

October 18, 2005

New Scandia Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Seefeldt. The following Town Board Members were also in attendance. Chairman Dennis Seefeldt, Vice Chairman Michael Hinz, Michael Harnetty, Blair Joselyn and Nancy Madden.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

James Malmquist suggested due to persons considering using fire wood for heating this winter the Township should mark the dead trees in the property owned by the Township on Highway 97 and residents could remove the trees.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Michael Harnetty made a motion to the approve the following consent agenda:**

- (1) Call to order
- (2) Clerk's minutes have been presented for Town Board 09-20+05 and 10-04-05
- (3) Balance August 31, 2005                      \$2,248,221.46
  - Receipts    70,900.43
  - Expenditures                                      520,639.52
- Balance September 30, 2005                      \$1,798,349.50
- 4. Payment of vouchers

**Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.**

**FIRE CHIEF-STEVE SPENCE**

The Fire Contract with New Scandia Fire Department and May Township was reviewed with the yearly fee of \$20,890.00. It was agreed to send the contract to May Township for acceptance.

**PARK AND RECREATION-BLAIR JOSELYN**

A resident had requested the need for a Bike Trail from Hawkinson Business Park to Olinda Trail due to the amount of traffic existing on Highway 97 from the Business Park. This was referred to the Park and Recreation Committee and the office was directed to contact Ray Vandever and Michele Bachman regarding this issue.

A letter of resignation from the Park and Recreation Committee was read from Marty McKelvey.

**Blair Joselyn made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Marty McKelvey. Michael Hinz seconded the motion. Blair Joselyn, Michael Hinz, Michael Harnetty and Dennis Seefeldt voted yes and Nancy Madden opposed, motion adopted.**

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER-TOM PETERSON**

**Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the final payment of \$54,673.89 to Dresel Contracting for the reconstruction of Oland Avenue. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.**

Dennis Seefeldt reported on the meeting that was held regarding the Uptown Sewer System with Pete Genzel, Cindy Weckwerth and the residents with the problem systems. The estimated assessment to benefiting properties would be \$22,225.00 per household. In addition, each homeowner would need to extend the service pipe from the street to the house. The cost for this work is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.00. The cost in the Feasibility Study for the system way exceeds the cost for the installation of a private system.

Dennis Seefeldt stated there is a problem with surface water that runs through a water drainage easement with drain tile that was installed year ago and classified as the "creamery run". This drainage often fills the Olsen's backyard. Michael Hinz suggested the Township Engineer Tom Peterson review the drainage issue for possibility of correcting this problem.

#### **REQUEST FOR VACATION OF PART OF 197<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Tom Swain a resident in the Revision of Vasa Plat had connected the office regarding the vacation of part of 197<sup>th</sup> Street. This was addressed and the Town Board stated it is the policy of the Township not to vacate streets with water access.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATION OF MARKET STREET**

**Michael Hinz made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 10-18-05-01 for the vacation of parts of Market Street and Second Street. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.**

#### **PAUL HAIK-COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT**

Mr. Paul Haik representative of Comfort Lake/Forest Lake Watershed District gave a very informative presentation regarding the Watershed surrounding Bone Lake. Mr. Haik suggested a Workshop with the Town Board at a later date.

#### **James Simpson/Certificate of Compliance for Agriculture Building**

**Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for James Simpson, 23393 Nolan Avenue North and direct the Township Attorney to prepare Findings of Fact and Special Conditions for the construction of a 5,500 square feet accessory building. Dennis Seefeldt seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.**

#### **SHIRLEY NAGLE/REMOVAL OF ACCESSORY BUILDING**

Ms. Nagle had presented a letter requesting the extension of the removal of an accessory building that was to be removed May 1, 2004 and the removal of the building was a stipulation on the granting of a variance.

Nancy Madden made a motion stating the Township has given Ms. Nagle plenty of time to remove the building and this building shall be removed by November 15, 2005. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

**MONETARY LIMITS ON TORT LIABILITY FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES**

Nancy Madden made a motion to waiver the monetary limits on tort liability for insurance purposes. Dennis Seefeldt seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

At this point in the meeting the Township Board had a closed session. The purpose of the closed meetings was to discuss pending litigation and attorney client privilege exception to the open meeting law. The closed meeting was adjourned and at this point the Town Board meeting was reconvened.

**LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM CLERK DOLORES PETERSON**

Dennis Seefeldt read a letter of resignation from Clerk Dolores Peterson stating her retirement of March 1, 2006.

Michael Hinz made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets and congratulations. All the Board Members seconded the motion with regret. Motion adopted unanimously.

**LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM JON LUDWIG BUILDING OFFICIAL**

A letter of resignation was read from Jon Ludwig Building Official as of December 31, 2005.

Michael Hinz made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Jon Ludwig Building Official as of December 31, 2005 with regret and congratulations. Nancy Madden seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Nancy Madden made a motion to adjourn and meeting adjourned.

Dolores Peterson

  
New Scandia Township Clerk