

January 26, 2005

On the above date a Special Meeting was held regarding problems with the Skating Facility personnel. The incident is referred to January 18, 2005 and January 20, 2005. The following members were present: Chairman of New Scandia Town Board Dennis Seefeldt, Supervisor Blair Joselyn, Dolores Peterson, Deb Campobasso, Michael White and Blair Joselyn.

Ms. Campobasso stated that Michael White drove the zamboni on to the ice on January 18th and the children were on the ice and this was a very unsafe situation. This was also a scheduled function and she wondered why it had to be done at that time. Ms. Campobasso was informed that Mr. White was informed on January 27, 2005 not to use the zamboni on the ice until 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Ms. Campobasso asked also why the police was involved as this presented a unfriendly situation.

Mr. White and Mr. Beattie both stated that the zamboni was not on the ice when the children were on the ice and Mr. Beattie had asked the children to clear the rink. It was also stated that Mr. Campobasso jumped on the zamboni in attempt to stop the zamboni and at that point Mr. White called the Deputy. The Deputy stated he felt he had taken care of both issues with Mr. White and Mr. Campobasso. Ms. Campobasso stated the Township should have a policy on the operation of zamboni and no child should be on the ice when the zamboni drives out of the Warming House. There was not a unanimous sequence of events regarding the issue of clearing the ice on January 18, 2005.

Ms. Campobasso also made reference to January 20, 2005 when the scheduled program was at the Skating Facility and the shovels were not in the warming house. That day a heavy snow had fallen and it made it impossible to use the ice unless it was shoveled. Mr. White stated he was at meetings that whole day and could not remove the snow and he had removed the shovels because the snow is shoveled to the sides and not over the boards. He also stated the pucks are left on the rink buried in the snow and the pucks get in the zamboni and takes hours to remove them from the zamboni.

Mr. Joselyn informed Mr. White that he inhibited the operation of the Skating Facility and this was very unprofessional and uncooperative on his part. Mr. White was asked where he had placed the shovels if they were not in the Skating Facility? Mr. White replied that he had hid the shovels in the zamboni.

The question was asked who is in charge of the rink. Dennis Seefeldt stated the Town Board is in charge and no decisions are made by the Park and Recreation Committee as they are a Advisory Board.

Mr. White questioned if the monies for the scheduled program have been turned into the Township Office. Ms. Campobasso will bring the checks and copies of all funding to the Township Office just like she does with the summer program. Mr. Seefeldt informed Ms. Campobasso to leave the checks with the Township Treasurer.

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Ms. Campobasso stated she had planned a Valentine Party for youth at the Annex on February 12, 2005. Ms. Campobasso was informed it was o.k. to have the Valentine Party this year, but that she should present it to the Town Board so the Board can give the approval. She was assured that this does not mean the Board would deny the programs, but they should be informed of the programs.

The persons attending left with the opinion that everyone would cooperate and written policies should be in provided for the operation of the zamboni.

Dolores Peterson


New Scandia Township Clerk