

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2010

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Gilchrist, Planner Farrington, Engineer Winter

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 7:28 PM by Chair Higgins

AGENDA APPROVAL: Keller added BWSR. Moore added 3M Incinerator. **Motion Moore/2nd Keller approval of agenda as amended. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: Higgins pulled claims. **Motion Kramer/2nd Moore approval of consent agenda items which include 08/02/2010 Board Meeting Minutes, PERA EFT 149172, payroll ending 09/01/2010 and financial reports. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Pulled Claims: Claims #9443-9477 Received additional billing from Rivertown Newspaper. Request amount change Claim #9446 from \$208.75 to \$260.75.

Motion Moore/2nd Kramer to approve change amount on claim #9446 to \$260.75. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion Kramer/2nd Moore to approve Claims #9443-9477. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident comment regarding land parcel for sale in Pt. Douglas area. Questioned whether this parcel was a buildable lot. Archeological site/Indian mounds are believed to be somewhere in that area. Planner stated that buildability would require 1 acre of buildable land and can have many variables attached.

Applicant Charges: Resident sent letter to Board regarding excessive charges related to conditional use permits and certificate of compliance on his property. Planner stated that the applicants plans were complicated, requiring review of a number of parcels with 2 separate landowners, issues of setbacks, co-working with Washington County and MPCA regarding # of horses being permitted and signage request. Much time was spent looking at the ordinances to facilitate what the applicant wanted to accomplish. Higgins will contact applicant regarding discussion on this issue.

Proposed Ordinance Amendments: Re: map. DNR/County/Township have established a uniform map. Grading section has been revised by engineer and planner. Attorney will submit revised draft of ordinance amendments to Board at October meeting, forward to Planning Commission for 10/18/10 public hearing.

Critical Area: Board authorized Planner and Chair to be involved in rulemaking process. DNR is now asking for comments regarding the proposed rules. Town staff and legal have reviewed proposed rules as they would apply to the Township. Findings indicate that the proposed standards will have a significant impact on Denmark. Board received comment letters from Planning and Legal. **Motion Kramer/2nd Moore to approve comment letter as official comments from Denmark Town Board and to authorize sending to the DNR, Denmark legislators and neighboring communities on behalf of Denmark Township. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

The DNR is having an informational meeting for public input at Schaar's Bluff in Spring Lake Park, Hastings, on 09/29/10 from 4-7 PM for all interested parties. **Motion Kramer/2nd Moore to mail notification of this meeting to property owners within the Mississippi River District in Denmark Township, publish meeting notice and post meeting notice/Denmark comment letter on the website. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

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O'Connor Park Grant: Board reviewed the cost share agreement related to the grant funds requested by Denmark for O'Connor Park. Town cost share is 25%. Attorney noted that the agreement obligates the Town to be responsible for the operation and maintenance of practices applied under the program to ensure that the conservation objective of the practice is met, for a minimum of 15 years. Upon approval from BWSR, Washington Conservation District will proceed with the grant and work with the Township regarding prairie restoration plans.

Town Hall Improvement Quotes-Permits:

Base quote construction costs for Town Hall work. Tri-County Services (\$40,327.20), Rumpca Companies (\$50,419.00) and Miller Excavation (\$53,373.89).

Alternate quote "A"- Seven tree plantings 2" ball & burlap. Tri-County Services (\$4,025.00), Rumpca Companies (\$2,800.00), Miller Excavation (\$2,884.00) and St. Croix Tree Service (\$2,054.99).

Alternate quote "B"- salvage, relocate & plant 25 trees from O'Connor's to Town Hall. Tri-County Services (\$6,450.00), Rumpca Companies (\$10,000.00), Miller Excavation (\$13,125.00) and St. Croix Tree Svc (\$5,720.00).

Motion Keller/2nd Kramer to award quote of \$44,352.20 to Tri-County Services for base construction (\$40,327.50) and alternate "A" (\$4025.00) (seven 2" ball & burlap tree plantings). All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion Kramer/2nd Keller to reconsider and modify original motion, to award only base construction quote of \$40,327.20 to Tri-County Services. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion Kramer/2nd Keller to award alternate quote "A" (seven tree plantings 2" ball & burlap) to St. Croix Tree Svc. In the amount of \$2,054.99. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

Alternate quote "B" not awarded. Possibility of tree disease in pines at O'Connor's. Two companies have reported that there are diseased trees on the property. Further inspection of trees will be done. If information is received negative to the moving of pines on O'Connor's due to disease identification, adding an additional number of 2" tree plantings may be considered at October Board Meeting. Engineer will contact St. Croix Tree Svc. regarding the cost of additional purchase/plantings of 2" trees.

Street Updates-Hwy 61 Detour Traffic Counts: Traffic counts have shown that due to the Hwy 61 roadwork, the detour has created a significant volume of traffic on all the Denmark streets having counts, with the majority of the traffic increase on Morgan and Neal Avenues. A pavement condition rating was completed on 05/28/10, and if deemed necessary, the roads can be re-rated upon completion of the Hwy 61 resurfacing project, to see how the detour affected our road condition.

Mississippi River Trail: MRT is requesting Town draft a resolution of support for the Mississippi River Trail bicycle route. Board has concerns regarding the safety of bicyclists and drivers on Hwy 61. Board consensus to authorize Moore and Attorney to draft language for resolution to be sent to MRT. Draft will be presented to Board at October meeting.

Complaint Received-Tiller: Complaint received regarding gravel trucks speeding on 90th Street. Tiller has been contacted and will follow up with drivers.

Financial- Banking Information- Interest Rates: Chair and Clerk/Treasurer have met with Wells Fargo regarding the current interest rates (0.03-.050%), on the Town's checking and savings accounts. Three other banking institutions have submitted proposed rates for the Town's funds. Vermillion State Bank is willing to provide all Town accounts with an interest rate of 1.15% and to secure the accounts with pledged collateral.

Motion Moore/2nd Kramer to designate Vermillion State Bank as the Town's depository and to authorize the Chair and Clerk/Treasurer to execute such documents as needed to accomplish the designation,

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obtain the necessary security and to transfer the Town's funds upon verification of the rate and security.
All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0. Attorney will review bank agreement documents. Options regarding investment of Public funds are limited by law. Board consensus to have an investment professional specializing in Public Funds provide further information.

2011 Budget Adoption and Proposed payable 2011 Levy Certification: The following 2011 budget and levy recommendation was presented and approved by the electors at the 09/07/10 reconvened Annual Meeting:

	ANNUAL BUDGET	GOV'T AIDS	OTHER REVENUE	FROM SAVINGS	CERTIFY LEVY	% BUDGET CHANGE	% LEVY CHANGE
GENERAL	77,317		19,431	0	57,866		
SALARIES	52,677		0	0	52,667		
ROAD & BRIDGE	443,350		16,000	250,000	177,350		
FIRE	140,400		400	0	140,000		
DITCH & TRASH	13,300		0	0	13,300		
PARK & REC	83,790		22,370	61,420	0		
2011 TOTALS	810,834	0	58,201	311,420	441,213	30.6%	-10.4%

Motion Dixon/2nd Moore to adopt the 2011 Budget in the amount of \$810,834 as presented. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0. The 2011 Budget reflects an increase of 30.6%.

Motion Dixon/2nd Moore to certify the Proposed Property Tax Levy for Payable 2011 in the amount of \$441,213 as presented. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0. The 2011 Levy reflects a decrease of 10.4%.

Winter Roads Maintenance Performance/Payment Bonds: First year of the 3 year contract with All-Weather Services has expired. Original payment/performance bonds for winter maintenance (\$105,165). Bond renewal amounts will be reduced to reflect the remaining 2 years of the contract (\$70,110).

BWSR: SWWD filed a petition with BWSR for a boundary change of the SWWD and VBWD. Metro Water Planning Committee will review petition on 09/21/10 and forward recommendations to the full BWSR Board who will then review the petition on 09/22/10. Board consensus to request BWSR staff report regarding Boundary recommendations to the BWSR Board. Attorney will follow up with request.

3M Incinerator: Moore attended meeting regarding the incinerator. Future meetings for public input will be scheduled.

LEGAL REPORTS:

Rase-Suburban-Snaza: Service charges will be certified to the property tax roll.

10:05 PM **Motion Moore/2nd Dixon to adjourn.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

Becky Herman
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer