Duluth Town Board Meeting
September 12, 2002

Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Correction: Community Center "The Township does want the burden of" corrected to "The Township does not want the burden of". Steve made a motion to approve the August 8, 2002 minutes, seconded. Motion passed.

   Jeff made a motion to approve the August 21, 2002 minutes from the Comprehensive Land Use Plan special meeting, Corlis seconded. Motion passed.

Request for Agenda change: Approve Minutes will remain as line item number one; Concerns from the Audience will now become line item number two; and Approve agenda will become line item number three.

2. Concerns from the Audience
   - Al Katz from North Shore Community Club
   - North Shore Management Board – Mary Ann Sironen

3. Approve Agenda – Additions;
   - Fire Department – Alden Contract
   - Fire Department – Bluebird landing
   - New Business – Relocation of recycling shed.

   With those changes the agenda is approved

4. Correspondence –
   - Local Legislative Tour
   - North Shore Community Club
   - Certificate of Liability insurance – North Shore inline marathon race
   - Letter from the State Auditor
   - MAT – district 10 meeting notice – George will attend
   - Letter from Minnesota Department of Transportation – funding. Passed to Planning and Zoning Board

5. Treasurers report –

Beginning Balance	$182,581.75
Deposits	$15,371.66
Expenses	$32,433.30
Ending Balance	$165,520.11

6. Department Reports
   a. Police Report by Shawn Padden
      - Commend Steve Peterson for his continued action in the township.
      - More traffic on North Shore Drive due to construction on the Expressway. It was suggested the police department borrow a radar reader and place it long Scenic 61 to make drivers more aware of their speed.
      - John Kessler would like to see more police protection in the township, possibly a full time police department. Jeff Cook suggested that issue be brought up at the annual meeting.

b. Fire Department –

- No fires, two medical calls.
- New members interested in attending Fire Fighter class scheduled to begin soon.
- Fire week is Oct 6 – 12th, a reminder to change the batteries in your fire alarms.
- Old Fire Hall is scheduled to be burnt down by the end of October. A certified letter was sent to Ed Morris requesting removal of his property from the old hall. As of right now we haven't received confirmation that Ed has received the letter, Jeff will bring a copy of the letter to Ed to make sure he is aware of the intent to burn down the structure.
- Bluebird landing – A traffic control letter from the City of Duluth was turned over to Jerry. Jerry will follow up the letter with a call. Mary Ann Sironen requested limiting the speed from Shore Crest to Bluebird landing. MNDot controls the speed along North Shore Drive.
- Alden Contract – The fire protection contract for Alden Township is now completed. Corlis made a motion that this contract be accepted for fire protection for Alden Township, seconded. One year renewable contract, retroactive to April of this year. Motion passed.

c. Town Hall –

- Electricity for the North recycling shed – Bruce asked if Fred Johansen would install the electricity if a trench was dug and ready for the wiring installation. Janet will check with Fred.

d. Planning and Zoning –

- Upcoming schedule for the steering committee has been completed. First meeting is September 19th, 6:30 p.m.
- There will be two public hearings on September 26th.
- There are "Grandfather" clause issues that need to be looked at. The town board gave authorizing the town attorney to look into "Grandfather" clause issues for the Planning and Zoning department.
- The revised comprehensive land use plan has been approved and accepted.

e. Recycling –

- The recycling shed must be moved. As part of the fire department's conditional use permit the recycling shed cannot be moved to the fire department property. WLSSD owns the recycling shed; Jeff will contact WLSSD and let them know the situation. Other possible locations are: The Community school (since that recycling shed serves the shore it would not be practical), the Lakeview Castle, Negotiate with the DNR for a corner of the property, the French River Church, or Darrin Berg owns a piece of property along the rail road tracks on the Ryan Road. A possible special meeting might have to be called to take care of this issue.

f. Road and Bridge –

- Leo Hanson's culvert will be installed.
- A turn around on the Cemetery road is needed. The road length is ¼ of a mile. The current road goes beyond the cemetery, ending at the section line.
- East Paul Road. New construction on the minimum maintenance road. Legal description of a minimum maintenance road is needed from Tim.

g. Legal –

h. Cemetery –

- Cemetery maintenance contract is good.

i. Community Center –

- Boilers have passed inspection. The boilers will be insured by Hartford insurance company
- Fire Extinguishers have been inspected.
- Capital improvements – water softener will be added.
- A committee has been set up to find grant money for passive solar.
- Auction money – A list of people who worked and the amount of time put into setting up for the auction is being compiled. If it would have cost the township more money to do what the volunteers have done, and if the money paid out would have exceeded the amount taken in, then the money collected should be kept by the community school.
- Armor Fuel Tank – It is likely the community school will not need the 500 gallon, self contained computerized fuel tank. It has been suggested the township use it for the fire department and police departments, eliminating the need to drive to town for fuel. Wayne is not aware of any zoning ordinances regarding the unit. Check with MPCA about a permit process, Bruce thinks that under a thousand gallons it might not need a permit.

7. Old Business –
   - North Shore Management Board – Funding is being sought; matching funds will be given from the Coastal program and Soil and Water program. Jeff made a motion to authorize $750.00 to continue participation on the North Shore Management Board. Seconded. This is not a regular budget item; $500.00 was authorized for last year.

   Yea: George, Steve and Jeff. Abstained Corlis and Bruce – motion carried 3 to 2
8. New Business –
   - Special election September 24th. –
   - Kay Knight – Running for county Commissioner.
   - D/NSSD – Lars Fladmark's position will soon be completed, it was suggested we might encourage him to stay on the board. Jeff made a motion to send a letter to Lars supporting his reelection to the board, seconded. Motion passed.
9. Pay Bills – as submitted
10. Motion to adjourn – 9:35 p.m.

Carol L. Cox