

CASCADE TOWNSHIP

OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2011

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, Adam DeCook, Brenda DeCook, Steve Buehler, Dana Sigrist, Betsey Cradic, and Mike Brown.

Sheriff Deputy's Report:

Deputy Val Coe updated the Board on her patrol activities. She noted that there was a dog problem on Kristin Drive involving a dog bite. There were 44 calls for service.

Township Board Continuing Business.

- A motion by Laures to approve the minutes from the December 6th meeting, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- Supervisor Atkinson made a motion to pay the December Joint Powers bill of \$35,621.73, seconded by Heathman, motion approved.
- A motion to pay the remaining Cascade bills was made by Laures, seconded by Heathman, all voted in favor to pay the total bills of \$41,020.01, motion approved.
- Treasurer Vroman gave the financial report at the meeting. The checkbook balance at the end of the December 6th, 2010 meeting was \$94,441.87. Added to that total were the deposits in December, checking interest of \$109.06, 2nd half Olmsted County tax payment of \$298,974.95, and Zumbrota Bank check \$200,000.00 for loan payment, and State of Minnesota Homestead Credit of \$2,197.46.
Checks written at this meeting totaled \$41,020.01 plus one outstanding check from December of \$280.00 for an ending checking balance on January 10, 2011 of \$596,003.34. Motion to approve the treasurers report was made by Heathman, seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

Township Board New Business

At 7:00PM, Adam DeCook from Salley Hill Development came before the Board to discuss the winter maintenance policy for Township roads. The Board stated when the development is 50% built with homes and the roadway has been blacktopped, and the Township has accepted the road, then the Township will take over the maintenance of the road. Prior to that, it is the developer's responsibility for road maintenance.

There was a discussion about the letter of credit from AG-Star, and Adam DeCook is requesting to reduce the credit amount being some of the new road work had been completed. Upon verification from the Township's engineer that the work that has been done is satisfactory and provides a dollar amount that can be reduced, then the Board will discuss the dollar amount that can be reduced.

At 7:30PM, the Board discussed an amendment to add language to their ordinance in the A-4, Agricultural Urban Expansion District that will address Licensed Residential and Non-Residential Facilities and how they may be allowed as required under MN State Statute(s). Discussion followed with Steve Buehler who purchased the property on 75th Street NW where the “elder-care” facility existed in the past.

A motion by Heathman to have the Township initiate the text amendment and have the Cascade Township Planning Commission consider the language at the next Commission meeting on January 19th, 2011. This was seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

At 7:50PM, the Board discussed establishing an Absentee Ballot Board that is comprised of two Town Board members NOT running for current election. After some discussion, a motion by Laures to establish this board, seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 8:40PM on a motion by Laures, and will reconvene on Tuesday January 11th at 1:00PM at the Cascade Maintenance Shop to meet with the general contractor to review and select colors for shingles and siding and trim for the new meeting hall. This was seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

January 11th, 2011

The Cascade Town Board reconvened the meeting at 1:00PM from January 10th to meet with the general contractor. All Board members were present and one Township resident. The colors chosen are; Siding – Clay color, Trim – White, Entrance gable – Barn Red. The shingle color will be Burnt Sienna. The stone front décor will be chosen later.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45PM on a motion by Heathman, seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

Submitted: Joseph Vroman, Clerk