

CASCADE TOWNSHIP

OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Guests: Mike Brown, Planning Commission member

The meeting was opened at 9:35 A.M. on a motion by Laures, seconded by Heathman.

The Board discussed the USDA Loan information to date and the possibility of selling bonds to finance the construction of the Town Hall. Lenny brought up the issue of not having the necessary 21 day advertising time limit on the bid process, but was unsure if that would disqualify us from obtaining the loan. The bond process is still a possibility but the process is much more expensive to complete. Preliminary information from the advisors of the USDA Loan process tell us that the Median Household Income (MHI) for our township is much higher than it is in other areas where this type of loan was obtained, which is not in our favor.

The electorate has allowed us up to \$240,000 to spend to build the Town Hall/Community Center. If we spend more than that, it was decided that the Town has enough in reserve to cover any expenses or overage beyond this number.

A motion was made by Corky Atkinson to reject all construction bids at this time and rebid the project at a to-be-determined future date. The bid documents will be amended to include a bond from the contractor that we didn't have in the original bid documents. Also, a contractor qualification that he have a to-be-determined number of years of experience in construction of an insulated wall panel type building. The motion was seconded by Laures, all voted in favor.

The architect, Chris Peterson, will be contacted to make sure all the architectural issues would be taken care of if we decide to go ahead and continue with the USDA Loan process. This is based on the architectural requirements that we obtained from the USDA paperwork.

It was decided that Lenny could go ahead and sign the paperwork agreement needed for Farmington Township to proceed with updating their special use permits, if necessary. This was based on the email information from Joe that lays out the ordinance as the Farmington Township attorney has written.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am on a motion by Lenny, seconded by Corky, all in favor.

Submitted: Joseph Vroman, Clerk