

July 18, 2006

On the above date, the New Scandia Town Board held their regular scheduled Board meeting. In attendance were Chairman Dennis Seefeldt, Vice-Chairman Michael Hinz, Michael Harnetty, Blair Joselyn and Nancy Madden.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMPREHENSIVE PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

Vera Westrum, (Sanders Wacker Bergley, Inc.) presented the final Comprehensive Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Plan for New Scandia Township. This plan provides a base for future planning of park and recreation systems in the Township. Comments included pointing out that a highlighted park service area east of the Firehall is a potential area for expansion of the commercial zone. Also a park service area highlighted in the NW portion of the Township represents land adjacent to the gravel pit. Will these create problems for future planning purposes? Ms. Westrum responded that these are designated as search areas only, and would not create a conflict. A comment on being more specific when defining trails and routes will be addressed in the final copy. Trails will be defined as being off-road, whereas routes will run along road shoulders. Supervisor Harnetty commented that this will be a start of an implementation phase and will be flexible and adjustable as needed. A question on what will the procedure be to modify the Comp Plan once it is in place – significant changes will require a public hearing. Supervisor Madden sees this plan as a basis for setting priorities.

Nancy Madden made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Plan which will supersede any previous Comprehensive Park Plan. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the following consent agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Clerk's minutes have been presented for Town Board 06-20-06, 07-11-06; Planning Commission 07-11-06.

3. Balance May 31, 2006	\$1,446,836.60
Receipts	+ 71,937.28
Expenditures	\$96,808.83
Payroll	12,868.35
Total Expenditures	- 109,677.18
Adjustments	<u>-1,239.00</u>
(Ck #252060 cleared 10/05)	
Balance June 30, 2006	\$1,407,857.70

4. Payment of vouchers.

Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted.

DEPUTY CHRIS HOWARD

Deputy Chris Howard reported that three citations have recently been issued for exterior storage violations.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF STEVE YEHLE

Assistant Fire Chief Steve Yehle presented an overview of the Fire Department. A staffing analysis alerted the Board to the number of members that will be eligible for retirement in the next few years (four firefighters at the end of 2007 and fifteen at the end of 2009). A recommendation to increase funding to the Fire and Rescue Relief Association at a level to prepare for these retirements was addressed. A workshop will be held (not yet scheduled) to work on strategies for recruitment and retention of firefighters. In looking at the 2007 budget, an increase of \$1.00 to the base pay was recommended (last increase was in 2005). There will also be costs associated with installing the County wide 800 MHz radio system and replacing the remaining 7 to 12 self-contained breathing apparatuses in 2007.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TOM PETERSON

Town Engineer Tom Peterson reported on the completion of Astech's work on the crack sealing of various Town roads and the Community Center and Firehall parking lots.

Michael Hinz made a motion to authorize the final payment to Astech Corporation in the amount of \$12,200.00. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted.

The erosion control work at Manning Overlook is in place, utilizing stitched blankets that are anchored along the length of the ditch and staked hay bales.

Repairs to the north apron at the Fire Station is on-going. Mr. Peterson is negotiating a reduction with Jay Bros. in the contract amount due to the removal of rebar that was not to be done, per the original contract. It was brought to the attention that Jay Bros., Inc. is on a list of contractors that the MN Department of Transportation has recommended to be excluded. Mr. Peterson did not feel that this disbarment was a result of the quality of work being done, although the engineer will be monitoring the work at the Station more closely.

Work on the 2006 Street Repairs is progressing well.

The work on the storm sewer at the Wessels' property will begin within the week.

Mr. Peterson met with the developers of the Tii Gavo plat. The Carnelian-Marine Watershed was also in attendance. Discussion of the ponds, rain gardens was of primary concern. The Watershed standards are stricter than the Town's in regards to the preservation of wetlands, so Mr. Peterson felt that the preliminary plan will be acceptable on those grounds.

Mr. Peterson will obtain quotes for work to be done on the Olson-Sandgren septic. Jyneen Thatcher will check the delineation of the pond near Ozark Lane.

PARK AND RECREATION

Summer Activity Program Director Marty McKelvey introduced the members of her staff that are assisting with the Summer Youth program. Ms. McKelvey is very pleased with their performance.

Dave Smith, Park and Recreation Committee member, presented an estimate for obtaining digital base maps of the Township. These maps would show boundaries, current land use and current ownership. The Township would be divided into four maps, each covering 9.6 square miles. It was felt that this information would be a beneficial first step for developers and also a tool to assist with implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

Blair Joselyn made a motion to approve the purchase of four base maps at a cost of \$2,800.00 showing boundaries, current land use and current ownership. Nancy Madden seconded the motion. Voting yes: Harnetty, Joselyn, Madden, Seefeldt. Voting no: Hinz.

Dave Smith also presented an update on the work done at Lions Park. Subcommittee member Alex Bildeux has offered to pile all the downed brush in a grassland area which can then be burned by the Fire Department. Landmark Surveying estimates a cost of \$2,900 to survey the Park boundaries and an additional \$900 to provide a detailed map. A Park Development plan is being drawn up at no cost to the Town by a director associated with the College of Landscape Architecture, U of M. The Park Committee is proposing a booth at Taco Daze asking for ideas to rename the Lions Park.

Nancy Madden made a motion to enter into an agreement with Landmark Surveying at a cost of \$3,800.00 to survey the entire area of Lions Park which would reestablish the corners and monuments. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted.

KEN AND PAM HUBERTY

Ken and Pam Huberty, 22899 Mallard Avenue, presented a proposal for building an accessory structure. Due to their Bone Lake lot, the structure will be built closer to the road than the home, therefore a variance will be necessary.

EVERETT MYERS – MARINE AMBULANCE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Everett Myers, representing the Marine Ambulance Fundraising Committee, was present to request that the Town Board reconsider a donation to the Marine Ambulance Fund. The Board again responded that the general policy is to turn down requests that have not been planned into the budget. Mr. Myers was informed of the 2007 Budget Planning Workshop to be held July 26, 2006 in which this matter may be discussed, although the New Scandia Fire Relief Fund has priorities to attend to.

PETER CRUM

Peter Crum, Scandia resident, was in attendance to introduce himself as a candidate for Washington County Sheriff. Mr. Crum's policy will be one of "community policing", allowing deputies to work more closely with towns to enforce the town council's priorities.

COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED

Michael Hinz made a motion to recommend to the Washington County Board to reappoint Dennis Larson to the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed Board. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted.

Michael Hinz made a motion to direct the Bone Lake Association to meet with the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed to discuss the schedule of restoration of Bone Lake. New Scandia Town Board to be included in this meeting. Dennis Seefeldt seconded the motion and motion adopted.

SPEED LIMIT ON 228TH STREET

Michael Hinz made a motion to request the state to do a study on speed conditions of 228th Street between Lofton Avenue and Manning Trail. Nancy Madden seconded the motion and motion adopted.

CHOF SCHOOL HORSE PROGRAM

A letter from David Bluhm, manager of the CHOF School Horse Program at White Rock Lake, was discussed. Their program may be granted an interim permit to allow for more than the allowed animal units, and not replacing the older horses as they pass on.

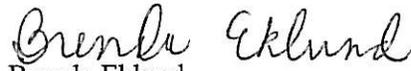
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Michael Hinz made a motion to proceed with a proposal to begin minimal negotiations with candidate number one, and to formalize a final offer at a special meeting of the Town Board on July 26, 2006. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted.

GOOSE LAKE – INSTALLATION OF BUOY MARKERS

Michael Hinz made a motion to authorize up to \$750.00 to the Goose Lake Homeowners Association to purchase and install buoy markers in the south bay of Goose Lake and to install a courtesy sign at the landing. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted.

Nancy Madden made a motion to adjourn.


Brenda Eklund
New Scandia Township Deputy Clerk