

## **CASCADE TOWNSHIP**

### **OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 4, 2010**

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

Call to order at 6:00 pm at The Calvary Evangelical Free Church Meeting Room. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees present: Deputy Val Coe, 5 guests and 7 township residents present.

#### **Sheriff Deputy's Report:**

Deputy Val Coe updated the Board on her patrol activities. She noted that she needed to break up 7 cars of young people partying on Chippewa Drive.

#### **Township Board Continuing Business.**

- A motion by Heathman to approve the minutes from the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- Supervisor Heathman made a motion to pay the September Joint Powers bill of \$17,398.81, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- A motion to pay the remaining Cascade bills was made by Atkinson, seconded by Laures, all voted in favor to pay the total bills of \$124,074.08, motion approved.
- Treasurer Vroman gave the financial report at the meeting. The checkbook balance at the end of the September 7, 2010 meeting was \$411,090.80. Added to that total were the deposit in September, checking interest of \$69.35, Checks written at this meeting totaled \$124,074.08 for an ending checking balance on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 of \$287,086.07. Motion to approve the treasurers report was made by Heathman, seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

#### **Township Board New Business**

At 7:05PM, Jacob Rezac, Project Manager with MNDOT, presented an overview of the proposed Highway 63 and 75 Street NE intersection redesign to improve safety. The present design is not a true right angle intersection and in the past 5 years there have been 31 crashed there. The average for the State is 1 per year for intersections of this design. He is proposing a public meeting on Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM to inform the public of the proposed intersection redesign by squaring up the intersection with right turn lanes or squaring up the intersection and installing a roundabout to improve safety. He had earlier asked the Board for permission to use the Cascade maintenance building for this public meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>, which was OK with the Board.

At 7:40pm, Charles & Anita Malloy and John & Susan Gebhart came before the Board requesting a metes and bounds lot line shift approval to transfer about an acre of land in the south east corner of the Malloy's property to the Gebhart's. Roger Ihrke from TCPA gave the opening remarks and stated that staff would support the request if Mr. Malloy provided proof that the parcel will have a secondary septic field site. After some discussion, a motion by Heathman to approve the request as presented to include staff remarks on the septic site, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

At 7:50pm, Roger Ihrke from TCPA presented opening remarks on the request from the Salley Hill Development for final plat approval. After some discussion, a motion by Heathman to approve the final plat contingent upon a controlled access is added to the final plat from the stop sign at highway 63 westward to Loken driveway access as shown on the preliminary plat and approval by the Olmsted County Board. This was seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

At 8:20pm, Steve Buehler of 2424 75 Street NW came before the Board to inquire what zoning might be needed to again run a group home for people with disabilities. After some discussion with the Board and Mr. Ihrke from TCPA, it was suggested he start the process with Olmsted County Planning and Zoning because his proposal would need a zone change approval from the County.

At 8:40pm, Daniel Pyefferoen and Laura Starr came before the Board requesting to subdivide about two acres from a parcel that is about forty acres in size to create a non-farm dwelling site. TCPA administrator Roger Ihrke recommended approval on condition that a licensed soils person verifies that the subdivision includes at least one acre of the non-prime soils. A licensed soils person also must locate a primary and secondary septic site for the non-farm parcel in order to make sure it qualifies as a buildable site for a dwelling. Both parcels must each have existing or approved accesses prior to approval of the subdivision and a certificate of survey is required and must meet district regulations. After some discussion, a motion by Heathman to approve contingent upon staff report above and soils test CER less than 60. This was seconded by Laures, motion passed.

A motion by Heathman to approve financing for the new Town Hall from the Minnesota Rural Water Association, Micro-Loan Program, seconded by Laures, motion passed.

The Clerk was instructed to rebid the New Town Hall with updated documents from the architect and advertise twice in the Post-Bulletin. Bid opening is scheduled for next Town meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM  
Submitted: Joseph Vroman, Clerk