

## **CASCADE TOWNSHIP**

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

**JUNE 6, 2011**

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

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

Attendees present: Deputy Val Coe, Mike Brown and Mike Nigbur from City of Rochester Administration.

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

- A motion by Heathman to approve the minutes from the May 2nd meeting with additions noted, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- Supervisor Heathman made a motion to pay the May Joint Powers bill of \$13,956.27, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- A motion by Heathman to pay the remaining Cascade bills, seconded by Atkinson, all voted in favor to pay the total bills of \$63,502.34. Motion approved.
- Treasurer Vroman gave the financial report at the meeting. The checkbook balance at the end of the May 2nd, 2011 meeting was \$343,467.36. Added to that total were the deposits in May, checking interest of \$30.13, for a grand total of \$343,497.89. Checks written at this meeting totaled \$63,502.34 for an ending checking balance at the close of the meeting on June 6th, 2011 of \$279,995.55. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Atkinson, seconded by Heathman. Motion passed.

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

Deputy Val Coe updated the Board on her patrol activities. There were 36 calls for service. She also updated the Board on a loud party and that various vehicles were rummaged through.

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

At 6:50PM, Jason Boynton, principal accountant with Smith Schafer and Associates, Certified Public Accountants presented the 2010 Cascade Township audit to the Board. All items were found to be in order and no deficiencies were found in the audit.

At 7:10PM, Mike Nigbur from the City of Rochester Public Works Department came before the Board for continued discussion on the 65<sup>th</sup> Street NW road improvement from Highway 52 Bridge westward to 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Discussed at this meeting was a proposed agreement the City of Rochester prepared for Roadway Improvements on 65<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

A question on the dates stated in Township Obligations number 3, page 2 of 5, changing the February to July and possibly having more years to pay the Township share to the City. Also, the proportional share percentage split was discussed, maybe changing it to 50/50 percent cost split. Township resident Mike Brown spoke against the 65<sup>th</sup> Street road project. His reason was that with only 5 township residents on that part of the road, the investment could be better spent elsewhere. His was the only input from any township voter. The Board stated that they would like to delay a decision on this subject until Chairman Laures returns later this week.

Mike Nigbur also presented a request to annex two parcels to the City of Rochester. One was the North Park water tower site just south of 65<sup>th</sup> Street NW. The other was the Storm Water Pond and Right of Way at the corner of 41<sup>st</sup> Street and West Circle Drive NW. After some discussion, a motion by Heathman to approve both annexations as per the joint resolution provided and give authority to Chairman Laures to sign the document when he returns later this week, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

Several discussion items were reviewed.

On the request from the TCPA Board meeting, a concept request was brought forward to help address the financial situation long term. This item was discussed and Cascade Township voted to support the concept.

On the Olmsted County Sign Program, a motion by Heathman to approve joining with other Townships in having the County hire a road sign contractor to inventory all road signs for replacement or removal. This was seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

Motion by Heathman to recess this meeting at 8:20PM and reconvene on Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> at the church at 10:00AM to again discuss the 65<sup>th</sup> Street NW road improvement and the proposed agreement with the City, with Chairman Laures present.

This was seconded by Atkinson, motion approved at 8:20pm.

Submitted: Joseph Vroman, Clerk