

CASCADE TOWNSHIP

OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 3, 2012

Call to order at 6:00 pm at the Cascade Town Hall Meeting Room. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Attendees present: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Michael Brown, Deputy Val Coe., Jim and Sandra Hoss, Jim & Ruth Weispfenning, Jared & Kathrina Menzel, David Meir (TCPA), Roger Ihrke (TCPA), Bryan Schoeppner, Bill Tointon, Gary Moore, Betty Dryg, Harvey Ratzloff, Jim & Judy Larsen.

Township Board Continuing Business.

- A motion by Supervisor Heathman to approve the minutes from the November 5th Town Board meeting as read. Second by Atkinson.
AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Laures
NAY: None
Motion Approved
- A motion by Supervisor Heathman to pay the December Joint Powers bill of \$26,083.42. Second by Atkinson.
AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Laures
NAY: None
Motion Approved
- A motion by Supervisor Atkinson to pay the remaining Cascade bills of \$139657.67. Second by Laures.
AYE: Heathman Atkinson, Laures
NAY: None
Motion Approved
- Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Brown reviewed the financial reports.

Total receipts in November 2012 were:

1. checking interest of \$161.53

The Premier Bank account balance as of November 30, 2012 was \$264,873.43

The CTAS balance as of the start of this meeting is \$264,873.43

The total outstanding checks are:

1. Check #3855 - \$42.30
2. Checks written at this meeting - \$165,741.09

Ending CTAS balance on December 3, 2012 is \$99,090.04

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Supervisor Atkinson. Second by Heathman.

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Laures

NAY: None

Motion Approved

Sheriff Deputy's Report:

Deputy Chad Miller was introduced as the new township deputy effective January 14, 2013.

Deputy Val Coe updated the Board on her patrol activities. There were 41 calls for service since the last Township meeting.

Township Board New Business

RSD Discussion

Supervisor Heathman reviewed the recommendation of the Cascade Township Planning Commission to approve the RSD zone change requested by Bryan Schoepner.

Motion to approve the RSD zone change request, consistent with the RSD as published in the October board minutes, was made by Supervisor Heathman. Second by Atkinson.

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Laures

Motion Approved

Harvey Ratzloff property discussion

Mr. Ratzloff, as an owner's representative, appeared before the board to discuss potential plans for a 6.25 acre parcel along the West frontage road South of 75th street. He would like to build a permanent warehouse building, with office, using a temporary well and septic. This would be an interim use until the City of Rochester extends services to this area. A zone change would be required.

Mr. Ratzloff inquired of the board if there were any reasons why he should not proceed with acquiring the approvals and changes necessary. The board stated they did not see any insurmountable issues that would prevent Mr. Ratzloff from proceeding.

Town Hall Rental Request

The board approved the town hall rental request from township resident D. Anderson. The Deputy Clerk will coordinate access with the requester.

Discussion

Chairman Lares will be attending the ROCOG meeting on 12/7/2012

The board and the assembled audience held an extended discussion of the plans for the St. Mary's Barns communicated by Mr. Nels Pierson. The audience members shared concerns and issues. The board reviewed the process and requirements that would apply to any application made by the property owner to rezone or acquire a conditional use permit for the property.

The board discussed the return to the Joint Powers Board of approximately \$38K due to a double billing for the tractor mower. Supervisor Atkinson moved to request that the Cascade Township share of the refund be returned to Cascade Township. Second by Lares:

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Lares

NAY: None

Motion Approved

Supervisor Lares moved to designate the Cascade Town Hall as the location for Absentee Voting for the March 2013 township elections. Second by Heathman.

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Lares

NAY: None

Motion Approved

The board discussed the recent sign inventory, a needed sign policy, and plans for sign replacement. A special meeting to go through the sign inventory/plan in detail will take place on Monday December 10, 2012 at 10AM at the town hall. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Brown will post the notice of this meeting on the town website and at the town hall.

Chairman Lares read the letter of resignation received from Clerk/Treasurer Joe Vroman. After 26 years of faithful and professional service to the residents of Cascade Township, Clerk/Treasurer Vroman is resigning effective December 31, 2012. Supervisor Heathman moved to pass a resolution accepting the resignation effective 12/31/2012. Second by Atkinson.

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Lares

NAY: None

Motion Approved. The Deputy Clerk will prepare the required resolution for approval. This will be combined with the sign meeting on Monday, December 10, 2012.

Supervisor Lares moved to appoint Michael Brown to fill the position of Clerk/Treasurer upon the effective date of resignation of the current Clerk/Treasurer. Second by Atkinson.

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Lares

NAY: None

Motion by Supervisor Atkinson to adjourn. Second by Lares.

AYE: Heathman, Atkinson, Lares

NAY: None

Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM

Submitted: Michael Brown, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer