

STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 9, 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 Sam Edmunds, Planner Dick Thompson, Chief Of Police Steve Nelson and Building Inspector Jack Kramer.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Johnson/Countryman moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Joe Lux and Bonnie Haines will be on the agenda after the treasurer. (5 ayes)

2. MINUTES - M/S/P Doriott/Countryman moved to approve the July 26, 2007 town board meeting minutes with a correction on page one, item 4a 1 from 5 ayes to 4 ayes and 1 nay by Jim Doriott. (5 ayes)

3. TREASURER -

- a. Claims were reviewed and checks #18305 - #18332 were approved for payment.
- b. The total receipts for July were \$345,987.33.
- c. An audit for 2007 would cost around \$10,000.
- d. The attorney will report back at the next meeting regarding how often an audit is necessary.
- e. After background investigations treasurer candidate Carol Collins received glowing reviews.

M/S/P Untiedt/Johnson moved to send a letter to Carol Collins offering her the treasurer position. (5 ayes)

4. MANNING AVENUE PROJECT - Washington County Project Manager Joe Lux was present to discuss the future upgrade of Manning Avenue from Highway 36 north past Highway 12 about a thousand feet.

M/S/P Untiedt/Countryman moved to authorize the township engineer Paul Pearson to sign the construction plans for Washington County's projects SP 82-615-20 and SP 82-612-12. (5 ayes)

5. HAINES TREE SERVICE - Bonnie Haines was present to talk about marking diseased trees in the Stillwater Township road right-of-ways that need to be cut down for safety reasons. If residents are concerned about the tree cutting a public hearing will be held. Otherwise the project will continue. The township attorney will draw up a letter and notice.

6. ATTORNEY -

- a. Code Enforcement Diversion Program - M/S/P Johnson/Untiedt moved to adopt the Code Enforcement Diversion Program Resolution and have the Chairperson Jim Hiniker sign it. (5 ayes)

Mr. Gannon and Mrs. Meinecke will have the option to go before a hearing officer regarding Stillwater Township citations that have been issued to do with boat storage on their respective properties. If the situation is not rectified at this level they will have to go to court.

- b. Buchman Escrow - M/S/P Johnson/Doriott moved that the \$901.50 escrow fees still owing be assessed against Mr. Buchman on the tax rolls. (5 ayes)
- c. Noise Pollution - Township resident Torr Landrud came to the town board with a dozen other residents (names on file) to complain about another resident who has a race car he starts periodically for 5 to 10 minutes. The noise and fumes are offensive to residents in the area.
Supervisor Jim Doriott has offered to talk to the race car owner. Also suggested was an invitation by the town board for a reasonable discussion with the offending resident.

7. CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT -

- a. Stockstead CUP review is finished.
- b. Weber CUP is not finished. The planner will look into the matter.
- c. The Bruette permit has been signed by the township and has been sent on to the county for recording.
- d. A burning ban has been on since August 3. A recreational fire in an approved pit is allowed but will be discouraged for now. This information will go on the website.
- e. Four dogs were impounded in July. One dog was not claimed.
- f. Training for the Chief of Police cost \$461.50 and has been submitted to the state for reimbursement.
- g. The new 800MH portable radio has been ordered. The price is \$2,174.93.

8. PLANNER -

- a. Dwyer Variance -
 1. The planner explained that no comments have been received from DNR nor CARMAR yet.
 2. A ten foot strip of native plants must be put in place.
 3. Penalty money has not yet been received.
 4. The planner will oversee the project this fall and next spring.
- b. Policy On Penalties For Failure To Obtain Permits - The board discussed the policy on penalties for failure to obtain permits. The board members agreed that penalties shall be prescribed on a case-by-case basis by the Town Board. If a situation arises where a person has failed to obtain a permit and taken an action or constructed a building, that matter is to be brought to the Town Board

before any action is taken for zoning approvals or building permits.

c. Bergmann Building - Building Inspector Jack Kramer was present to relay to the board members a discussion he had with Paul Bergmann regarding a new building constructed on the garden center property without benefit of a permit. Mr. Bergmann has been assessed a double building permit fee as a fine. Mr. Bergmann will be invited to attend the next town board meeting to discuss this oversight.

d. Planning Grant - M/S/P Untiedt/Countryman moved to approve the authorization of a planning grant application. (5 ayes)

9. DUST CONTROL - Engineer Paul Pearson will be asked for a summary of the dust control program at the next meeting.

10. LITTLE CARNELIAN LAKE STUMP REMOVAL - The Raleighs will be asked for a price to take stumps out of the lake at the township beach while the water level is down.

11. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Clerk_____

Chairperson_____

Approved_____