

STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 13, 2007

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Sheila-Marie Untiedt, Supervisors Jim Hiniker, Linda Countryman, Jim Doriott, David Johnson and Clerk Pat Bantli. Also, Treasurer Carol Collins, Attorney Sam Edmunds, Engineer Paul Pearson and Planner Dick Thompson.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Hiniker/Doriott moved to adopt the agenda as presented. (4 ayes)

2. MINUTES - M/S/P Doriott/Countryman moved to approve the 11/8/07 town board meeting minutes as written. (3 ayes, 1 abstain)

M/S/P Doriott/Countryman moved to approve the 11/13/07 Budget meeting minutes as written. (4 ayes)

7:05 p.m. David Johnson arrived.

3. TREASURER -

a. Claims were reviewed and checks #18456 - #18486 were approved for payment.

b. The treasurer continues to meet with the auditors regarding the 2007 audit.

c. M/S/P Hiniker/Johnson moved to authorize \$725.00 for the Chief of Police auto allowance and mileage. (5 ayes)

M/S/P Johnson/Hiniker moved that the treasurer will receive a raise of \$1.00 less an hour than the clerk receives effective January 1, 2009. (5 ayes)

M/S/P Hiniker/Doriott moved to purchase a four year old trailer in good condition for the Chief of Police to transport animals in for \$700.00. (5 ayes)

4. RECOGNITION DINNER - Dick Thompson and Sherri Buss will be invited to the recognition dinner in February.

5. ANNUAL MEETING - The attorney will mail a statement to the board members and treasurer regarding limits for donations in time for the annual meeting.

6. BOOMSITE PARK - David Johnson mentioned that a positive attitude is being expressed by MNDOT that the wayside rest stop is a valuable asset. The new City of Stillwater Mayor would like more exclusive control over the situation. In January - public input.

7. WATSON C.U.P. REQUEST - Several neighbors to the Watson Kennel were present to express concern about having the kennel use reactivated. Dogs barking is a major concern.

M/S/P Countryman/Johnson moved to approve the Watson CUP application as outlined in Dick Thompson's report, along with the recommendations from the Planning Commission. "The words "or changes." should be added onto Thompson's first recommendation in the Watson report. In addition, the following shall be conditions of the CUP:

1. The applicants shall use maximum sound proofing in all buildings;
2. The CUP shall allow 50 domestic household pets, limited to 20 dogs regardless of size;
3. This resolution is contingent on satisfactory septic review by Pete Ganzel of Washington County and confirmation by the City Attorney that no state or federal regulations are applicable.

(4 ayes, Hiniker nay)

8. ST. CROIX WATERSHED DISTRICT - Jim Shaver dropped by to solicit someone to review the draft plan. David Johnson volunteered to do it and will make e-mail comments.

9. ENGINEER -

- a. M/S/P Doriott/Johnson moved to approve a requested escrow reduction for Victory Pass in the amount of \$157,130.00 from the current balance of \$279,550.00. (5 ayes)
- b. Lighting Request - A resident at 7890 Newberry Court North has questions about lighting. The engineer will contact the City of Stillwater and report back at the next meeting.

10. PLANNER -

- a. There was a brief discussion about escrow fees for subdivisions. This issue will be discussed further at a later date.
- b. Dick Thompson discussed his retirement. He will phase out over the next few months and Sherri Buss will phase in.

11. PERSONNEL POSITIONS -

- a. M/S/P Johnson/Hiniker moved to accept the resignation of Richard Rainer from the Planning Commission. (5 ayes)
- b. M/S/P Countryman/Hiniker moved to accept the resignation of Rick Robbins from the Park Committee. (5 ayes)
- c. M/S/P Countryman/Hiniker moved that Rick Robbins be appointed to the Planning Commission. (5 ayes)
- d. M/S/P Doriott/Hiniker moved to accept the resignation of Karen Sherrick from the Park Committee. (5 ayes)
- e. M/S/P Countryman/Johnson moved that Lois Cutler and Marilyn Cummings be reappointed to the Planning Commission. (5 ayes)
- f. Troy Schifsky will be kept on the Planning Commission for a new term.
- g. M/S/P Doriott/Hiniker moved to accept the resignation of Crystal Johnson from the park manager position. (5 ayes)

h. M/S/P Untiedt/Countryman moved to hire Rick Jacobson as the park manager. (5 ayes)

12. WEBSITE -

- a. The website issue will be on the January town board meeting agenda.
- b. The website meeting will be held on January 24 at 6:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at around 9:30 p.m.

Clerk\_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

Approved\_\_\_\_\_