

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2010

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Gilchrist, Planner Farrington

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: **Motion Keller/2nd Kramer to approve agenda as amended. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: **Motion Keller/2nd Moore to approve consent agenda which includes 12/07/2009 Board minutes, Claims for Approval #9286-9302, PERA EFT 125937, payroll ending 01/01/2010 and financial reports. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

HEARING DECISION/ZONING ACTIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident requested Board review of road conditions. Specifically, width of plowing and incomplete clearing and sanding/salting of intersections and roads.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

WMO Boundary Petition-BWSR Decision: The original boundaries that BWSR approved on 05/27/09 were recommended by the city councils and boards in Cottage Grove, Hastings, Afton and Denmark Township as well as Washington County Commissioners and included the involvement/guidelines from BWSR during the process. BWSR reversed its own decision and granted the Woodbury opposition petition on 12/16/09. This results in the Town being split along new watershed district boundaries, with approximately 80% of the Township in the Valley Branch Watershed District, and 20% in the South Washington Watershed District. Impact will be that residents will be required to pay permitting fees in the Valley Branch Watershed District. South Washington reviews projects only and does not permit. No fees are assessed. Additionally, taxing structure in Valley Branch would require residents to pay for projects throughout the VBWD. Arrangement with South Washington is that Denmark residents would pay only for projects with the Township. Board consensus is to appeal this decision. Higgins to participate in discussions with interested parties in attempt to reach agreement. **Motion Keller/2nd Kramer to authorize Kennedy-Graven to proceed with an appeal to BWSR's 12/16/09 decision. Board to continue working with Cottage Grove on appeal and fair share payments for legal costs. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.** Keller and Higgins will be Denmark contacts.

Critical Area Work Group: DNR is forming a work group to discuss information regarding the rulemaking process/official controls with respect to the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area. Higgins will represent Township on group. Board consensus to have Denmark Planning representation. **Motion Moore/2nd Kramer to authorize Planner Farrington to attend workgroup on behalf of Denmark Township. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.** Info will be posted on the website for interested parties.

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Possible Ordinance Amendments: Planner provided a list of possible ordinance amendments. Board consensus to have Planner and Attorney review and report on the following:

- 1) Establishment of Interim Use Permits-consider for mining, Kennels and Home Occupancy
- 2) Aggregate Mining-Provision in Development Code restricting the amount of material that can be imported into the Town.
- 3) Adopt by reference the County's new Floodplain Ordinance and floodplain maps. (County is currently in the process of updating its floodplain ordinance).
- 4) Subdivision Ordinance-final plat required for minor subdivisions
- 5) Cul-de-sac streets-delete exception of open space design, for clearer regulation of temporary cul-de-sac length.
- 6) Adopt Fee schedule
- 7) Possible motorcycle review

Park Master Plan: Planner submitted Parks Master Plan final report. Clarification of map plan labeling in report will be revised. Planner will provide electronic version for posting plan on the website. Restoration grant (DNR) was not awarded to Denmark.

Billing Statement Concerns: Board review of charges for zoning applications. Fees will be reviewed with fee schedule update.

Sunken Boat: Discussion regarding sunken boat on the shore of the Mississippi River. Difference of opinions on responsibility of removal.

LEGAL REPORTS:

Driveway access: Resident is working with Inspectron on placement of Oakgreen driveway access.

Code Enforcement Complaint: Building Inspector will inspect code enforcement complaints in residential area.

Business District Complaint: Resident believes Suburban is currently operating. He has witnessed activity on the grounds with tow trucks. Board member also has seen towing activity on the grounds.

Rumpca-CUP compliance: Keller in contact with County regarding compliance.

Animal Warden Letter: Letter received from Animal Warden regarding feral/wild cats. No longer will feral/wild cats be picked up in Denmark Township.

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

Becky Herman
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer