

Business meeting
November 14, 2002

Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m.
Supervisor Bruce Aho - Absent

1. Approve Minutes

- Correction: Supervisor Bruce Aho was absent from the October meeting. Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes, with the correction to attendance, seconded. Motion passed.

2. Concerns from the Audience

- Bob Abrahamson thanked the township for installing electricity in the recycling shed.
- Add under Police department: Horse problem on Homestead Road and Mattson property.

3. Agenda - Additions to Agenda -

- Contract signature page for Police department,
- Allocation notice to WLSSD for 2003,
- Letter from North Shore Community School requesting Trustee.
- Old Business- Storm water management plan update.
- Congdon trust property meeting.
- Update of Sewer under Old Business.

4. Correspondence -

- Lake Superior Binational program -
- Lake Superior Lakewide Management Plan: 2002 Progress Report.
- Thank you from the family of Rudy Gustofson along with an enclosed booklet celebrating his life.
- Letter from John Kessler to Al Katz Re: Congdon trust property.
- E-mail thank you from Merry Mattson.
- Grant application format for the Lake Superior Coastal Zone Program.

5. Treasurers Report - submitted on paper to the Supervisors

6. Department Reports

a. Police Department

- Read by Shawn Padden
- Garbage complaint - A "Garbage Cop" is available through WLSSD.
- Roy Mattson - Neighbors horse is loose and running on their property, the Mattson's would like to have this issue resolved as it has been an ongoing problem. Shawn will write a letter to the homeowner.
- Paul Johnson has resigned his position on the township police department. Shawn will look for another police officer to replace Paul. Until a third police officer has been found Steve and Shawn will work to cover the open hours.
- Police Contract - George made a motion to sign the Police Department contract, seconded. Motion passed. The salary will be \$11.35 per hour and is effective as of February 1, 2002.

b. Fire Department

- Three car accidents; two along the Expressway construction zone and one on the Homestead Road, two general medical calls and one fire.

c. Town Hall

- Furnace duct still needs to be cleaned.
- Stephen made a motion to add 2 hours of custodial time to allow Ann to assist Bob Abrahamson. Seconded. Motion passed.
- A bid request was made in the town newsletter for the bi-fold door that used to be in the town office. As of today no one has placed a bid, anyone who would like the door may feel free to take it.
- The old chairs not currently being used by the town board also may be gotten rid of, no one has shown interest in them.

d. Planning and Zoning

- There will be two steering committee meetings next month, December 5th and December 12th. The main focus is still on commercial but slowly starting to focus on other areas.
- George, Jeff and Wayne attended a Storm water management meeting. Many governmental agencies came together to discuss storm water management for the entire state. Only a small portion of Duluth Township is affected, however the township will eventually have to become more involved. Unless the law changes townships are under the same law as WLSSD.

e. Recycling

- Snowplowing – At the time the snowplowing application became available the recycling shed was to be moved. Clerk will send the application and check next week. Ann will call her son-in-law to plow until the county has been contacted.

f. Road and Bridge –

- Two road repair request and one request from a new property owner for a culvert and load of gravel. Michele will bring the requests to the Road Supervisor.
- Plugged cross culvert on Wildwood road west.
- County hooked a culvert about 500' on the Wildwood road east. Road Supervisor will need to be made aware of the problem.

g. Legal

- Nothing to report
- Soccer Field – The Township and County have put money into the project, the PTA was to have completed the project, at this time that has not been done.
- Legal Bill for the Closing of the Community Center – At the Annual meeting \$10,000 was set aside to pay for closing costs. The bill exceeded that amount by \$4,250.75 and at last months meeting it was discussed whether the remaining monies should be taken from the Capital funds. There is some confusion as to what is the appropriate use of the capital funds. When the Community Center was purchased town residents were assured that the Community center would not cost the township residents. The intent of the Capital fund is not to have it raided but to pay for things that are contributable to the School. Corlis made a motion to pay the remainder of the bill allowing it to become paid in full, seconded. George stated he would abstain from this vote. Corlis respectfully requested George not abstain from this issue, George took an oath to represent the township. George acknowledged the oath but feels it would be a conflict of interest to vote on this issue.

Yea; Jeff, Stephen and Corlis Absent; Bruce Abstained; George

- Joint Powers agreement – there has not been a quorum for this meeting since last summer. The next meeting will be 7:00 p.m. on the 21st at Beaver Bay.

h. Cemetery

- George requested a written report if Denise could not make it to the meeting. He also requested all checks be mailed to Janet Johansen every month.
- Ron Sjoberg passed away, another plot digger will need to be obtained. Norm Bourdage will continue to be used until a decision is made.
- Denise has turned in a payroll request for \$770.00 George made a motion to pay the bill for work done over a two year period, seconded. Amendment to original motion; from this time forth, no bills will be paid for claim beyond 6 months, amendment seconded. Motion passed.

i. Community Center

- Jeff made a motion to pay \$589.00 for boiler insurance out of the Capital improvements fund, seconded. George abstained from this vote. Motion passed,

8. Old Business

- Sewer update – the project is now into the township. There was a problem east of the McQuade road, the road was not restored correctly. The problem has been dealt with. Storm water management has been discussed
- Congdon trust – Al Katz is now the Community Club president. There was a meeting with the City of Duluth, signage is now being installed along wayside rests. There is also discussion regarding erosion trails which become used as driveways. Jeff has asked Peg Sweeney to post the road along Stoney Point.
- Corlis made a motion to accept the resolution approving the reappointment of Scott Smith and Lars Fladmark to the sanitary board, seconded. Motion passed.

9. New Business

- Voting machine contract – approved by board.
- Letter from North Shore Community School Board – The community school fund (part of the Northland Community Foundation) has now grown to more than \$25,000.00. A trustee has been requested to manage this fund. Jeff Cook has volunteered to sit on that board. Would our errors and Omissions cover Jeff while he is on that board? The Clerk will write MSI insurance and ask. Helen Hendrickson is representing the Homesteaders on the trustee board.

Pay Bills

Motion to adjourn – 9:05

Respectfully Submitted

