

February 21, 2006

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Michael Hinz made a motion to above the consent agenda.

- 1. Clerk's minutes have been presented for 01-17-06 and 02-07-06 Town Board and 02-07-06 Planning Commission**
- 2. Balance December 31, 2006** **\$1,979,394.47**

Receipts	100,955.76
Expenditures	69,342.04
Journal entry	- 37,007.91

Balance January 31, 2006	<u>\$1,974,000.28</u>
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3. Payment of vouchers

Nancy Madden seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF/STEVE SPENCE

Mr. Spence made a presentation regarding the need for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire/Rescue Department. The monies from the Firemens Ball the Fire/Rescue Department use 1/3 is marked for the Fire Relief, 1/3 is for Fire Appreciation and 1/3 is for equipment. The cost per unit is \$3100.00 and their plans are to purchase 5 units this year. The purchase of additional units will be purchased in 2007.

PARK AND RECREATION-BLAIR JOSELYN

Debi Campobasso presented a proposal for a Park and Recreation Coordinator with two recommendations. The Park and Recreation Coordinator is not in the budget for the year of 2006 so the following recommendation was made for the summer of 2006.

Blair Joselyn made a motion to accept the Park and Recreation proposal for a Park and Recreation Coordinator and review the proposal with the 2007 budget. Approve the 22 weeks during the summer months at 20 hours per week with the following changes in the Job Description: (1) Under b, remove maintenance of recreation facilities; (2) Under f, remove hires and supervises rink attendants; (3) Under minimum experience and abilities define supervisory experience. Nancy Madden seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER-TOM PETERSON

Michael Hinz made a motion to patch and overlay the following streets: (1) Frontage Road at Olinda Trail; (2) Ozark Avenue and Ozark Court; (3) Lofton Court; (4) Reclaim Olinda Lane. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Michael Hinz made a motion to authorize the Township Engineer Tom Peterson to prepare specifications for the Road Improvements for 2006. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Nancy Madden made a motion to contract with Washington County for stripping 220th Street and the possibility of some of the streets in the Bliss Addition. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

AGRICULTURE PRESERVE/JAY AND ELLA WARMINGTON

Nancy Madden made a motion to approve the Agriculture Preserve for Jay and Ella Warmington for Parcel A, Parcel B and Parcel B in Section 24, Township 32, Range 20. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

ROBERT ANDERSON/LEGISLATION FOR 2006 SESSION

Mr. Anderson presented considerations in drafting legislation relating to Community Residences and requesting support for the legislation from New Scandia Town Board which would strengthen local regulations such as follows: (1) Allow local/municipal units of government to create up to 1-mile zones in surrounding places of common child congregation including, but not limited to, schools, recreation facilities and parks in which all Community Residence could be banned; (2) To allow local units of government to require conditional use permits for any Community Residence with three or more unrelated residents; (3) To allow local/municipal units of government to set up to 1 mile of space between all Community Residence; (4) Allow local/municipal units of government to require additional levels of care and security and additional levels of professional training and certification for medical and security personnel where there is perception of a threat to the community. For example, a certified psychiatric RN may be required to be present at all times and administer medication to schizophrenics; (5) Establish an effective date of January 1, 2006. Existing non-conforming Community Residences would be given up to 24 months to comply with ordinances and other local/municipal regulations following from this legislation.

Mr. Anderson stated there is much unrest with residents within New Scandia Township regarding Community Residences and reports of many issues throughout the State of Minnesota. Mr. Anderson felt this is a reasonable balance for the welfare not only for the residents of the community and the protection of the residences of the Community Residence. An advertisement for job applications was read stating the staffing does not require any experience.

Mr. Anderson expressed support from the Town Board in form of a letter or resolution.

The Study of Community Residences by TKDA was also addressed and it was agreed that the Study would be discussed at the March 13, 2006 Workshop with the Town Board and Planning Commission present.

Michael Harnetty made a motion to recognize the concerns of the citizens of New Scandia Township and we support the initiative for greater local control about the issue of placement and regulation of Community Residences within the Township. Nancy Madden seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK

Nancy Madden made a motion to appoint Brenda Ecklund as New Scandia Township Deputy Clerk. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

CONSULTANT FOR CHIEF-ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Nancy Madden made a motion to engage Springsted Inc. for the Recruitment Services for the replacement of Clerk Dolores Peterson and to begin with Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the proposal dated February 16, 2006 and to follow City Administrator on page 5 of the report. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

The following were appointed to the Ambulance Committee: Steve Spence, Nancy Madden, Michael Hinz, Erich Kertzsch, Teri Pittman and Tom Obst.

RESIGNATION OF KEN OSTLUND FROM ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Nancy Madden made a motion to accept the resignation of Ken Ostlund from the Architectural Review Committee. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

CONSULTANTS FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Joselyn informed the Town Board that the interviews for Consultants for Land Development would be on March 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

ISSUES WITH NEW SCANDIA TOWNSHIP PICK-UP

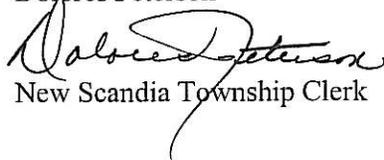
Michael Hinz made a motion to do a trade-in with the pick-up that was recently purchase from Elk River Ford and purchase a new one with a diesel engine and heavy-duty plow and a different type of a sander. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

CLEARING OF LIONS PARK

Mr. Seefeldt stated he had received a letter regarding the clearing of trees in the Lions Park on Oakhill and Highway 97. Mr. White stated he had only been taking the dead trees, dead branches and ash trees that were under spruce trees. It was agreed come next spring the existing trees would leaf out without the dead growth.

Nancy Madden made a motion to adjourn.

Dolores Peterson



New Scandia Township Clerk