

STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 11, 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 Sherri Buss, Building Inspector Jack Kramer and Chief Of Police Steve Nelson.

Balsimo Variance Hearing

Neighbors present: Sheryl Yahner 10950 Penfield Avenue North  
Doug and Helen Dybvig 10711 Penfield Avenue Circle North  
Bob Clifford 11379 Neal Avenue North

Donald P. Balsimo 10921 Stonebridge Trail North, is requesting a variance from Section 1.2 (4)(5) of the zoning ordinance which outlines the permitted size and number of accessory buildings on a parcel of 4.69 acres. He hopes to construct an accessory structure of 2,400 square feet on his property. On 4.69 acres the limit of square footage would be only 1,600 square feet.

Regular Meeting

7:25 P.M.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Hiniker/Doriott moved to adopt the amended agenda. (5 ayes)
2. MINUTES - M/S/P Untiedt/Doriott moved to approve the 9/27/07 town board meeting minutes with the following change: Item 3a. the word claim to check. (5 ayes)
3. TREASURER -
  - a. Claims were reviewed and checks #18393 - 18414 were approved for payment. Checks #18415 and #18416 were voided.
  - b. The budget meeting for 2008 will be held November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
  - c. It was reported that a letter of engagement for an audit by Abdo, Eick and Meyers for 2006 and 2007 would cost at most \$10,000.00 each. The board will hold off on signing an agreement for an audit until Jim Hiniker can have a conversation with Rebecca Otto again about the audit situation.
4. BUILDING INSPECTION - M/S/P Countryman/Hiniker moved to adopt a new schedule for building inspection based on the 1997 UBC fee schedule 9710/j90. (5 ayes)

The new schedule will be implemented at the beginning of 2008. A contract and ordinance amendment will be implemented at that time also.

5. BALSIMO VARIANCE REQUEST CONTINUED -

Public Comments: Sheryl Yahner - Talked about building close to the road.  
Doug and Helen Dybvig - Concerned about size of building.  
Bob Clifford - Building should be taller and less wide.  
Karl and Chris Bremer at 10949 Stonebridge Trail - (Letter)  
Have no objection to the proposed plan.

M/S/P Untiedt/Hiniker moved to deny Mr. Balsimo's request for placement of a 2,400 square foot accessory building on a lot of 4.69 acres because it does not meet the criteria set forth in the township zoning ordinance.  
(Untiedt/Hiniker/Countryman/Doriott ayes, Johnson nay)

6. CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT -

- a. Lots of bears and cubs have been seen recently in the middle part of the township.
- b. An average amount of burning permits have been requested.
- c. Brad Bruette's property is continuing to look good. Steve Nelson is to monitor it regularly.
- d. Gannon's boat is being dismantled. The Meinecke boat is still on their property.

7. PLANNER -

- a. Bob Peltier - Garage Permit - 11133 Pawnee Avenue North - Bob is requesting a building permit to allow for placement of a garage on his property. The setbacks are in order and he has agreed to put in a couple more spruce trees to screen the new building. The board members are in agreement.
- b. 2010 Census - Board members asked the planner to let the county know that the township board prefers having Washington County do the 2010 census for us.

8. HAYRIDE - MCDONALDS FARM - Bill McDonald entertained the township planning, park and other officials by driving them around his farm. He is hoping to get support for his land going into the Legacy Program. Those attending were very impressed with the land.

9. ADJOURNMENT - Town Board Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

10. CLOSED MEETING - The meeting was closed pursuant to MN Statute section 13d.05 to discuss the lawsuit filed by Bruggeman development against the Township. Meeting was held from 8:31 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

Clerk\_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

Approved\_\_\_\_\_