

Denmark Township Annual Meeting
March 10, 2009

Supervisors Present: Kathy Higgins, Gary Dixon, Jim Keller and Steve Kramer.

Supervisors Absent: Joe Moore

Also Present: Attorney Gilchrist

Call to order: Clerk called meeting called to order at 8:06 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Select Moderator: Motion Gordy Herman/2nd Pat Johnson-Keller to nominate Gary Dixon as Moderator. No other nominations. Motion Gordy Herman/2nd Pat Johnson-Keller to close nominations. Motion Carried.

Dixon Moderated meeting.

2008 Annual Meeting Minutes: 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the public rather than read aloud.

Motion Gordy Herman/2nd Dave Munter to accept the 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Gopher Bounty: (currently at \$2.50)

Motion Gordy Herman/2nd Dave Munter to recommend keeping the gopher bounty at \$2.50 per gopher. Motion Carried.

Legal Paper: (currently Hastings Star Gazette) Discussion re: Hastings Star Gazette and St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Motion Gordy Herman/2nd Dennis Ruettimann to recommend keeping Hastings Star Gazette as legal newspaper.

Motion Carried.

Supervisors Salary: Current pay is \$300 per month for Chair and \$70 per meeting. Motion Dave Munter/2nd Pat Keller-Johnson to recommend keeping Supervisor pay at Chair \$300 per month and \$70 per meeting. Higgins abstained as the subject matter personally affects her. Motion Carried.

Set 2010 Annual Meeting Site and Time: Annual Meeting time was normally at 8:00 PM, following the election. Now with elections in November, Town may change the Annual Meeting time. Motion Jim Keller/2nd Gordy Herman to set the 2010 Annual Meeting March 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall (inclement weather date would be 03/16/2010). Motion Carried.

Supervisor Reports:

HIGGINS: Represents Denmark as an alternate on the LSCWMO Board. Hastings Fire Chief Mike Schutt did a information presentation at a Denmark meeting. Cost of services this year were \$118,113 and cost for 2009 will be \$124,438 and are locked in a 5 yr contract at a 5% increase per year. Is currently the liaison for Township Planner, Inspector and Planning Commission. Informed public that there is still a vacant seat on the Planning Commission.

KELLER: Represents Denmark on the LSCWMO Board. The organization is in the process of dissolving, due to high administrative and overhead costs. The involved Local Government Units have agreed on how the LSCWMO would be split. Afton would become part of the Valley Branch Watershed District and Cottage Grove and Denmark would go to the South Washington Watershed District. Current per household cost for 2008 is \$116.38. Cost speculations under the proposed district would be \$15.00 based on a \$250,000 home. Costs to Town residents would likely decrease and will be reflected on tax statements. Town Attorney has reviewed the documents related to the dissolution.

Red Rock Corridor-Grant was received for studies relating to forward movement of the Corridor.

Conditional Use Permits-Court has revoked a Conditional Use Permit for a business in Denmark.

KRAMER: Town Hall maintenance has included energy lights in the Town Hall, bug spraying, lining the crawl space with poly, repairing outside lights, mowing and spraying the Town Hall park, temporarily covering the outside pipes to prevent freezing and installation of the acoustic panels. Inspection of weeds-directed Town mowing contractor to mow noxious weeds. Installation of Fire signs will be continues in the Spring.

In 2009 intend to paint/seal deck and ramp and fix or replace the 90th Street door. Insurance inspector recommends bollards or guard rail to enclose the gas and air conditioner. Studies for both the Town Hall and O'Connor's Park will be done to assess uses and development. Pat Johnson-Keller acknowledged that the parties responsible for hanging the historical pictures in the Town Hall have done a very nice job.

DIXON: A portion of 80th Street was seal coated. Neal Avenue was blacktopped between 110th and 100th Streets. Would like to see a fully blacktopped artery through Denmark. Handle ditch mowing and junk removal. Animal control-spent \$2100 picking up dogs at large in 2008. Alternate on Hastings Bridge coalition.

2008 Financial Report: Summary financial reports consisting of Revenues of \$597,217 and Expenditures of \$691,471 were supplied to the public. Year ending 12/31/2008 balances: Checking Account-\$19,779.37, General Savings Account-\$552,073.11, Park/Recreation Restricted Account-\$244,647.95 and Cable Restricted Account-\$5006.04. Total Assets \$821,506.47. Detail reports were entered into record at the February 2, 2009 Board Of Audit and have been posted on the bulletin board in the back of the Town Hall prior to the Annual Meeting. 2010 Budget recommendations will be made at the September reconvening of the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Other Business:

Gordy Herman- Would like to see town limit licensing to only 1 or 2 Trash Hauling companies. Very hard on the roads, especially this time of year. Having 1 hauler may reduce rates. Currently Town licenses 4 haulers, Tennis, Highland, Waste Management and Trojes. Current policy is to reduce the number of haulers by attrition.

Dave Munter- Inquired if Township was aware of County proposing to eliminate 4-H funding, and has Township done anything in support of 4-H. Township has passed a resolution for the continued support of 4-H and has sent it to the County.

Kathy Higgins-The Met Council Advisory Committee has recommended approval of the Denmark Comprehensive Plan.

Community Ed Advisory Council- Paul Stein represents Denmark on the Community Ed Advisory Committee.

Pat Keller- Pat would like to see some type of Town Celebration, so that residents can gather and meet each other. Would like to authorize the Town Board to consider this. Motion Gordy Herman/2nd Dave Munter to spend up to \$1000 on a Town celebration for the purpose of community fellowship. Planning Commission, with the guidance of Pat Johnson-Keller, to organize. Historical Society and 4-H Clubs to be invited to be involved. Motion Carried.

Keller noted that the Board has worked together well. Township residents are respectful and the Town Board tries to balance the resident's needs with the common good.

9:30 PM Motion Pat Johnson-Keller/2nd Gordy Herman to continue the Annual Meeting on September 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM. for the purpose of Budget recommendations. Motion Carried.

Becky Herman
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer