

October 3, 2006

The New Scandia Town Board met on the above date. Chairman Dennis Seefeldt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Dennis Seefeldt, Vice-Chairman Michael Hinz, Michael Harnetty, Blair Joselyn and Nancy Madden.

#### **FIRE STATION/PUBLIC WORKS LOT REPAIRS**

Town Engineer Tom Peterson has negotiated an adjustment in quantities as a resolution to the concerns over workmanship on the Fire Station/Public Works Parking Lot project. A reduction of \$2,555.50 was agreed upon. A payment of \$25,000.00 was made on August 14, 2006.

**Michael Harnetty made a motion to approve the second and final pay request of \$9,374.17 to Jay Bros., Inc. for the Fire Station/Public Works Lot Repair Project. Blair Joselyn seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.**

#### **2006 CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Town Engineer Tom Peterson reported that at the pre-construction meeting with Jay Bros., Inc., the installation of flared end markers was discussed. They are not currently shown on the plans or quantities. As the end sections of the culverts will be concrete, they could be a serious hazard to snowmobilers or ATV riders if not marked. Jay Bros. quoted a price of \$42.50 each to furnish and install the markers. There are 54 flared ends.

**Nancy Madden made a motion to approve a change in work order of \$2,295.00 for the installation of 54 flared end markers for the 2006 Culvert Replacement Project. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion and motion adopted unanimously.**

#### **REPAIRS TO THE ICE SKATING RINK**

Mike White was present to discuss repairs to the ice rink. Mr. White has estimated the caulking of cracks in the concrete base to be approximately \$1,500. This is an on-going maintenance procedure that needs to be done every three years. Supervisor Harnetty stated that a meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2006 with a Rink Sub-Committee and the firm Becker Arena Products to obtain a quote on improvements to the rink.

**Blair Joselyn made a motion to table the decision on repairs to the skating rink until the October 17, 2006 Town Board meeting, pending the report from the Rink Sub-Committee.**

#### **REPORT ON THE COMFORT LAKE/FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT MEETING**

A meeting was held on September 20, 2006 involving members of the New Scandia Town Board, Comfort Lake/Forest Lake Watershed District and the Bone Lake Homeowners Association. There is interest on the part of the Town Board to work with the Watershed on future projects. The Watershed has agreed to provide input on any future projects, especially in concern to the water quality of Bone Lake.

**REPORT ON A MEETING WITH THE CITY OF MARINE-ON-ST. CROIX**

Supervisors Seefeldt and Madden met with Marine Mayor Glen Mills and Washington County Sheriff Potts to discuss the possibility of the two municipalities sharing a contract for police services. New Scandia Township would retain one full-time deputy and add on a part-time deputy to split with Marine. This contract could be considered in the 2008 budget. The City of Marine will continue to evaluate their budget before any further discussion with New Scandia Township.

**INCORPORATION REPORT**

Town Attorney Dave Hebert reported on the status of the Incorporation of New Scandia Township. A letter received from Administrative Law Judge LaFave anticipated a decision to be announced by mid-October. A request from Judge LaFave for a date to hold an election of municipal officers was discussed. The consensus of the Board was to suggest December 12, 2006 as a proposed date for the election, assuming the decision is to incorporate. This allows for an election to be held within 45 to 60 days following the decision.

**At 7:30 p.m., the New Scandia Planning Commission began their regular monthly meeting. The following Planning Commission members were in attendance: Chair Chris Ness, Jim Malmquist, Kevin Nickelson, Peter Schwarz and Donnette Yehle.**

**NOVEMBER MEETING DATE**

As November 7, 2006 is also the date of the general election, by law a public meeting may not be held until after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. It was the consensus of the Board to reschedule the Town Board and Planning Commission meeting to the following Tuesday, November 14, 2006.

**KEVIN LYNCH – VARIANCE HEARING RECONVENED**

The public hearing for Kevin Lynch's variance request for a two-story accessory structure at 21630 Oland Avenue was continued from September 5, 2006. The township's planner determined the area where the garage is to be built is a 21% slope. This was calculated from a county aerial photo with 2-foot contours. A survey showed the proposed accessory structure is to be set back approximately 300 feet from the OHWL of Goose Lake.

Planning Commission recommended to the Town Board to grant the variance request of Kevin Lynch to build an accessory structure with a lower level walk-out on the grounds that the proposed location meets all setback requirements, and is not located between the house and the road. Conditions are: 1)The upper level is reduced in height per the

County's request so that the upper level is considered unusable; 2) That the applicant consult with the Washington Conservation District and recommendations from the district are implemented; 3) That no indoor plumbing is installed in the accessory structure; and 4) That the Applicant pays all fees, including those for the Attorney, Engineer, and Planning Services. Findings are: 1) That while an accessory building could be built in the proposed location without an accessible lower level, the evident design solution to the slope is a walk-out; 2) The slope is caused by features unique to the land, not created by the landowner; 3) A variance would be required in order to locate the structure in a more level location because it would be between the house and the road; 4) That the accessory structure with the walk-out would not alter the essential character of the area; and 5) That because the height of the lower level is less than 12 feet, the proposed lower level may not constitute a story.

**Nancy Madden made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance request for Kevin Lynch, with a condition that the color of the garage must match the color of the house. Michael Harnetty seconded the motion. Voting yes: Harnetty, Joselyn, Madden, Seefeldt. Voting no: Hinz. Motion adopted.**

Nancy Madden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Eklund

New Scandia Township Deputy Clerk