

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 9, 2007

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Gilchrist and Engineer Geheren

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Keller added Accessory Structures, Suburban, St. Croix Ridge and variance approval. Higgins added Southern Washington County Service Center.

**Motion Keller/2nd Moore to approve agenda as amended. All in Favor.**

**Motion Carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:** Keller pulled claim #8639 TKDA and claim #8643 Kennedy –Graven.

**Motion Kramer/2nd Moore to approve consent agenda which consists of 06/04/07 Board Meeting Minutes, Claim #'s 8628-8652 (excluding #8639 and #8643), payroll ending 06/30/07 and submitted financial reports. All in Favor. Motion Carried.**

Keller requested that any applicant charges on staff bills be separated from general charges.

**Motion Keller/2nd Moore to approve claim #8639 and #8643 with adjustments.**

**All in Favor. Motion Carried.**

Sheriff's Department reported that thefts and accidents in Denmark Township were down.

**HEARING DECISION/ZONING ACTIONS:**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:**

Higgins reported that the planning commission did not take action on the proposed ordinance amendments. Building inspector and Attorney to draft suggested language changes to Accessory Structure section of proposed amendments. Continued to 07/16/07.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Herman stated that the corn planted at 122nd and Morgan was blocking the road site line, therefore causing a safety issue. Dixon will check.

Frank Femling asked the Board to consider amending the ordinance which currently requires a 50 ft rear setback, stating that a 20 ft rear setback would be more reasonable.

Explained process for requesting ordinance change.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**2007 Sealcoat/Crack Seal Contract:**

Township roads included in the project are:

- 1.) 80th-St Croix Trail to Quadrant and Neal to St Croix Trail.
- 2.) Oakgreen-60th to 70th.
- 3.) Various cul-de-sacs (65th, 66th, 67th, 69th, 80th St Ct. and Margo)

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Engineer's estimate \$145,576.75

Bids received were:

Pearson Bros. \$141,980.01 ASTECH \$142,736.40 Allied Blacktop \$149,473.49

**Motion Moore/2nd Dixon to award bid to Pearson Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$141,980.01 for the 2007 Sealcoat/Crack Seal project. All in Favor. Motion Carried.**

**Moisture Proofing Town Hall:** Kramer is checking out options.

**Comp Plan Grant:** TKDA submitted draft Resolution 2007-07 to Board for Review. Resolution Identifies need for funding, to be submitted to Met Council with Comp Plan Grant Application. Board consensus that TKDA will be the reporting body for how the funds are used. **Motion Moore/2nd Kramer to approve Resolution 2007-07, Resolution Identifying the Need For Funding To Complete Its 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update And Authorizing An Application For Grant Funds.**  
**All in Favor. Motion Carried.**

TKDA submitted a contract for authorization for professional Services regarding the 2008 Comp Plan. Board edits included the survey to be mailed out, WMO and Natural Resource Inventory updates to be included. TKDA will revise contract.

**Motion Keller/2nd Moore to approve Authorization for Professional Services contract by TKDA regarding the 2008 Comp Plan with the revisions discussed. All in Favor. Motion Carried.**

**Comp Plan Task Force Selection:** Board supervisors on the task force are Kramer, Keller and Higgins.

**Motion Dixon/2nd Moore to accept the following applicants for the task force: Don Schneider, John Moes and Bob Barr from the Planning Commission and residents Pat Perrier and John Kummer. All in Favor. Motion Carried.**

**Oakgreen Ave.-Engineering/road supervisor report:** Engineer Geheren and Dixon conducted a site visit to the gravel pit haul route and submitted a report consisting of comments/suggestions pertaining to the following: turn lane on 80th St for west bound traffic turning north, "school bus stop ahead" signage, MnDOT speed study to reduce speed limit, striping lane designations on 80th St and on Oakgreen Ave., consider relocating resident driveway, "blind driveway ahead" signage, field access, minimizing road crests, aprons installed at all driveways and mailbox locations. Dixon will speak with Mr. Rumpca on these issues.

**Rumpca Conditional Use Permit:** Supervisors reported that several complaints were made on trucking activity and dusty conditions on Oakgreen Ave. There has been no trucking activity by Rumpca. The trucking activity on Oakgreen has been the neighboring

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farm trucks. TKDA compiled a list of Rumpca CUP items. Dixon will handle any comments/concerns on road issues and Keller will be handling any comments/concerns on conditional use permit items.

**WMO Update:** Keller reported that the WMO billings were re-calculated and Denmark's portion has been lowered. Two new representatives from Cottage Grove are now on the WMO Board.

**Schedule August Budget Meeting:** Clerk will send out potential scheduling dates.

**Utility Permit Inspections:** Dixon will handle utility inspections.

**Suburban Status:** Board requested that attorney expedite Suburban matter. Attorney will speak with other legal counsel.

**St. Croix Ridge Status:** Engineer Geheren and Dixon met on site with Mr. Reigel, his contractor and his engineer. Corrections have been made to the outlet pond structures and the east pond emergency flow to within an acceptable tolerance. Prior to the wear course paving, developer must either re-grade or remodel the storm water pond to ensure that the High Water Level is contained within the drainage easements platted for the ponds.

**Southern Washington County Service Center:** Higgins attended Washington County's Southern Service Center open house in Cottage Grove and welcomed them on behalf of Denmark Township.

**Engineering Updates:** Cottage Grove will do work on Hwy 95 and Lehigh in 2008. By pass lanes will be put in and the intersection squared off. Washington County is working on the transportation portion of their Comp Plan update. Engineer will check on the status which may affect the Township. Valley Paving has re-corrected 122nd and Neal and would like the balance of their contract paid. Dixon will check the roads. Engineer will put together the papers for the unpaid balance.

**Legal Updates:** Attorney is working on the Erin Glen Development Agreement and is updating the resolution. Neighbor Matt Pflugi is interested in buying the lot next to his and the attorney is checking out how it would affect the plat/density units. Attorney is checking with Attorney Clinton for copy of Tri party agreement for Homestead Estates. Mr. Femling stated that he had spoken to the NRA and they do not do certifications for shooting ranges but for a fee would check ranges and make recommendations. Because of shooting range safety concerns that were expressed by Denmark residents, Moore asked

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Mr. Femling if he could have permission to visit the site. Mr. Femling would permit a site visit.

**Variance Approval:** 10:02 PM Keller stepped down from Board. Keller would like to locate an accessory structure between the house and the road. The Township does not require a variance for this type of accessory structure location. It does require site plan/explanation, etc. submission and approval from the Board. Keller will submit paperwork for accessory structure to be located between the house and the road at the August Board meeting. 10:11 PM Keller resumed position on Board.

**Motion Moore/2nd Dixon to adjourn.** All in Favor. Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned @ 10:12 PM.

Becky Herman  
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer