

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2015

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Kathy Higgins, John Kummer, Karen Herman

ABSENT: Jim Keller and Joe Moore

STAFF PRESENT: None

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: K Higgins added Recycling, Enforcement Letter and Septic Ordinance.

Motion J Kummer/2nd K Herman approval of agenda as submitted. All In Favor. Motion Carried 3-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion J Kummer/2nd K Herman approval of consent agenda items which include 01/05/2015 Board Minutes, Claims #10451-10464, EFT payments- PERA 318061, MN Tax Deposit 0352663936, Federal Tax Deposit 53854726, payroll ending 02/01/2015 and financial reports. All In Favor. Motion Carried 3-0-0.

HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Washington County Commissioner Karla Bigham:

Commissioner Bigham introduced herself to the Board. She invited the Board to share with her any concern/issues affecting the Town. Issues of interest to the Town are the County's draft Septic Ordinance, Recycling. Board expressed satisfaction with recent County improvements to St. Croix Trail and 110th St. Remainder of St. Croix Trail to be completed in 2015.

Planning Commission Interviews: Terms for Don Schneider and Bob Barr will expire 03/31/15. Notice of Vacancy will be published 02/05 and 02/12/15 with a 02/19/15 deadline to apply. Current members will receive notice. If needed, interviews will be scheduled for the end of February.

Comcast Franchise: Comcast has requested that the Town renew the current contract. Legal is reviewing both the proposed Comcast merger and the current contract with the Town. Further information will be brought to the Board.

Notice Initiating Expiration of A Metropolitan Ag Preserve: The Tree Farm filed a Notice Initiating Expiration of the Ag Preserve status for parcels 05.027.20.43.0004 and 05.027.20.24.0002, consisting of approximately 163 acres on 70th St. The parcels would come out of Ag Preserve on January 1, 2023.

Enforcement Letter: There are four licensed trash haulers operating in Denmark. The annual renewal for the license consists of submission of an application, quarterly reporting of recycled tonnage and a license renewal fee of \$75. A number of attempts have been made by the Town to collect these items from one of the companies for a 2014 license. Legal has sent a letter to the hauler on behalf of the Town.

Septic Ordinance: County is proposing to update the Septic Ordinance. Board discussed portions of the proposed revisions. Higgins will be attending the public hearing.

Recycling: K Higgins met with the County regarding recycling within the Township. As a part of the Town's Recycling Grant, the County would finance the use of a consultant to prepare grant application and reports, facilitate/implement recycling projects. K Higgins and J Keller will attend future meetings to discuss details and will keep Board updated on status.

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Escrow Refund Approval:

Motion J Kummer/2nd K Herman approval to refund the escrow balances for the following: Claim 10465 Acct 801-002 Grandt Builders/Dawkins 6261 St Croix Tr S \$5000.00. Claim 10466 Acct 801-001 Grandt Builders/Dawkins 6261 St Croix Tr S \$162.00. Claim 10467 Acct 985 Afton Alps/Vail Resorts 6600 Peller Ave S \$1617.60. All In Favor. Motion Carried 3-0-0.

8:00 PM Regular Board Meeting recessed. Board of Audit opened.

Board Of Audit: Year ending 12/31/2014.

Supervisors Present- K Higgins, K Herman, J Kummer. Absent- J Moore and J Keller.

2014 Statement Of Finances

Year end account balances submitted as follows: checking account-\$206,229.36, general savings account-\$345,891.73, Cable Restricted account-\$10,577.25, and Park/Recreation Restricted account-\$132,826.00.

Total cash balance \$695,524.34.

2014 revenues received by Denmark Township total \$543,890.50. 2014 expenditures made by Denmark Township total \$954,748.60. Receipt and Disbursement Registers, Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances (Schedule 1) for all Township accounts and account balances for the year ending 12/31/2014 were entered into the record.

Check range for all checks disbursed 01/01/2014 through 12/31/2014, #10967 through #11225.

Board selected the following claims at random for review:

Check #10969 Claim 10216 \$29.48 Approved 01/06/14 Claimant- Troje's Trash
Check #11078 Claim 10308 \$14,865.36 Approved 07/07/14 Claimant- Envirotech Services
Check #11111 Claim 10339 \$20,670.75 Approved 08/04/14 Claimant- Tri-County Services
Check #11122 Claim 10348 \$34.08 Approved 09/02/14 Claimant- Rivertown Newspaper Group
Check #11133 Claim 10359 \$219.80 Approved 09/02/14 Claimant- Sue Kubiak
Check #11202 Claim 10420 \$83.36 Approved 12/01/14 Claimant- Nancy Keene

Motion J Kummer/2ndK Herman to approve claims as randomly audited during the Board Of Audit,

2014 revenue/expenditure reports (\$543,890.50 in revenues and \$954,748.60 in expenditures) and 2014 year end account balances totaling \$695,524.34 as submitted. All In Favor. Motion Carried 3-0. Clerk's statement of finances and all financial records will be submitted for the annual meeting.

8:15 PM Board of Audit adjourned. Regular Board Meeting reconvened.

LEGAL UPDATES: None

8:17 PM Motion J Kummer/2nd K Herman to adjourn. All In Favor. Motion Carried 3-0-0.

Becky Herman
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer

Denmark Township Chair