

STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2009

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson David Johnson, Supervisors Jim Hiniker, Linda Countryman, Sheila-Marie Untiedt and Matt Beane, Stillwater Township Clerk Pat Bantli, Deputy Clerk Kathy Schmoeckel, Attorney Soren Mattick, Planner Berry Farrington, Treasurer Carol Collins, Chief of Police Steve Nelson and Park Manager Rick Jacobson.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Untiedt/Countryman moved to adopt the agenda as written. (5 ayes)
2. MINUTES - M/S/P Untiedt/Beane moved to approve the 3/26/09 Stillwater Town Board Meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)
3. TREASURER -
 - a) Report given. The County has estimated that we would not collect 5% to 10% of our levy due to delinquent taxes. The Treasurer will request that the county provide a detailed report of the properties involved with their corresponding dollar amounts.
 - b) Insurance - M/S/P Untiedt/Countryman moved to authorize the purchase of insurance for volunteers at a cost of \$370. (5 ayes)
 - c) Recycling Video - Carol Collins had a list of the awards that the potential producer, Chris Anderson, has won. The grant has to be in by May 31st.
 - d) Claims and Checks - #19086 through #19103 and EFT #9004 through #9006 were approved for payment.
4. CLERK -
 - a) The Valley Green Contract was signed.
 - b) Mail Box - The post office box has been paid through June. The transition will start now and may take a month or so. Change of address notice should be on the website and in the next newsletter.
5. ATTORNEY -
 - a) Bryan Rocks Products Contract - This will be forwarded to the Raleigh's.
 - b) Organized Hauling - The quickest this could get done is 180 days. The City of Stillwater's contract is up in about 18 months. The advantages would be fewer trips through the Township, cans at the end of driveways would be out only one day a week and a cost savings of 50% to 100%. The downside is that Maroney's could lose especially if we go with the City of Stillwater. Soren Mattick will start putting together the materials to begin the process. Notice will be in the next newsletter which should be out late May or early June. Public input will be invited at the regular Town Board meeting on June 11th.

- c) Review Service Contracts - Soren Mattick will e-mail the contracts for the website and newsletter to the Board for their review. Sheila-Marie Untiedt will present the contracts to Bob Ranalla and Bev Petrie at the next Communication Committee meeting. Their pay rate should be noted and their job duties should be outlined on Exhibit A.
6. PLANNER -
 - a) Tom Polasik Issue - Mr. Polasik was present and distributed a copy of the lots in question. He has purchased a lot to make a larger area for his tree farm, but now they have two houses and would like to sell a smaller parcel with one house. The proposed smaller lot is a little over two acres. The total land is about 45 acres. They could do this through a lot line adjustment that would require a variance. There was discussion of how to control the density of the larger lot left over. The road easements should be looked at if this goes through. Tom Polasik will make a variance application with the planner. He also noted that our website says that water questions should go to Jyneen Thatcher and he said they should instead go to the Watershed District Chair.
 - b) Axdahl Park Dedication - There had been a question as to whether the open space could be used as park dedication. It would be a change in the interpretation of our ordinance and it would have to be a passive, not active, park. David Johnson will communicate to the Axdahls that this land would not work for the Township as a park. Their letter of credit could be restructured to allow them to go ahead with their development.
 - c) Comprehensive Plan Implementation - Approval of the comprehensive plan will be on the Metropolitan Council's consent agenda. The Planning Commission will discuss implementation at their next meeting.
 7. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL - Sherry Broecker of Metropolitan Council was present. She gave an overview of the role of Metropolitan Council and answered questions.
 8. CHIEF OF POLICE -
 - a) Monthly Report - There have been 19 burning permits issued, 4 for buckthorn. Two dogs were impounded and in both cases the owners claimed the dogs and paid the fees. He has issued three road restriction permits.
 - b) Radio Equipment - Steve Nelson had been contacted by a party that may be interested in buying the old radio equipment. He will get an estimate of what they would be willing to pay and check the prices on ebay.
 - c) Loon Lake Water Ski Permit - There will be a public hearing at the next meeting.
 - d) Carnelian Park Buckthorn Project - Steve Nelson discussed an estimate from Karl Bremer who said that the project would require 8 people for two weeks. There would also be the cost of herbicide at \$115.00 per 2.5 gallon container. We would need to dispose of the buckthorn. Sentence to Serve would be available for a two week period later in the season. The neighbors should be notified 2-3 weeks before the work is done. Preference would be to pull the buckthorn rather than to cut it off. Raleigh is to be contacted for use of the chipper. The

herbicide will be purchased as needed. Steve will notify the neighbors and look into the other issues.

M/S/P Countryman/Hiniker moved to authorize the Carnelian Park buckthorn project. (5 ayes)

e) The dirt pile on Highway 36 and CR 15 is being handled by the Brown's Creek Watershed District. Township personnel will monitor the situation.

9. TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING - Sheila-Marie Untiedt reported on the recent meeting where there was discussion on how Townships can work together. There will be further discussion at a Town Board meeting in September on the possibility of meeting together with other area townships later in the year or early 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Clerk_____

Chairperson_____

Approved_____