

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2010

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Kathy Higgins, Joe Moore, Steve Kramer and Gary Dixon

ABSENT: Jim Keller

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Gilchrist, Planner Farrington, Engineer Winter

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 7:07 PM by Chair Higgins

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moore added winter roads maintenance and storm sirens. Higgins added banking and BWSR. **Motion Moore/2nd Kramer approval of agenda as amended. All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: **Motion Kramer/2nd Moore approval of consent agenda items which include 09/07/2010 Board Meeting Minutes, Claims #9478-9500, PERA EFT 151814, payroll ending 10/01/2010 and financial reports. All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Town Hall Improvements:

At the September Board meeting, Tri-County Services was awarded the base construction quote for the Town Hall Park Improvements and St. Croix Tree Service was awarded the planting of seven 2" balled and burlap Bur Oaks(4) and Snow Crab Apples(3).

Discussion re: transplanting trees from O'Connor Park. St. Croix Tree Service would move and transplant the trees for \$228.80 each. Some trees at O'Connor's have been identified as having disease. There is a survival risk on transplanting and there would be no warranty. Transplanted trees could possibly require treatment. Board consensus not to move any trees from O'Connor's to Town Hall Park. Board received additional options. St. Croix tree service would plant additional 2" balled and burlap trees for @ \$295.99 each, with a 1 year warranty. Steve Dolan would plant 16-20 ft. Black Hills Spruce for \$385.00 each, which would include woodchip mulch, a first time watering, and a 1 year warranty. Dolan also offered 3 donated crabapple trees with any purchase.

Motion Dixon/2nd Moore to accept Steve Dolan's proposal of the purchase and planting of fifteen 16-20 ft. Black Hills Spruce at \$385.00 each. All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

O'Connor Park Grant: BWSR has approved the use of the Native Buffer Grant for the O'Connor Prairie project. Higgins, Moore, TKDA, Washington Conservation District and Prairie Restorations met on 10/01 to discuss future plans for O'Connor's Park. Native plants have been found in the northern area of the park. Prairie Restorations will do clearing and removal of noxious weeds.

Unofficial Detour Update: Engineer submitted estimated engineering fees of \$1550 to complete the after detour street ratings. Board consensus that an after detour rating would be appropriate and authorized TKDA to conduct the rerating.

Assessment Services Agreement: County has sent out a proposed agreement for assessment services. Town Attorney has reviewed and revised the agreement. **Motion Dixon/2nd Moore to approve Assessment Services Agreement with Washington County as presented, with authorization for Chair/Clerk to sign. All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

Mississippi River Trail: Draft resolution which included safety concern presented to Board for review. **Motion/2nd Kramer to adopt Resolution 2010-09 Resolution Of Initial Support For The Mississippi River Trail Bicycle Route. Voting Yes: Moore, Higgins and Kramer. Voting No: Dixon. Motion Carried 3-1**

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Proposed Ordinance Amendments: Attorney submitted latest draft of ordinance amendments and Fee Schedule Table. A draft Comp Plan amendment of the 2030 Planned Land Use map and Zoning Map were submitted by Planner. A public hearing to consider the amendments has been scheduled for 10/18/2010.

Motion Kramer/2nd Dixon to forward the draft zoning ordinance amendments and Fee Schedule to the Planning Commission for an October 18, 2010 public hearing. All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

Critical Area: DNR has received many comments of concern regarding the draft of proposed standards. Most likely another draft will be proposed. Town has been asked to participate in a joint statement with the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce. Attorney recommended not participating, as Town has already taken steps to express its concerns.

Winter Roads Maintenance: Moore would like to have the Board meet with the winter roads contractor regarding past and future roads maintenance. Moore and Dixon will meet with contractor to discuss winter maintenance expectations (equipment, sand/salt, and priorities/start time).

Sirens: Moore has been checking out options for sirens in Denmark Township. Moore will be meeting with the County regarding possible grants and additional information.

Banking: Denmark Savings accounts at Wells Fargo have been transferred to Vermillion State Bank as follows: General Savings-\$525,795.47, Park & Rec Savings-\$237,895.26 and Cable Bond-\$5004.37 (T.\$768,695.10). After October claims, Payroll and PERA are posted, there will remain a balance of \$138,297.37 in the Wells Fargo checking account. New checks for Vermillion Bank have not been received yet, so not all of the checking should be transferred to Vermillion at this time. **Motion Dixon/2nd Kramer to approve the transfer of \$100,000.00 from Wells Fargo checking to Vermillion checking, as claim # 9501 added to October 4, 2010 claims for approval. All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

BWSR: BWSR has approved the petition to allow Denmark to be a part of the South Washington Watershed District. SWWD is requesting that the Board take part in a workshop with them, to discuss the mechanics of our participation with them. Board has authorized Legal and Planning participation. Workshop is scheduled for 11/01/10 at 6:00 PM.

Board Of Canvas: Board Of Canvass has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 5:00 PM.

LEGAL REPORTS:

Rase-Suburban-Snaza: Service charge has been certified to the property tax roll.

9:00 PM **Motion Moore/2nd Dixon to adjourn. All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

Becky Herman
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer

Addendum Resolution 2010-09

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DENMARK TOWNSHIP
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Resolution No. 2010-09

RESOLUTION OF INITIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
TRAIL BICYCLE ROUTE

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is well known throughout America and the world;

WHEREAS, the hills, trees and waters centered upon the Mississippi River are quite beautiful to residents and tourists alike;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River has served through time as a corridor of exploration, travel, and settlement;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is a corridor of great natural significance and importance within Minnesota and America;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Trail is a bicycle route that offers an opportunity for extraordinary adventure along the entire river from the Headwaters in Lake Itasca State Park in Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Trail relies exclusively on existing highway shoulders, low-volume paved roads and paved recreational trails;

WHEREAS, safety is an essential consideration for a successful travel route;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Trail will generate additional economic activity within Mississippi River host communities;

WHEREAS, a continuous string of local resolutions of support for the Mississippi River Trail will strengthen individual and collective funding requests for projects that protect, enhance or promote resources that enrich the traveler's experience; and

WHEREAS, even though the Minnesota Department of Transportation will continue to maintain statewide mapping and information regarding the Mississippi River Trail, convene meetings and facilitate the resolution of issues and alignment selection within the State, the Mississippi River Trail will be managed collaboratively by all road and trail authorities that comprise the trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Denmark Township supports the collective efforts of the Minnesota Department of Transportation and other road and trail authorities that comprise the Mississippi River Trail and authorizes Joe Moore to represent the Township in ongoing collaborative discussions and in matters of a general nature regarding the operation and location of the Mississippi River Trail within its administrative boundaries, provided any specific consents or approvals sought from the Township are obtained directly from the Town Board.

WHEREUPON, a vote, being taken upon a motion by Joe Moore and seconded by Steve Kramer, the following members voted in favor: Joe Moore, Steve Kramer, and Kathleen Higgins; and the following voted against: Gary Dixon.

Adopted this 4th day of October, 2010.

BY THE TOWN BOARD