

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2008

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Steve Kramer, Jim Keller, Gary Dixon and Kathy Higgins

ABSENT: Joe Moore

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Gilchrist and Engineer Geheren

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 7:02 PM by Chair Higgins

AGENDA APPROVAL: Higgins added complaint reports and stop signs. Keller added Whitetail Crossing. **Motion Keller/2nd Kramer to approve agenda as amended.** Motion Carried Unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion Keller/2nd Dixon to approve consent agenda which includes 06/02/2008 Board Meeting Minutes, claims #8900-8926, PERA EFT 77871, payroll ending 07/06/2008 and financial reports. Motion Carried Unanimously.

HEARING DECISION/ZONING ACTIONS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Fieldcrest resident expressed concern over Noxious Weeds/Thistles on a neighboring property. Kramer reported that the landowner was noticed by mail and has not responded to complaint. Attorney indicated that the Statutes do provide for individual noticing of Noxious Weed control and if no reply from landowner, the Town may eradicate the weeds. **Motion Keller/2nd Kramer to hire Township Mowing Contractor Jim Herman, at his current rate of pay (\$65 per hr), to mow the Noxious Weeds at 6873 Odell Avenue S., and to authorize Kathy Higgins to execute written authorization directing contractor to mow.** Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dixon will contact contractor.

Motion Keller/2nd Dixon to implement the following weed enforcement process. Local weed inspector will identify Noxious Weeds and send notice to landowner, with a 10 day period for landowner to eradicate weeds. If landowner does not comply, the Township Mowing Contractor will be authorized to mow the Noxious Weeds, at his current contracted rate of pay, upon receipt of written authorization signed by chair or vice-chair. Motion Carried Unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Town Hall Mowing Proposals: Kramer has obtained 5 proposals for the Town Hall mowing. Kramer recommended accepting proposal from Denny Holz at \$140.00 per mowing and \$95.00 per acre weed spraying. **Motion Kramer/2nd Keller to contract with Denny Holz to mow the Town Hall at a rate of \$140.00 per mowing and spraying at \$95.00 per acre as directed, for the 2008 and 2009 mowing seasons.** Motion Carried Unanimously.

Attorney will revise contract and chair will sign.

Discussion re: seeding the ball field into grass/blading the dirt and spraying at the Town Hall. No decisions finalized.

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Open Space Inspections: Development Agreements for three Township Open Space Developments require annual inspections by the Township. Engineer submitted June 2008 inspection reports. None of the developments were rated as poor. Fair ratings do not need immediate attention but will be monitored on a yearly basis. Next annual Inspection will be done in June 2009. Engineer will follow up on large brush pile on Homestead Open Space.

80th Street Sealcoating:

Sealcoat bid quote received from Allied (\$29,472) will be honored through August. **Motion Keller/2nd Kramer to authorize Allied Blacktop to sealcoat 80th from Manning to Neal at \$29,472.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Board will not receive cost estimates for 1 mile paving and reclaim/overlay of Paris until August. Dixon would prefer to hold off 80th Street sealcoating until the estimates have been received. Engineer recommends the sealcoating on 80th be done this year.

122nd/Morgan Intersection: Engineer submitted 2 options and cost estimates (\$69-99,000) for improvements to the intersection of 122nd/Morgan. Engineer considers both estimates to be expensive based on cost benefit analysis. At this time Board consensus is to finish the striping, and have more sheriff monitoring near the intersection. Board wants to see effect of warning sign installation, stop sign relocation, striping and increased sheriff patrolling on site. Dixon will contact Sheriff's Department.

Traffic Count Data Summary: Engineer submitted 06/10/08 traffic count results. Results indicated that the most traveled mile of Neal Avenue was 80th-90th, then 90th-100th, 100th-110th and the least being 70th-80th. Info will be used in August to assess possible mile for blacktopping.

Stop Sign Removal: Some of the Eagle's Watch residents are requesting that the current stop sign on the cul-de-sac road be relocated to the main road in the development. Engineer indicated that a traffic study should be done before any stop signs be relocated. When signage in Eagle's Watch was initially determined, it was based on engineering recommendations/approvals. Board consensus is that Eagle's Watch Development would be responsible for the cost of conducting another traffic study.

Rumpca CUP: Engineering staff conducted a site visit on 07/01/08. Rumpca is beginning site prep for reclamation work. A gravel haul road from the site to 80th has been constructed. Clarification requested as to whether this road portion would need to be paved. Attorney indicated that the paving requirement would only be from 80th out (Oakgreen). A tentative start date for mining operations has not been set. CUP provisions require Oakgreen Improvements be completed by 11/15/2008. The proposed crusher location appeared to be off the site area. Engineer will check legal description. TKDA will identify progress/status with compiled checklist. Engineer to prepare summary report of current status of pit activity/development and checklist for reference.

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Reasonable Expenditures: Kramer requested discussion on pre-approved amount for spending without Board approval, when not practical to wait for Board approval. Attorney indicated that a petty cash fund could be established for that purpose. Also, a person can be assigned/authorized to spend funds for a particular purpose, with parameters. Either way, directives on both must be very clear.

Fire Services: Higgins suggested Board invite Fire Chief Mike Shutt to a Board meeting to speak on Fire Services, Emergency Services, Emergency Service Taxing Districts, possible irrigation well, ISO Ratings, ALS and BLS Services. Higgins will extend invitation to Fire Chief and inform residents.

WMO Update: WMO has authorized EOR to look at the Cottage Grove stormwater management plan. 2007 Annual report was reviewed and approved. Bowser reviewed WMO plan.

Complaint Letter: Received complaint letter from a riverway group requesting that the County inspect a Denmark property for any permit violations. Jay Riggs (Washington County Conservation District), Dennis O'Donnell (Washington County Senior Planner) and Kathy Higgins met at the site and no violations were found. County Planner responded to complainants with a letter confirming that no violations had occurred. Complaint received regarding jake braking. Tiller will respond to any complaints of this nature. Tiller's telephone number will be listed in the next Town newsletter.

Stop Signs-Point Of Denmark: Dixon will replace the worn out stop signs in Point Of Denmark. Blind entrance sign on Quadrant north of 80th will also be replaced.

Budget Meeting: Budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2008 @6:00 PM.

Snow Removal: Kramer requested Board approval to obtain quotes for the removal of snow in the Town Hall parking lot, steps, deck and handicap ramp. Current snow maintenance contract will expire in 2009 and issue will be reviewed then.

Whitetail Crossing: Engineer contacted Ms. Kallusky regarding final wear course at Whitetail Crossing. They have not entered into a contract yet for the paving. They will keep Engineer informed.

Town Hall Planting Area: Kramer will get quotes for a planting area at the northeast corner of the Town Hall.

Town Hall Acoustics: Dascom Company submitted a \$2487.00 quote for panels to be installed on the walls and ceiling of the Town Hall Board room. Kramer will contact company to request panel samples for Board review.

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Town Hall Insulation: Quote received from Thermal-Sense Insulation to cover crawl space with a poly @ \$1600.00. Quote received from R&J Insulation to apply sprayed foam insulation in crawl space @ \$4780.00. Kramer recommended the plastic on the floor space. Keller suggested that the plastic should go even further up the wall than indicated on the proposal. **Motion Kramer/2nd Keller to accept Thermal-Sense Insulation's proposal and quote of \$1600.00 to cover the crawl space with poly and to increase the wall coverage area and the amount of this expenditure up to \$2,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Legal Updates:

Rase Automotive: A number of Conditional Use Permit requirements have not been met, including paving, curbs, location of vehicle repair, inspection reports, vehicle logs, well installation and maximum tire storage. Board directed legal to send 30 day written notice to Rase Automotive.

St. Croix Ridge: Attorney recommended that the Engineer contact Jeff Riegel to resolve outstanding issues regarding St. Croix Ridge.

9:37 PM Motion Kramer/2nd Keller to adjourn. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Becky Herman
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer