Duluth Town Board Meeting
October 10, 2002

Meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Stephen made a motion to approve the September Minutes with the Community Center correction, seconded. Motion Passed.

Gubernatorial candidate Tim Penny requested a few minutes to speak at this meeting. George will suspend the meeting when Mr. Penny arrives.

2. Concerns from the Audience
   - Robert Abrahamson spoke against Como Oil providing propane service to the fire department.

3. Approve Agenda – Additions
   - Fire Department – Como Oil.
   - New Business – Lake Superior Regional Water Committee.
   - Legal – School Acquisition.

4. Correspondence
   - Letter written to the Duluth North Shore Sanitary District encouraging Lars Fladmark to stay on the board.
   - Letter from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
   - News Release – MN Coastal Program
   - St. Louis County – RE: proposed zoning ordinance relating to utilities and towers. – referred to Planning and Zoning administrator
   - City of Duluth – Storm water meeting referred to Jeff

5. Treasurers Report

   Beginning Balance $165,520.11
   Deposits $39,572.54
   Expenses $59,639.79
   Ending Balance $145,452.86

   Road and Bridge is over budget, all other departments are doing well. Report accepted as presented.

6. Quarterly Audit – Set aside

7. Department Reports
   a. Police Department
      - Department report read by Shawn Padden
      - Status on Mobile Radar Unit. The unit is currently booked up through November but will be made available in June of 2003. George recommended issuing warning tickets first.
      - There will be a meeting with the City of Duluth, October 16th, regarding signs and the overnight parking problem along Congdon Trust property.
Corlis made a motion to suspend the agenda to allow gubernatorial candidate Tim Penny to address the hall, seconded. Motion passed. The following candidates also spoke, Tom Norman, Rodger Skraba and Kay Jacobs.

At this time the Meeting reconvened

b. Fire department
   - Report given by Jerry Simmons – no fire calls, 2 medical calls.
   - Budget is still in line
   - Fire Truck will have the foam unit installed at the end of the month.
   - Extra training for burn at the old Fire Hall site. At this time permits have not been acquired, the burn has been delayed.
   - Como contract – one year at a time agreement. Trico gas is 90 cents per gallon, Como gas is 40 cents per gallon.
   - Alden Contract has been signed, check has been received

c. Town Hall
   - Compliment to Wayne on the wall

d. Planning and Zoning
   - Conclusion of the Moratorium is November 11th. The New Zoning ordinance will not be completed by the time the Moratorium expires.
   - Gary Zimm public hearing will be held at the conclusion of the moratorium.

e. Recycling
   - Recycling shed will be moved, no new site has been located at this time.
   - Garbage drop off at recycling sites continues to be a problem.
   - Recycling shed belongs to the township, Jeff talked to WLSSD and their Legal department – The shed belongs to the township WLSSD will pay for the move. The shed will temporarily be moved to the town hall site.

f. Road and Bridge

g. Legal
   - Joint Powers issue – Table until November Meeting.
   - Attorney fees for the acquisition of the Township Community Center (North Shore Community School) exceeded the $10,000 allocated at the Annual Town meeting. The bill exceeded that amount by the sum of $4,250.75 making the total attorney bill for the acquisition of the Community Center, $14,250.75. Corlis made a motion that; the $9260.75 fee to acquire the community center and the amount of money to deal with insurance issues should come from the general fund ($8044.00 fees, $906.75 expenses, $310.00 insurance). The balance of $4990.00 from fees and expenses should be taken from the Capital Improvement fund ($3360.00 lease, $1630.00 Johnson Control), seconded. Phil Strom spoke against taking any funds from the Capital Improvement account. At this time George turned the chair over to Corlis and stepped down from the board meeting. George spoke against taking funds from the Capital Improvement account. Kay Jacobs suggested paying the $10,000 allocated at the Annual Meeting and hold over the remaining until our Attorney was present. Corlis rescinded his motion to; pay the $10,000 appropriated by the electorate and take the balance from Capital Improvement
fund, until the issue can be discussed at the next Annual Meeting, to reimburse the amount by the electorates, seconded. Stephen would like to amend the motion to pay $10,000 up front, table the remainder until the Attorney can speak to that amount. Amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment. Motion Passed:
  Yes: Jeff, Stephen and Corlis  Abstained: George

- Permission was requested to notify Lakewood of some old Road Orders found among the cemetery paperwork stored in the office. Permission was granted.

h. Cemetery
- Denise Connolly has not submitted a wage request to date. George will send a letter to Denise, a copy of the letter will be sent to the office.
- A copy of the cemetery abstract has been located at the town hall along with a box of Burial transfer certificates and other documents. The clerk will make a copy of all documents for the Cemetery Supervisor.

i. Community Center
- The North Shore Soccer Club is applying for a grant to complete the Soccer field. A letter was requested from the township giving the soccer club exclusive use of the land for 15 years. Due to the reversionary language in the contract between the Lake Superior School District and the Township, the use of the land for that period cannot be guaranteed. Letter request was denied.

8. Old Business –
  • No Old Business at this meeting

9. New Business
  • A Lake Superior Regional Water Committee is being formed to search for Federal Money to bring city water to townships and outlying areas. Motion to join the Committee died for lack of a motion. Clerk was asked to write the committee with the board’s decision.

10. George made a motion to approve payment of the bills with the exception of the Attorney Bill, seconded. Motion passed.

11. Motion to adjourn following the payment of bills. 9:20 p.m.

By

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Clerk, Town of Duluth