

January 17, 2006

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Michael Harnetty made a motion to approve the following consent agenda.

1. Clerk's minutes have been presented for 12-20-05 and 01-03-06 Town Board. 01-03-06 Planning Commission
2. Treasurer's report

Balance November 30, 2005	\$1,504,026.33
Expenditures	207,299.34
ACH Deposits	37,007.91
Balance December 31, 2005	<u>\$1,979,394.47</u>

Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

PARK AND RECREATION/BLAIR JOSELYN

Debi Campobasso presented the proposed subcommittees for the Park and Recreation Committees. Ms. Campobasso also expressed that the committee is supporting a Coordinator for Park and Recreation Programs with the approximate expenditure of \$14,000.00 per year, but the expected revenue for the program would be \$7,000.00.

Blair Joselyn stated the Town Board should review the Comprehensive Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreational Facilities Plan before any decision should be made regarding a Park and Recreation Coordinator. This item should be placed on the February 21, 2006 meeting.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER/TOM PETERSON

Michael Hinz made a motion to approve the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$174,709.13 for the Plat of Wild Bush Acres. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

ROAD SUPERVISOR/MICHAEL HINZ

Michael Hinz stated the Road Committee had meet to review the list of bituminous roads in need of repair for 2006. The committee will submit a list of major and minor projects for the February 7, 2006 meeting.

James Van Hoven questioned the product that is used for the township gravel roads for ice and stated the chips from Dresser Trap Rock are a better product for gravel roads. It was agreed to continue the use of sand and salt product from Washington County.

RECYCLING CONTRACT/SRC INC.

Betty Bergerson submitted the Municipal Recycling Grant Program Annual Report in reference to materials collected in 2005. Ms. Bergerson also stated the Washington County Household Waste Collection would be held with Heavy Metal Days on April 26, 2006. Heavy Metal Days will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Household Waste Collection will be held from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Blair Joselyn made a motion to approve the Recycling Contract for 2006 with SRC Inc. in the amount of \$2,400.00. Michael Hinz seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

MARINE AMBULANCE SERVICE/ROBIN BROOKSBANK

Robin Brooksbank represented the Council of the City of Marine requesting funding for a new ambulance, which services New Scandia Township. Ms. Brooksbank stated that 69% of the calls are from New Scandia Township and the cost of a new ambulance is approximately \$140,000.00 to \$150,000.00. Ms. Brooksbank requested a donation of \$25,000.00 from New Scandia Township for the ambulance fund and informed the residents the City of Marine/Ambulance Service will sponsor a Fundraiser for some of the funding.

Ms. Brooksbank was informed that the amount of \$25,000.00 was not in the budget of 2006 for New Scandia Township and under State Statues New Scandia Township and the City of Marine would have to have a joint powers agreement for funding the ambulance. No decision was made on this matter.

NEIGHBORS ON OLAND AVENUE AND OREN AVENUE/COMMUNITY RESIDENCE SITE

Mr. James Vollmar who had been in contact with Washington County Human Services regarding the license for the Community Residence at 21523 Oland Avenue stated the following: Washington County Human Services informed him that this is not covered under the Moratorium that was adopted on December 6, 2005 by New Scandia Town Board. Mr. Vollmar stated the county informed him that Community Living Options will be issued a Foster Care License and he felt this should be under the I.C.S.M.R. This license stands for Intermediate Care Facility-Mentally Disabled License and felt this operation is completely different then a Foster Care License. The residents were informed State and Federal Statues permit the operation of the facility. The residents questioned how can they submit public comment on this issue and they were informed to write to Washington County Humans Services.

Maria Hinz presented information regarding the construction of the home at 21523 Oland Avenue as she was the previous owner of the land and stated soil borings of the land showed a high seasonal water table and the building permit was issued for a full walkout rambler on grade, but it is now a walkup rambler. The error is that the lower level is in the seasonal water table resulting in a flooded basement. Ms. Hinz was concerned about the water problem with dangerous mold and fungi in the basement level.

SHIRLEY NAGLE/THE NAME OF THE NEW CITY

Ms. Nagle questioned why the name for the city was decided to be the City of New Scandia instead of City of Scandia and she was informed it was the position of the Town Board to make this decision.

MAJOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL PROCESS/BLAIR JOSELYN

Blair Joselyn presented a proposal for Major Subdivision Approval Process with reference to the review of a concept of a Major Subdivision. The proposal suggested a pre-concept meeting with the developer with his/her consultants and Township/City staff including the following: (a) consulting design person (s); (b) two members of the Planning Commission; (c) one or two from the Township Board of Supervisors (or City Council); (d) Planner; and (e) Engineer if needed, and probably a representative from the Rural Landscape Preservation Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Members of the Planning Commission expressed their support of this draft and Ms. Yehle stated that all the Members of the Planning Commission should be present for the pre-concept meeting. This item was discussed thoroughly and will be reviewed at the Workshop Meeting to be held February 14, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

HENNEPIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE CONTRACT/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Michael Hinz made a motion to approve the contract with Hennepin Technical College for Customized Training Services in providing OSHA Compliance for the Public Works Department. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/SPEED LIMIT ON HIGHWAY 97

A letter was presented from Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding the request for designated areas from Novak to Parrish Road. Based on the investigation results, existing speed limits on Highway 97 are reasonable and safe for current conditions.

MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. APPLYING PRE-TREATMENT LEATHER

A letter had been received from Mountain Environmental, Inc. regarding the application of a pre-treatment of leather waste for agricultural land in New Scandia Township. The Town Board directed the Township Attorney to send a letter inquiring the type of product the company is proposing to apply to agricultural land in our community.

**201 WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENT AND BUDGET FOR YEAR OF 2006**

Michael Hinz made a motion to approve the contract with Washington County for the 201 Wastewater Treatment System Operation and Maintenance Agreement and Budget for the year of 2006. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.

Dennis Seefeldt made a motion to adjourn

Dolores Peterson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dolores Peterson".

New Scandia Township Clerk