

STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 25, 2007

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson David Johnson, Supervisors Sheila-Marie Untiedt, Jim Hiniker, Linda Countryman, Jim Doriott and Clerk Pat Bantli.  
Also, Treasurer Carol Collins, Attorney Soren Mattick, Planner Dick Thompson and Engineer Paul Pearson.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Hiniker/Countryman moved to adopt the agenda as amended. (5 ayes)
2. MINUTES - M/S/P Doriott/Untiedt moved to approve the 10/11/07 town board meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)
3. TREASURER -
  - a. Claims were reviewed and checks #18417 - #18425 were approved for payment.
  - b. M/S/P Untiedt/Doriott moved that Jim Hiniker draft a letter engaging Abdo, Eick and Meyers to do a 2007 audit for Stillwater Township at a cost of not more than \$10,000. (5 ayes)
  - c. The planner, engineer and attorney discussed how to keep the escrow accounts in line. Costs incurred with subdivisions are a big issue.
  - d. The treasurer will give periodic update reports for escrows.
4. ATTORNEY -
  - a. M/S/P Hiniker/Countryman moved to adopt Ordinance Amendment #143 regarding revised building permit fees. (5 ayes)
  - b. M/S/P Countryman/Hiniker moved to amend the contract with Jack Kramer regarding building inspection service fees. (5 ayes)
5. FORNELL LOT LINE ISSUE - M/S/P Untiedt/Hiniker The town board authorized the chairperson to approve the Fornell deed for a lot line adjustment. (5 ayes)
6. FIREWISE GRANT - Kenneth Pekarek, Fire Chief Stuart Glaser and Leo Larken were present to talk about this program. Next week 8 chaperones and a group of students will target areas in local communities where underbrush may contribute to fires. Information about underbrush reduction will be circulated.
7. ENGINEER -
  - a. Slusher Mailbox Issue - A brick mailbox in the road right-of-way has been identified at 9733 Ottumwa Avenue North. Township policy is that permanent improvements in the township right-of-way are not allowed.  
  
M/S/P Untiedt/Doriott The brick mailbox in the road right-of-way needs to be removed. (4 ayes, Hiniker nay)

8. PLANNER -

a. Erosion At The Outing Lodge - John Bower was present to show the board members pictures of erosion control at the Gohlikes' lodge that isn't working. Jayneen Thatcher has also looked at the situation and has ideas for stabilizing the ground so sediment doesn't run into the nearby lake. The township is being asked to help get the situation under control since they gave the Gohlikes a planned unit development permit. The township attorney has been directed to write a forceful letter to the Gohlikes. The town board members are losing their patience with the situation and want them to be responsible property owners. John Bower is directed to apply pressure from the watershed district as well. The county and watershed will receive a copy of the letter and are requested to take action as well.

9. PARK RESERVATIONS AND CLEAN-UP - Crystal and Timm Johnson are resigning from their Otto Berg Park duties. An ad will be put in the newsletter and on the website for someone to do park reservations and clean-up duties at Otto Berg Park next year.

10. CENSUS FORM - The township will let the county handle this matter. Jim Hiniker will follow up.

11. COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES - The committee will put items of interest on the website and newsletter. Also, there will be a communications time slot added to the town board agendas for consideration of items to be posted on the website.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Clerk\_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

Approved\_\_\_\_\_