

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 3, 2014

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

**ABSENT:** Joe Moore

**STAFF PRESENT:** Attorney Gilchrist (Kennedy-Graven)

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Higgins added resident questions. **Motion Keller/2<sup>nd</sup> Kummer approval of agenda as amended.**  
**All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**Motion Kummer/2<sup>nd</sup> Keller approval of consent agenda which includes 002/03/2014 Board Meeting Minutes, Claims# 10241-10254, EFT PERA 279885, MN Tax Deposit 0139306112, Fed Tax Deposit 54406946, Payroll ending 03/01/14 and Financial Reports.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

**HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**South Washington Watershed District (SWWD) Update:** Administrator Matt Moore gave the Board an update on the SWWD's 2013 activities and 2014 planned projects.

2013- started construction of overflow project. Worked with County and Cottage Grove during the realignment of intersections 19/20/22. Installed 72" pipe, connecting into Cottage Grove's existing stormwater system taking water from the north half Woodbury south through Cottage Grove to the Mississippi River. Start design of 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase from HWY 61 across 3-M property to the river. Additional phases will occur during the next 4-5 years. Worked on a grant with WCD, Top 50 P, to reduce phosphorus loading to the St Croix River. Did projects in the Trout Brook subwatershed to target things that are contributing sediment to Trout Brook, which ultimately end up in the river. Continue to work with Afton Alps to fix up the stream and stabilize the banks. Valley View Heights construction project ready to go in 2014. Working with WCD on a Denmark Feed Lot. Continue to monitor groundwater.

**Bahr CSA Winery Certificate of Compliance:**

Neil and Cynthia Bahr 13310 80<sup>th</sup> St S presented their Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) Winery.

In 2010, Bahr's planted a little over an acre of grapes. Currently the Bahr's sell their grapes. Bahr's would like to be able to sell their wine to family and friends, and desire a small rather than a large operation. They have applied with the Township for A Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for a seasonal ag business to operate a private CSA Winery on their property. Bahr's have contacted their neighbors regarding their proposal to give them an opportunity for feedback. Township received comments from a neighbor suggesting that from a long term perspective, the access to the building should be on 80<sup>th</sup> St rather than 80<sup>th</sup> St Court. Hill on 80<sup>th</sup> St could be challenging due to visual site. Bahr's proposed access would simply branch off the owner's existing driveway.

Attorney also noted that there are parking restrictions. Parking would be allowed on site only. Street parking would not be allowed. Bahr's intend on providing additional screening.

Building for the operation will match the house. Well has been evaluated by Mantylla. A number of options are available to the owners should the well require modifications. A Certificate of Compliance will be issued for the CSA Winery.

**Planning Commission Appointments:** Charlie Grote and Steve Radke submitted applications for the vacancies of their seats on the Planning Commission. **Motion Keller/2<sup>nd</sup> K Herman to reappoint Charlie Grote and Steve Radke to the Planning Commission effective 04/01/2014 with a term ending 03/31/2017.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

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**Recycling-Proposed County Changes:** County has sent additional information regarding modifications of some of the proposed requirements related to recycling. Keller will attend future meetings on behalf of Denmark.

**Trash Hauler Services:** Current cost is \$29.48 per month. Town was noticed by Troje's Trash that the cost for the weekly trash pickup at the Town Hall will be increasing. Clerk contacted the other 3 licensed Denmark haulers for their current cost of the same service. Lowest price received was from Tennis Sanitation- \$23.05 per month, price guarantee for one year. Switching providers would save approximately \$77.16 yearly, even without the noticed increase. **Motion Keller/2<sup>nd</sup> Kummer to obtain Town Hall trash pickup service from Tennis Sanitation at the cost of \$23.05 per month. All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

**Resident Questions:** Discussion re: citizen request received at annual meeting to do a resident survey and proposed questions. No action taken by Board on doing a citizen survey at this time.

**LEGAL UPDATES:**

Building Permit Fees: Updated fee schedule was adopted on 02/03/14. Board consensus that no further updates are needed at this time.

Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area: DNR has followed up on Town's comments regarding the draft MRCCA rules. Following the comments, a number of changes to the draft rules have been proposed. A district change is being proposed by the DNR, designation a portion of the Point Douglas area to CA-River Neighborhood. Because the area is already developed, the DNR is proposing the change to designate it as more of a developed district rather than a rural district, which would change the setback requirements resulting in fewer properties being non conforming as a result of the proposed rules. Meeting with DNR and LGU's scheduled for late March. Attorney and Higgins will attend future meetings.

8:37 PM **Motion Keller/2<sup>nd</sup> Kummer to adjourn. All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

Becky Herman  
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer

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Denmark Township Chair