

PUBLIC HEARING

February 22, 2007

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

VACATION CONSIDERATION OF A DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT WITHIN THE
PLAT OF NICANNA HILLS

Lot 2, Block 1, Nicanna Hills, Washington County, Minnesota.

Paul Pearson, town engineer presented the request of Mark Lambert to vacate a drainage and utility easement on his property. Mr. Pearson stated that other grading on his property has eliminated the need for this easement and therefore to clear title to the land the easement should be vacated.

Concerned neighbors Mary Weiher, Elaine and Jeff Kanas, Jill and Howard Stang were present. Mr. Stang asked how future filling could be done without public input. He was told that any material over 50 cubic yards would require another grading permit. In answer to the question of was this a wetland? No, it is a low area. High water level does not encroach on the area outlined in the Lambert vacation of a drainage and utility easement. When the subdivision was finished developer Scott Roberts chose not to fill the depressions. Owner of the property Mark Lambert is allowed to fill an area where grading had not been done to clean up bad engineering. Mrs. Weiher expressed that she was glad to know that water would not come onto her property.

STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

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7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Linda Countryman, Supervisors Jim Hiniker, David Johnson and Jim Doriott. Also, Treasurer Gloria Sell, Engineer Paul Pearson, Planner Dick Thompson, Chief Of Police Steve Nelson and Attorney Mark Lambert.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Hiniker/Doriott moved to adopt the agenda as amended. (4 ayes)
2. MINUTES - M/S/P Hiniker/Doriott moved to approve the 2/8/07 town board meeting minutes with a correction regarding the Buchman escrow from \$2,050.00 to \$1,151.50. (4 ayes)
3. TREASURER -
 - a. Report was given.
 - b. Claims were reviewed and checks #18096 - #18108 were approved for payment.
 - c. M/S/P Johnson/Hiniker moved not to waive the statutory tort limit relating to Stillwater Township. (4 ayes)

- d. There was no increase recommended for the 2008 levy in the draft budget proposed by the treasurer.
 - e. The budget will be discussed on February 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
 - f. The consensus of opinion is that \$300.00 may be spent from the recycling funds for a special mailing to announce heavy metal day.
 - g. ENHANCE SOUND SYSTEM - M/S/P Doriott/Hiniker moved to spend up to \$720.00 to enhance the sound system in the town hall in order to accommodate large crowds at the town hall. (4 ayes)
4. LAMBERT DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT NICANNA HILLS SUBDIVISION - M/S/P Hiniker/Johnson moved the vacation of an easement for drainage and utility purposes at Nicanna Hills Subdivision Lot 2, Block 1 for Mark Lambert. (4 ayes)
5. BUCHMAN ESCROW - Town planner Dick Thompson presented his summary of work completed and charges relative to this project. After reviewing the materials and presentations of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Buchman it was the consensus of the board that the amount owed by Mr. Buchman for planning and legal work should be reduced to \$795.50 and further that this is a reasonable and fair amount and accurately reflects the Township's costs of considering and ultimately conditionally approving Mr. Buchman's request.
6. CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT -
- a. Stillwater Township Chief Of Police Steve Nelson and Washington County Deputy Mark Caroon were present.
 - b. One dog was impounded and 9 burning permits were issued.
 - c. Bruette Roofing (9270 Otchipwe Avenue North) has a non-conforming conditional use permit. A discussion about revocation of this permit will be held at the next town board meeting re: some apparent violations of their C.U.P.
7. AXDAHL SUBDIVISION - Brian and Larry Axdahl were present. The previous developers have backed out of finishing the subdivision. The Axdahls are taking over the project and wish to make 3 modifications, a. lower the number of lots to 9, b. eliminate the common sewer system, c. increase open space and lot size as well as moving the lots to East and eliminating the pods. The planner was directed to confer with the town attorney to determine what if any formal action is required by the Axdahls and the Town to proceed with the project with these modifications.
8. ST. CROIX VALLEY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - Colleen Danford was present to talk about progress of the developing ball field complex. She will be at the annual meeting to request a yearly stipend.
9. CITY OF STILLWATER STIPEND - The board members are looking into continuing the yearly stipend to the city because township residents use the dome and the library and it is felt only fair to take part. Discussion at the annual meeting.

10. PLANNER - Issues to follow-up on:

- a. TAZ - road issue.
- b. Huntsman - log fence - Norell Avenue.
- c. Lighting Standards - Ask Jack Kramer to check out.

11. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Clerk_____

Chairperson_____

Approved_____