

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 3, 2011

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Kathy Higgins, Joe Moore, Steve Kramer, Gary Dixon, Jim Keller

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Attorney Gilchrist

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order @ 7:06 PM by Chair Higgins

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Moore added newsletter. Higgins added Animal Humane Society. Keller added O'Connor Park. **Motion Moore/2<sup>nd</sup> Keller approval of agenda as amended. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:** Dixon pulled All-Weather Service claim #9574. **Motion Keller/2nd Moore approval of consent agenda items which include 12/06/2010 Board Meeting Minutes, Claims #9562-9576, excluding claim #9574, EFT payments- PERA 160669, MN Revenue Tax 99101369523, Fed tax 0095178, payroll ending 01/01/2011 and financial reports. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

**HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Financial Services:** Based on a review of Towns Finances, Bruce Kimmel (Ehlers & Associates) presented the Board with investment opportunities. His recommendation would be to invest monies from both the general savings and park/recreation savings into CD's. Board consensus to invest any monies not intended to be used in the near future. Clerk and Chair will provide additional info to Kimmel. Kimmel will check on early withdrawal penalties and make recommendations at February Board Meeting.

**Met Council Resolution of Support- M. Peterson:** Myra Peterson is applying for a position on the Met Council and has requested Denmark's support. Attorney drafted resolution for consideration. Higgins noted that Myra has been in public service for a number of years and has supported Denmark with our residents, legislature, ordinances and comp plan. Keller noted that she was a knowledgeable active leader and chaired Red Rock Corridor Commission for many years. He also noted that in our self interest that it would be to the Town's benefit to have Myra Peterson on the Met Council, as there is no other person who would be applying for that seat who knows the Township as well as she does. Kramer not sure Board's business should be supporting anyone applying for a job position. Moore added that the Township would benefit from her position on the Met Council as she could identify with us. Higgins suggested adding to the draft resolution her work in transportation and groundwater quality.

**Motion Keller/2<sup>nd</sup> Moore to adopt Resolution 2011-01 Resolution of Support For The Appointment of Myra Peterson to the Metropolitan Council, with noted addition. Voting Yes-Higgins, Keller, Moore, Dixon. Voting No-Kramer. Motion Carried 4-1.**

**MnDOT Update:** Dixon met with Adam Josephson (MnDOT Engineer) to review the proposed plans for work that will be done on Hwy 61 north of the Hastings Bridge, in conjunction with the bridge replacement. Dixon will keep Board updated. Dixon also informed Adam of the Board's concern regarding the road condition of 120<sup>th</sup>/Hwy 61 due to heavy use during the Hwy 61 construction project.

**Newsletter:** Moore will be gathering information for a winter newsletter to be posted on the website. Requested supervisor input for the newsletter.

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**Animal Humane Society:** Town received letter from AHS requesting Denmark to reduce its \$75 fee for the retrieval of animals from the Humane Society, stating that they are having a hard time collecting their fees on top of Denmark's fee from the animal owner. Attorney advised that there is a contract in place, and that if the Town fee was put in place by resolution, any change to it would need to be done by Board resolution and an amendment to the agreement would need to be done. Board consensus to have Dixon speak with other municipalities and to the animal warden to see how other communities are dealing with the issue. Moved to February agenda.

**O'Connor Park:** Keller at site with WCD and Prairie Restorations. Reported work in progress and there will be a number of opportunities for volunteers to work at the site.

**Pulled Claim #9574:** All-Weather Service claim was pulled. Concern expressed regarding the number of hours billed between 12/11-12/14. Supervisor would like to receive breakdown of trucks/hours from contractor. Dixon will speak with contractor. Board discussed having roads supervisor continue to authorize Tri-County Services to provide additional or targeted services as he determines is appropriate. **Motion Keller/2<sup>nd</sup> Moore to authorize payment of claim #9574, upon satisfaction and directive from Roads Supervisor. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

**LEGAL REPORTS:**

**G Herman-Johnson Lot Line Adjustment:** Application and survey created questions regarding ownership of parcels involved. Attorney is working with applicant's surveyor on ownership issue and completion of application.

**Ordinance Update:** Attorney is working to merge amended ordinances with other Town Ordinances.

**Universal Services:** Attorney is drafting an agreement on compliance of current CUP and Universal's proposed plans.

9:30 PM **Motion Moore/2<sup>nd</sup> Kramer to adjourn. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Becky Herman  
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer

Addendum Resolution 2011-01

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**DENMARK TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
Resolution No. 2011-01**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF  
MYRA PETERSON TO THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Denmark Town Board has worked closely with Myra Peterson during her many years as a Washington County Commissioner to address a wide range of issues of importance to those living and working in Denmark Township;

**WHEREAS**, the Town has benefited by Ms. Peterson's commitment to public service and her willingness to devote her considerable talents and experience to better the communities in Washington County through her service on a number of committees, boards and agencies on issues ranging from transportation and planning to public health and safety;

**WHEREAS**, a few of the specific issues in which Myra Peterson has particular experience and demonstrated leadership in are transportation and groundwater quality;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has no doubt that Ms. Peterson's experience and proven effectiveness in working with others will make her a valuable member of the Metropolitan Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Denmark Township, Washington County, Minnesota strongly supports the appointment of Myra Peterson to the Metropolitan Council.

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2011.

**BY THE TOWN BOARD**