

July 17, 2001

New Scandia Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dennis Seefeldt. The following Board Members were also present: Paul Rasmussen, Vice Chairman, Michael Hinz, Nancy Madden and John Martineau.

Consent Agenda

Paul Rasmussen made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda:

1. Clerk's minutes have been presented for June 19, 2001
2. Balance May 31, 2001 \$755,306.51
 Receipts 27,315.96
 Expenditures 84,701.58
 Transfer Charge 2.00
 Returned Check 60.00

Balance June 31, 2001 \$697,858.89

John Martineau seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Harlan Wolfe-Variance

Nancy Madden reviewed the following information regarding the Harlan Wolfe Public Hearing: The proposed location is 208 feet from the street and will not be seen from the street, because the house is located on an odd shaped lot due to the location of the cul-du-sac. The rear portion of the property is a steep slope and this presents a problem with the location of the new garage. The garage would be closer to the road than the house. While I agree with the Planning Commission that the property can be put to a reasonable use, because there is an existing garage and while the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property, it is exacerbated by the location of the house; I also agree with the Township Planner that at the proposed location it will not be seen from the road and therefore would not alter the essential character of the surrounding area.

The septic system is located behind the house so bringing the garage too close to the house could create a problem when the system needs to be serviced. The garage could be scaled to allow a 10 foot side yard.

Nancy Madden a motion to approve the variance for Harlan Wolfe, 10411 215th Street Court North, Scandia, MN 55073. To place the garage closer to the road than the house, with a side yard no closer than ten feet. This can be achieved by moving the garage 2 ½ feet closer to the house or building the garage 2 ½ feet smaller in width. Paul Rasmussen seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Nextel Communications-Conditional Use Permit

Nancy Madden made a motion to remove the Nextel Communications Conditional Use Permit off the table. John Martineau seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Nancy Madden reviewed the Nextel Communications Conditional Use Permit proposal. Ms. Madden stated the township can not legally prohibit communication towers, but we can regulate them. While I would rather we require stealth locations for these communication towers, I accept the fact this is not one of the options with this particular application. Of the two designs discussed the monopole is the least visually intrusive design. And monopoles, hopefully, will be a requirement of the proposed New Township Tower Ordinance. After looking at two monopoles suggested by the applicant as well as the really tall light blue Xcel Energy high power monopoles that cross Mn Hwy 97 and pass through the Nickelson Farm, I feel painting the poles light blue make them less noticeable then leaving them to weather. I know this is an added expense to the applicant, but I feel we have a right and a reason to require this.

Nancy Madden made a motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to grant the Conditional Use Permit for Nextel Communications with the additional conditions that the communication tower be a monopole painted light blue and maintained in good condition. Dennis Seefeldt made the following amendment: Nextel Communications develop a Landscape Plan with Dennis and Nola Lofboom and two members of the Town Board. The plan shall be submitted at the September 18, 2001 Town Board meeting. Nancy Madden seconded the amendment and amendment passed. Paul Rasmussen made a motion the monopole be galvanized, Michael Hinz seconded the motion. Dennis Seefeldt, yes, Paul Rasmussen, yes, Michael Hinz, yes, John Martineau, yes and Nancy Madden opposed. Motion adopted.

Sheriffs Report/Jamie Jackson

Deputy Jamie Jackson reported the conditions with the Skating Facility and that she had informed the persons using the facility about the need for the cleaning the grounds inside the skating area and outside of the building.

Mr. Seefeldt also expressed his concerns with damage to the building, condition of equipment and the possibility of an attendant on duty with specific times the facility should be open

Tom Peterson/Township Engineer

Mr. Peterson reviewed the following bids that were received for the reconstruction of 188th and Norell Avenue:

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| (1) R. E. Peterson | \$596,021.30 |
| (2) W. B. Miller | \$764,683.95 |

The low bidder on the project was R. E. Peterson, Inc. of Lindstrom, Minnesota with a Base Bid of \$596,021.30. This is 8% higher than the Engineer Estimate of \$550,000.00. The bids have been reviewed and found to be in order.

Dennis Seefeldt made a motion to award the bid to R. E. Peterson, Inc. in the amount of \$596,021.30, contingent on availability of TIF Funds. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

A petition was received from Todd Balsimo, 13430 188th Street, John and Nancy Parson, 13440 188th Street North, and Steven and Irene Kronmiller, 13450 188th Street North, addressing the road alignment with the new construction on 188th Street. It was agreed this issue would be addressed with the project and Michael Hinz would oversee the project.

Wetland Replacement Plan for 188th Street and Norell

Paul Rasmussen made a motion to approve and sign the Wetland Replacement Plant for the 188th Street and Norell Street Improvements. Dennis Seefeldt seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Xcel Engery Underground Utilities

Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the underground distribution to install transformer for 3 lots on west side of Ozark Avenue and 15243 209th Street. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Steve Spence/Fire Chief

Steve Spence informed the Town Board that a walk through of the New Scandia Fire/Rescue and Public Works Department on September 7, 2001. The township office was directed to advertise this in the legal paper, as there as been some interest by residents that were not able to attend the Grand Opening last fall.

Drop-Off Recycling/Bruce Swenson

Mr. Swenson gave a report on the usage of the Drop-Off Recycling. He stated that approximately 35 residents use of the service weekly, so the estimated monthly usage would be 150 residents. Mr. Swenson was questioned how he felt about eliminating the Drop-Off Service and he said he would not have problem with eliminating the service. The township office was directed to acquire a quote from Lindell Bituminous Surfacing for surfacing the area.

Painting Bid for Community Center/Old Maintenance Building

Michael Hinz made a motion to award the bid for the painting for the Community Center and Old Maintenance Building to Rivard Paint and Stain in the amount of \$10,380.00 and the alternate for the Maintenance Building at \$890.00. Mr. Duane Thompson shall inspect the project periodically. Nancy Madden seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Sherwood Acres/Escrow Account

Paul Rasmussen made a motion to reduce the escrow for Sherwood Acres to the amount of \$2500.00. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Budget Hearing Date

The date for the Budget Hearing to review and discuss the 2002 Budget was set for July 31, 2001.

Paul Rasmussen made a motion to adjourn.

Dolores Peterson


New Scandia Township Clerk