

STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 12, 2007

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Jim Hiniker, Supervisors Sheila-Marie Untiedt, David Johnson, Jim Doriott and Linda Countryman. Also, Treasurer Gloria Sell, Attorney Soren Mattick, Engineer Paul Pearson, Planner Dick Thompson and Chief Of Police Steve Nelson.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Countryman/Doriott moved to adopt the agenda as amended. (5 ayes)
2. MINUTES - M/S/P Untiedt/Doriott moved to approve the 6/28/07 town board meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)
3. TREASURER -
 - a. Report given.
 - b. Claims were reviewed and checks #18273 - #18295 were approved for payment.
 - c. Six treasurer resumes were received for review so far. At 5:30 p.m. before the next town board meeting on 7/26/07 six applicants will be interviewed.
4. PLANNER -
 - a. Final Plat Arcola Bluffs On St. Croix - Developer Brian Axdahl challenged the park fee amount of \$47,750.00 as excessive. The town board is to work on the park dedication fee and will consider a credit to Mr. Axdahl.

Technical engineering concerns for the revised construction plans were received by the engineer. Site drainage, grading and erosion control plans and a presentation conference with the township are necessary prior to the start of construction and a description of the trail easement must be revised.

The planner recommends approval of the Arcola Bluffs on St. Croix Preliminary Plat, dated June 1, 2007, with the following conditions:

1. That the Engineer's comments are addressed.
2. That the property boundary and the Abstract/Torrens are addressed to the satisfaction of the Town. That Outlot B be divided into two outlots to reflect the Abstract and Torrens land descriptions. That the Registered Land Survey (RLS) be recorded for these parcels.
3. That soil borings for individual sewage treatment systems must be approved by Washington County.
4. That once field review has been completed, written approval of the wetland delineation needs to be submitted to the Town.
5. That the park dedication payment in lieu requirement (\$47,750) is satisfied.

6. That the conservation easement and scenic easement be discussed in the covenants to inform property owners of the allowed practices within the easements.
7. That the scenic easement boundary be staked and signed to inform property owners of its location when the subdivision is completed.
8. That the quitclaim deed regarding the land discrepancy issue be recorded.
9. That the Development Agreement is prepared before final plat approval and that appropriate Letter(s) of Credit be provided to the Township.
10. That the motor for the well be converted from diesel to electricity.
11. That any comments from the Watershed District be addressed.
12. That all fees and escrow money are paid.

M/S/P Johnson/Doriott moved to approve the Arcola Bluffs On St. Croix final plat subject to the planner's twelve conditions with the understanding that the road issue discussed this evening between property owners Mr. Axdahl and Mr. Schoenherr is a private issue between the two parties. (5 ayes)

- b. Dwyer/Major Accessory Building Issue, 9208 Mendel Road North - A building on the Dwyer/Major property was taken down and another one put in its place. There was neither a building permit nor did the contractor have a permit.

M/S/P Johnson/Untiedt moved to grant the variance subject to: 1. A retroactive building permit be obtained, 2. The building permit fee be doubled and paid, 3. Dwyer/Major write a letter of apology to the community for acting without a permit, 4. Dwyer/Major pay the cost of including the apology letter in the next township newsletter. (5 ayes)

- c. Comprehensive Plan Grant - M/S/P Untiedt/Countryman moved to approve resolution #07-2007-01 for funding to complete the 2008 comprehensive plan update and authorizing an application for grant funds. (5 ayes)
- d. Minor Subdivisions FYI - The county is considering doing away with minor subdivision classification.
- e. Washington County - TAZ Advisory Committee has been established.
- f. CSAH 15 Crossing - Multi - Model Bridge - The county public works department will solicit funds for a multi - model bridge over Highway 15. The township planner will communicate to the county that if the trail goes through Stillwater Township will support it.

5. CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT -

- a. Monthly report was circulated.
- b. Reported the status of five more Conditional Use Permits:
 1. Pine Point Park - New handicap ramp coming and no apparent problem with horse manure. No issues.
 2. Washington County Pistol Range - In good shape - unleaded ammunition used. No issues.

- 3. Rutherford Cemetery - Sections C and D in wetlands. No issues.
- 4. Cell Tower - Protective tree screening partially dead.
- 5. Judy Leahy bought the old horse on her property to be in compliance with her permit.
- c. Sentence to Serve folks are cleaning up the area on Arcola Trail by the railroad tracks.
- d. One burned down house and a fatality occurred within the past few weeks in Stillwater Township.
- e. Bruette Non-Conforming Use Permit - At this point Chief of Police Steve Nelson does not see that much of a problem. Clark Boadwine disagrees and gave examples of items out of place. Policy - The township is going to check compliance on a regular basis. Our policing policy is a function of complaints.

M/S/P Untiedt/Doriott moved to authorize the chair to sign the amended non-conforming use permit for Brad Bruette.
 (Untiedt/Doriott/Johnson ayes, Countryman/Hiniker nays)

6. ENGINEER -

- a. Revised Letter to Schoenherr's re, Quinlan Avenue Extension: - The board did not discuss this item since Schoenherr's are not interested in granting a road easement to the township at this time.
- b. Washington County Tac Meeting - The board directed that no one from the township will attend the Tac Meeting on July 18th.
- c. Road Maintenance Work - The engineer reviewed a list of maintenance work to be completed by Raleigh as a part of their road maintenance contract. The work is a result of MFRA's review of road conditions this spring.
- d. Dust control - Linda Countryman brought up the issue of dust control not working very well on 90th Street and 120th Street.

M/S/P Untiedt/Johnson moved that additional calcium chloride not to exceed \$3,000.00 will be purchased subject to the discussion Engineer Paul Pearson will have with the Raleighs about any more need for dust control.
 (Doriott/Untiedt/Johnson/Countryman ayes, Hiniker nay)

- e. Dutch Elm Disease - Paul Pearson will contact Haines Tree Service for a price to have diseased elm trees cut down that are located on township property or in township road right-of-ways.

7. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Clerk_____

Chairperson_____

Approved_____