

December 21, 2004

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Clerk's minutes have been presented for 11-16-04 and 12-07-04 Town Board and 12-07-04 Planning Commission
2. Treasurer's report

Balance October 30, 2004	\$1,699,421.88
Receipts	180,970.11
Expenditures	162,364.69
Balance November 30, 2004	<u>\$1,718,027.10</u>
3. Approval of December vouchers

Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT/DEPUTY CORY REEDY

Deputy Cory Reedy stated the Dare Program at the Scandia School is completed and 70 students graduated from the Dare Program. This meeting would be the last meeting Deputy Reedy would be attending and Deputy Chris Howard will be New Scandia Township Deputy as of January 1, 2005. The Town Board and residents thanked Deputy Cory Reedy and wished him well in his new assignment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT/JAMES FINNEGAN

Mr. Finnegan reported that New Scandia Fire and Rescue Department received a grant from the DNR in the amount of \$1500.00, \$500.00 from Scandia Marine Lions and \$250.00 from Elim Lutheran Church. He stated these funds would be used to upgrade equipment.

Blair Joselyn made a motion to accept the donations from the Scandia Marine Lions in the amount of \$500.00 and \$250.00 from Elim Lutheran Church for the New Scandia Fire and Rescue Department for the upgrade of equipment. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

PARK AND RECREATION/BLAIR JOSELYN

Mr. Joselyn presented a map highlighting the Gateway Trail. Mr. Joselyn reported that the Park and Recreation Committee are reviewing the Park Survey mailed to Township residents and a meeting will be scheduled the last part of January for public input on the Park Comprehensive Plan.

BMI MUSIC/SKATING FACILITY

Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the payment of \$180.00 to BMI Music to protect the Township from copyright infringement. Dennis Seefeldt seconded the motion. Nancy Madden and Dennis Seefeldt voted yes, Michael Harnetty and Blair Joselyn voted no, motion failed.

The Town Board Staff was directed to remove the C.D. Player from the Skating Facility.

Michael White expressed his concerns with the Skating Program that will be held in January and February and that some children use the rink for hockey after school. The scheduled hockey teams do not use the rink until 6:00 p.m. and the Skating Program ends at 5:30 p.m.

Michael Harnetty made a motion to post a notice in the Skating Facility stating as: DURING FREE SKATING NO HOCKEY. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER/TOM PETERSON

Michael Harnetty made a motion to approve the 5th and final payment to Universal Enterprises Mid-MN in the amount of \$64,580.76. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Mr. and Ms. Richard Quigley questioned why the Township did not install a turn-around on Novak Avenue with the 2004 Road Project. Tom Peterson stated he had contacted two residents on Novak and they would not give the Township an easement for the installation of a turn-around. Mr. Quigley stated that he was willing to give an easement for the turn-around. The Town Board instructed Mr. Peterson to review the possibility of the installation of a turn-around and present the information at the January 18, 2005 meeting.

Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the rate schedule for the year of 2005 with Bonestroo Rosene Anderlik and Associates. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

NATURES WALK PLAT/DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the Development Agreement for the Plat of Natures Walk contingent on the approval of the Landscape Plan for the Plat. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Blair Joselyn made a motion to approve the Conservation Agreement for the Plat of Natures Walk. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

DANA VOGEN/GOOSE LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

A proposal was submitted from Osgood Consulting for the Goose Lake Management Plan to address concerns that include the following:

- Balancing human needs with ecological health
- Managing lakeshore and watershed development

Bruce Swenson a resident on Goose Lake expressed to the Town Board that this study was not necessary and that he uses Goose Lake once a year to water ski and the plan may deny that sport. He stated only 4 or 5 boats maximum are on the lake at one time and there is not an erosion problem. Mr. Swenson was informed if the Management Plan prohibits water skiing the Township could regulate the issues.

Michael Harnetty made a motion to authorize to enter in an agreement with Osgood Consulting for Goose Lake Management Plan to be completed in 2005. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

2005 BUDGET FOR BLISS AND ANDERSON/ERICKSON 201 PROJECT

Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the 2005 budget for the Bliss and Anderson/Erickson 201 Project for the year of 2005. Dennis Seefeldt seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

EASEMENT FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM BACK-UP

Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the easement for an off site septic system for Dan Bever and Al Lepinski from Ken Frieberg. Dennis Seefeldt seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

HILLSHADE FARM PLAT EXTENSION

Michael Harnetty made a motion to approve the extension of the final plat for Hillshade Farm. Nancy Madden seconded the motion.

REPORT ON INCORPORATION COMMITTEE/BLAIR JOSELYN

Mr. Joselyn reported that the following information regarding the Incorporation Committee:

- The minutes of past meetings are now on the web site.
- Committee is beginning to deal with the member questions/issues.
- Questions have been sent to MLC for review, comment, and additions.
- Have visited Wyoming Township and obtained information on the planning consultant and financial advisor they retained for their recent annexation hearing.

Mr. Joselyn reported that Washington County would no longer do the following for New Scandia Township if Scandia becomes a city:

- Issue gravel pits permits (all pit responsibilities would go to the city).
- Conduct inspections regarding lake/wetland shoreline issues and problems
- Issue conditional use permits
- Issue certificates of compliance
- Issue grading permit

The committee is now attempting to get data on hours and costs to take over these functions if we were a city.

APPEALS AND EQUALIZATION COURSE FOR LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis Seefeldt made a motion that Nancy Madden and Michael Harnetty attend the training meeting for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization on February 4, 2005 at Washington County Government Center. Nancy Madden seconded the motion.

MARINE-ON-ST-CROIX WATERSHED APPOINTMENT

Dolores Peterson reported that Douglas Pratt has resigned his position on the Marine-On-St-Croix Watershed. Ms. Peterson was instructed to advertise for the appointment on the Marine-On-St-Croix Watershed.

Nancy Madden made a motion to adjourn.

Dolores Peterson