

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2014

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Jim Keller, Joe Moore, Karen Herman, Kathy Higgins, John Kummer

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM by Chair Higgins

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion Moore/2nd Keller approval of agenda as presented. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion Moore/2nd Keller approval of consent agenda items which include 12/02/2013 Board Meeting minutes, Claims #10214-10228, EFT payments- PERA 273871, MN Tax Deposit 1171173504, Federal Tax Deposit 35607495, payroll ending 01/01/2014 and financial reports. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Washington County- Future Role In Land Use Planning:

Autumn Lehrke (County Commissioner) and Don Theisen (County Public Works Director) addressed the Board regarding Washington County's future role in land use planning. By State Statute, the County is required to address/regulate land use in all unincorporated areas. This creates a duplicative process in which applicants have to go through both County and Township review and approval processes. The County is discussing with Townships the possibility of the Township's sole regulation of certain land use issues and what the County's future role should be. The County would retain regulations related to development and subdivision in the Shoreland, St Croix River and Flood Plain areas, Subsurface Sewage Treatment System, and optionally mining facilities. Township will continue to discuss possible options with the County. Discussion at County Board is tentatively planned for February.

Animal Impound Housing Services Agreement: Animal Humane society (AHS) is requesting that the existing contract be updated to include a small fee increase and language to include the potential sterilization and return of stray cats. Board review of Town Attorney's 12/30/13 revised/updated agreement. **Motion Kummer/2nd Keller approval of revised Animal Impound Housing Services Agreement as submitted.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

2013 Financial Audit- Oberloh & Associates: Board review of Oberloh & Associates proposal to perform Denmark's 2013 Financial Audit at an estimated cost of \$4300. Oberloh & Associates have performed Denmark's Financial Audit for a number of years and is both professional and proficient in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance. **Motion Moore/2nd Kummer to approve Oberloh & Associates to perform Denmark's 2013 Financial Audit.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

Town Hall: Moore has spoken with Ravenna Township regarding their purchase of fire proof storage units. Moore will review in the spring. Boyer will begin tuck work on the foundation in the spring, and will stand behind his work.

Geronimo Solar Project will be proceeding with their project through the Public Utilities Commission review and approval process.

7:50 PM **Motion Moore/2nd Kummer to adjourn.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

Becky Herman
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer

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Denmark Township Chair