 6000 square foot outbuilding. The Board provided variance procedural information and also encouraged them to consider the local HOA covenants.

The Board formed a sub-committee to guide the direction and terms of the Clerk/Treasurer and the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer positions. The sub-committee consists of Supervisor Sieck, Supervisor Laures and Nicole Brueck. Clerk/Treasurer Wilson has appointed Gary Swenson to be Deputy Clerk/Treasurer for Cascade Township.

Supervisor Frissora provided three considerations to the board that came from the legal seminar.

Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Laures seconded to authorize a 31.11 road mileage certification of Cascade Township to Olmsted County.

The Board reviewed an animal complaint. Chairman Heathman and Clerk/Treasurer Wilson will craft a letter to the owner of the dog.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supervisor Sieck gave an update regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission. He announced Commissioner Dean Hegrenes as Planning and Zoning Chair, John Friederichs as Vice Chair and Cheryl Adolphson as Scribe.

The Board agreed with continuing a seven member Board of Adjustment to handle variances, variance hearings and any other Adjustment activity. The seven members will consist of the Supervisors, Clerk, and Planning and Zoning Chair.

The Board gave permission to Planning and Zoning to appoint Commissioners to seats.

The Board discussed the connecting road between River Highlands and Majestic Meadows. Three bids were considered to construct the road less the blacktop. Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to award the bid to Bob Braaten Construction for \$36,780 and to be completed by October 1st 2016. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Input from the Johnsons will need to be considered.

The Town Hall will provide space for eleven events in November.

Bob Lee asked about a long term plan for the area around the 55th street extension.

It was moved by Supervisor Frissora and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

There were 15 citizens who registered their attendance at the meeting.

Steve Wilson
Clerk/Treasurer
Cascade Township

