

October 19, 2004

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Blair Joselyn made a motion to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Clerk's minutes have been presented for 09-20-04, 09-21-04 and 10-05-04 Town Board and 10-05-04 Planning Commission.
2. Treasurer's Report

Balance August 31, 2004	\$1,794,833.95
Receipts	31,059.58
Expenditures	_ 102,890.16
Balance September 31, 2004	<u>\$1,723,003.77</u>
3. Approval of October vouchers

Nancy Madden seconded the motion with corrections on the September 21, 2004 Town Board meeting.

Park and Recreation/Blair Joselyn

Mr. Joselyn reported the Park and Recreation Committee had election of officers for the year of 2004. The following were elected: Deb Campobasso and Jan Hogle as Co-Chairman and Nicolle Hayek, Secretary.

Mr. Joselyn reported that Sanders Wacker Bergly, Inc. would be sending a questionnaire to every household in New Scandia Township.

Mr. Joselyn requested that the Park and Recreation Committee receive the Concept of the Preliminary Plat before the Preliminary Plat is presented to the Township.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2004 ROAD IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT

Dennis Seefeldt opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Assessment of the 2004 Road Improvement Project. Mr. Tom Peterson Township Engineer reported that the total cost for the improvement was \$1,143,797.00. The total amount to be assessed to property owners was \$462,000.00. The collector road assessment was \$770.00 per parcel and non-collector road assessment was \$2310 per parcel.

Letters were received from the following property owners regarding the assessment:

1. Karen and Brian Maverich, 14700 Scandia Trail, Scandia, MN 55073 assessment on 213th Street.

2. Chad and Shelley Solheid, 1167 North Shore Drive, Forest Lake, MN 55025 assessment on 230th Street.
3. Jeff Carpenter, 10010 North Shore Trail, Forest Lake, MN 55025 assessment on Meadowbrook.
4. Richard Quigley, 14291 Oakhill Road, Scandia, MN 55073 assessment on Novak.
5. James Dreher, 23497 Meadowbrook Avenue North, Scandia, MN 55073.
6. Erich Kertzsch, Ronald Boesel, Ricky Simons, Karen Fernholz, Kurt Messerli, Curt Richter, Leslie Rosenbush, Connie Amos, Robert Hall, Fredrick Riermann, James Sodergren, Ricky Simons. This included all of the property owners on Parrish Road.
7. Gerald Olson, 11360 232nd Street, Scandia, MN 55073 assessment on Meadowbrook.
8. James Malmquist, 14670 Scandia Trail, Scandia, MN 55073 assessment on Oren Avenue.

Ms. Maverick stated she is assessed one half of a parcel on Oren Avenue and they do not or could not use any entrance off of 213th Street.

Mr. Solheid stated he had constructed a turn-around on 230th Street in the amount of \$5000.00 and now is being assessed for one parcel off of the turn-around.

Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Olson stated when the Development of Greenfield Estates was platted the driveways had to be on 235th Street and not on Meadowbrook so therefore they stated the assessment on Meadowbrook should be assessed as one half of a parcel.

Ms. Quigley stated that her property does not touch Novak Avenue and that this parcel should not be assessed.

Mr. Dreher stated that he had been assessed 3 parcels and his property has a lot of wetlands and would not be able to development the property due to the wetlands. Mr. Dreher presented a letter from Jyneen Thatcher, Wetland Specialist from Washington County Conservation District stating that nearly one half of his land is wetland and a large moderate quality willow/cattail marsh.

Mr. Kertzsch representing property owners on Parrish Road North stated the residents on Parrish Road North are contesting the assessments charged due the evidence that the road was incorrectly categorized during the planning process. The residents felt that their road should be classified as a collector road with the property owners paying 25% of the assessment.

Mr. Malmquist stated the assessment levied against his piece of abutting property does not enhance the value of the property. He is unable to establish any vehicular access from 213th Street.

George Lindgren questioned the number of parcels he was assessed for on 218th Street. Mr. Lindgren was informed he has 40 acres and that could potentially be divided into four (4) lots.

Michael Hinz and Michael Harnetty will view the sites in question and submit a report of the findings at the November 1, 2004 Town Board Meeting.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER/TOM PETERSON

The Town Board and Township Engineer reviewed the topographical maps of David Skwarek property. Mr. Seefeldt had composed a letter in reference to the property stating that New Scandia Township would not be responsible for any costs of survey or construction on his property.

Blair Joselyn made a motion to send the letter to Mr. David Skwarek, 13356 240th Street, Scandia MN 55073 in reference to his property. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Michael Hinz made a motion to approve the buried electric cable for Connexus Energy at 12130 Lakamaga Trail. Nancy Madden seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Nancy Madden made a motion to approve buried telephone cable on 21889 Oldfield Avenue for Frontier Communications. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

DONALD AND MARILYN HOGLE/DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the Development Agreement for Donald and Marilyn Hogle and Township Attorney David Hebert will submit a figure for the letter of credit at a later date. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

BARBARA DUFFY/NOISE ORDINANCE/NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Ms. Barbara Duffy, 23511 Meadowbrook Avenue expressed her concern regarding a neighbor racing pickup trucks through a mud track behind his home. This neighbor will assemble a large party of people with 5 to 8 RVs and other vehicles. They will race all day and into early morning. Another neighbor has excavated a large dirt track with jumps at the corner of 238th and Morgan Avenue North.

It was agreed that the Township would review the Noise Ordinance and Nuisance Ordinance and Dennis Seefeldt and Nancy Madden are meeting with Commander Tuthill with Washington Sheriff's Department on October 27th at 9:00 a.m. and they will address this issue at the meeting.

RON LUECK/REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR FENCE

Mr. Ron Lueck 23800 Novak Avenue North was requesting permission to install a fence in about 150 square foot area due to problems with the deer ruining his trees. The fence would be 8 to 10 feet high with a thin wire mesh around the posts. A letter was read from John and Cathy Stensaler, 13815 240th Street North stating that a fence of this nature would ruin their view and that they disagree with the installation of the fence. Michael Hinz and Michael Harnetty will review the site and report back on the issue on November 1st meeting.

JESSIE LANG AND RON LINDQUIST VACATION OF ASH LANE

Jessie Lang and Ron Lindquist were requesting vacation of Ash Lane in the Plat of Beckstrom Addition and Minneyahta Beach. Mr. Lindquist stated he had installed a fence and someone drove over the fence with a snowplow and Ms. Lang stated persons had also used her property and she has cleaned the area of debris that persons have left on her property and in the area. It was agreed Blair Joselyn and Michael Harnetty would view the site.

TAMMY STEINBERG/LOT DIVISION

Nancy Madden made a motion to wavier the Minor Subdivision requirements for Tammy Steinberg, 16040 240th Street in Section 12. Ms. Steinberg must submit an easement for the wetland ponding area. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Seefeldt presented and reviewed the recommended capital improvements for the Township. The following capital improvements are being recommended to the Town Board for short and long term goals.

Short-term Goals (1-5 years)

1. Finish second floor of Fire Hall for approximately \$15,000
2. Community Sign-The Lions Club is committed to raising funds towards a sign we need to get data designs and costs.
3. New Equipment:
 - a. Paving/Patching Equipment: We need to investigate what kind of equipment, the cost and if it will be economical versus contracting out the work
 - b. Road Sweeper: A road sweeper could go on the JD tractor or a skid loader to remove winter sand and gravel off paved roads. The County sweeps now for an average cost of \$3,770 per year (\$30,164 over 8 years)
 - c. Skid Loader: Multipurpose use including sweeper attachment, snow removal including rink, load trucks and other uses not suitable for the tractor.
4. Zamboni: Put on replacement schedule and keep an eye out for another used one.

5. Rink Boards: Purchased used and has dry rot. Being repaired this year but will need to be replaced. Get estimates on material and labor.
6. Land acquisition for Ozark extension:
 - a. Planning Phase: Appoint two Town board members to contact affected land owners (Anderson, Erickson, Ruddy/Brunfeldt) to start preliminary discussions regarding easements/land acquisition. Commission a study/survey to get approximate cost of road and property appraisals.
 - b. Implementation Phase Long Term Goal.
7. Land acquisition for new town hall/office expansion:
 - a. Planning Phase: Appoint two Town Board members to investigate possible Properties for future office space (Rasmussen, Lions Park, Anderson). Current office could be converted to additional rental space for parties/functions.
 - b. Implementation Phase is a Long Term Goal
8. Incorporate projects form New Park Comprehensive Plan-unknown at this point.

Long Term Goals (6 to 10 years)

1. Explore possibility of replacing grader with a tractor starting in 2010.
2. Acquire land for future office space.
3. Emergency Alert System:
 - a. Planning Phase: Investigate costs/benefits of additional sirens, weather radios or other ways to notify citizens of a town wide emergency.
 - b. Implementation Phase
4. Incorporate projects from new Park Comprehensive Plan-unknown at this point.

The Town Board prioritized the list as follows:

- A. Number one and six
- B/C. Number 2
- C. Number 3, 4, and 5
- C/D. Number 7
- D. Number 1,3,4, and 5

BIDS FOR ROOFING OF ANNEX

The following bids were received for the roofing of the Annex:

Borgstrom Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$23,465.00
Garlock-French Roofing	\$25,976.00
Johnson Roofing	\$24,495.00

Nancy Madden made a motion to award the bid to Borgstrom Roofing in the amount of \$23,465.00 to roof the Annex. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

NEW SCANDIA FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT/YEARLY RETIREMENT BENEFIT

Blair Joselyn made a motion to increase the yearly retirement benefit from the amount of \$1750.00 to \$1900.00 for the year of 2005 for New Scandia Fire/Rescue Department. Nancy Madden seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

PAY REQUEST FOR BRIAN ANDERSON/GOOD FELLOWS MASONRY AND CONCRETE

Michael Hinz made a motion to approve the pay request for Brian Anderson/Good Fellows Masonry and Concrete in the amount of \$700.00. Nancy Madden seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Nancy Madden made a motion to adjourn.

Dolores Peterson



New Scandia Township Clerk