

STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 28, 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, Treasurer Carol Collins, Planner Sherri Buss and Park Manager Rick Jacobson.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Hiniker/Beane moved to adopt the agenda as written. (3 ayes)
2. MINUTES - M/S/P Beane/Hiniker moved to approve the 5/14/09 Stillwater Town Board Meeting minutes as written. (3 ayes)
3. TREASURER -
  - a) Report given. Brad Orn has decided not to build and the seller will assume responsibility for the escrow.
  - b) Claims and Checks #19136 through #19145 were approved for payment.
4. CLERK - The Post Office Box will gradually be phased out. Change of address notices will be sent out at the end of June.
5. PLANNER -
  - a) Johnson Certificate of Compliance - There is an issue with the set-back for a building used as an arena and stable. Former Planner Dick Thompson had written an incorrect letter to the Johnsons stating that the set-back should be 20 feet, but it should have been 100 feet since it is an animal building. Mr. Johnson will be asked to go through the variance process and TKDA will bear all costs for the variance.

Linda Countryman arrived.

- b) Bergmann CUP - The Bergmanns have created a new access to their property off of 62nd Street which the City of Stillwater does not believe is in a good location. Their new greenhouse is on a different parcel than was the original business. Sherri Buss will look into the history of this property to see how long the buildings have been on Paul Bergmann's property and what the City would have required. His access could possibly be designated as a "temporary" access only.

Sheila-Marie Untiedt arrived.

- c) Metropolitan Council's Letter Re Feasibility Study - Their letter was reviewed and will be filed in the Comprehensive Plan Update file.

6. PLANNING COMMISSION - The Planning Commission should re-look at the park dedication formula at a future meeting.
7. PARK COMMITTEE - David Johnson will make his grill available for use at the Township picnic.
8. COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE - The newsletter has just come out. The electronic copies need to be firmed up. Bev Petrie is looking to change the printing vendor. Town Board agendas need to be on the web site. Kathy Nelson will be asked to take care of that and they should be identified as proposed only and that items are subject to change.
9. TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE - There was discussion of clarification of the duties and responsibilities of the Town Hall Maintenance Staff. Bob Ranalla was present and he stated that he had been told by a Washington County judge that it was not constitutional for the Board not to recognize a member of the audience. He was told that our Township attorney had advised that at a Board Meeting, the Board can choose to recognize a member of the public or not. Mr. Ranalla reviewed the job description and agreed that it is what had been agreed to.
10. U-REKA BROADBAND VENTURES - Brian Estrem was present. They are looking for a letter of support for their proposal. They plan an approximately 80 square mile build of an advanced fiber network providing high speed internet and telephone in Stillwater Township, May Township, Marine and Scandia. They will come back for permits when appropriate. It will all be underground in 1-1/2 inch duct. They will also provide the service. They have identified our area as unprovided or underprovided. Linda Countryman will draft a letter to be signed off on at the next meeting.
11. GARBAGE HAULING - Jim Duncan's written comments will be included in the public record of the June 11 Town Board Meeting. Sheila-Marie Untiedt had written back to him to explain that the process is a long one and no decision will be made in the short term.
12. PUBLIC SPEAKING AT BOARD MEETINGS - Pat Raleigh asked for an explanation of what is allowed for the public at a board meeting. The Board is looking for ways to work through this issue.
13. FIRE CONTRACT - David Johnson reported that the new contract which will be on a calendar basis is in the works.
14. DIRT PILE AT HWY 36 AND MANNING AVENUE - Matt Beane reported that a silt fence had been installed.
15. OTTO BERG PARK -
  - a) Rick Jacobson will block out the shelter for both August 23 and August 30 for the Township picnic.

- b) The fence around the park is falling down and will need to be replaced in the future.
- c) Rick Jacobson will order a banner for the Stillwater Township's Farmers' Market.

16. LITTLE CARNELIAN SIGN - Jim Doriott had a picture of the proposed sign for Little Carnelian Park. The rules and regulations sign should also be replaced. He will get prices.

17. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Clerk\_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

Approved\_\_\_\_\_