

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 1, 2013

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

**ABSENT:** Karen Herman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Attorney Troy Gilchrist

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Higgins added South Washington Watershed District. **Motion Moore/2<sup>nd</sup> Keller approval of agenda as amended.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:** **Motion Moore/2<sup>nd</sup> Kummer approval of consent agenda items which include 03/04/2013 Board Meeting Minutes, Claims #10059-10072, EFT payments- PERA 243854, MN Rev. Tax 2065014016, Federal Tax 91807664, payroll ending 04/01/2013 and financial reports.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

**HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**Election of Chair, Vice-Chair:** Moore nominated Higgins for Chair/Keller 2<sup>nd</sup>. No other nominations. **Motion Moore/2<sup>nd</sup> Keller to appoint Higgins as Chair.** Voting Yes-Moore, Keller, Kummer. Abstained-Higgins. Motion Carried 3-0.

Higgins nominated Keller as Vice-Chair/Moore 2<sup>nd</sup>. No other nominations. **Motion Higgins/2<sup>nd</sup> Moore to appoint Keller as Vice-Chair.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

**Designate Official Newspaper of Record:** Currently Hastings Star Gazette, also Pioneer Press when directed by Board-electors recommended keeping same. **Motion Keller/2<sup>nd</sup> Moore to designate Hastings Star Gazette, also Pioneer Press when directed by Board, as official newspaper of record.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

**Designate Official Posting Place:** Currently Denmark Town Hall-electors recommended keeping same. **Motion Moore/2<sup>nd</sup> Kummer to designate Denmark Town Hall as official posting place.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

**Designate Official Bank:** Currently Vermillion State Bank. **Motion Moore/2<sup>nd</sup> Keller to designate Vermillion State Bank as official Township Bank.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

**Gopher Bounty:** Currently \$2.50 per gopher-electors recommended keeping same. **Motion Kummer/2<sup>nd</sup> Moore to set gopher bounty at \$2.50 per gopher.** Discussion: Board consensus that electors have indicated that they are in favor of a gopher bounty. All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

**Supervisor Salary:** Currently \$70.00 per meeting and \$300.00 per month chair-electors recommended keeping same. **Motion Moore/2<sup>nd</sup> Keller to set supervisor salary at \$70.00 per meeting and \$300.00 per month chair.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

Date & Site of 2014 Annual Meeting- Tuesday, March 11, 2014- 7:00 PM @ the Denmark Town Hall.

**Contracted Staff:** **Motion Keller/2<sup>nd</sup> Moore to approve continuation of contracted staff Legal-Kennedy-Graven, Planning-WSB and Engineering-Focus Engineering.** All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.

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**Gravel-** Received quotes for Limerock- Bryan Rock @ \$11.05 delivered/\$7.70 FOB. Rumpca @ \$8.00 delivered/\$5.50 FOB. Roads contractor has contacted Rumpca to assure that quality gravel would be available. **Motion Kummer/2<sup>nd</sup> Moore to approve purchase of gravel from Rumpca Excavating at a cost of \$8.00/ton delivered (\$5.50 FOB).**  
**All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

**Road Tour-** On site road tour is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2013 @ 4:00 PM.

**Ditch Mowing-** Contract made on open market. Estimated contract value-\$9048.75 annual based on 3 yr avg. cost. Quote from Tri-County Services-\$80.00 per hour, term 1-3 years. Tri-County mowed ditches in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Board consensus that they are satisfied with Tri-County ditch mowing performance and would extend the contract to a 2 year term. **Motion Kummer/2<sup>nd</sup> Keller to award ditch mowing contract for a 2 year contract term to Tri-County Services at a rate of \$80.00 per hour, subject to execution of contract.** **All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

**Warrior Dash:** Warrior Dash has scheduled a meeting with Washington County personnel, Hastings Fire Department and Denmark on 04/08/2013. Purpose of meeting is to address past problem areas that had occurred with the event in 2012. Warrior Dash event is scheduled for June 29/30 weekend.

**Vail/Afton Alps Resort:** Higgins met with Vail representatives regarding their future plans for the resort. Plans include expansion of holding pond at top of the hill, install an additional well, upgrade snow making equipment, improvements to the chalets, fix the road going down the hill and the road at the bottom of the hill that runs along Trout Brook.

**Supervisor Portfolio Workshop:** Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2013 @ 4:00 PM.

**Buckthorn Workshop:** Conservation District would like to conduct a Buckthorn Workshop on September 11, 2013.

**Planning Commission Vacancy:** Discussion regarding resident interest in applying for the vacant Planning Commission position. Resident encouraged to send application to the Township for Board review at the May Board Meeting.

**South Washington Watershed District:** SWWD is working on the Trout Brook project with the DNR. Additional projects in Denmark include 110<sup>th</sup> Street ravine, Valley View Heights ravine and the Top50 Phosphorus sites with the Conservation Dist.

**Legal Updates:**

**Mendel Property-** Attorney has been involved with the Bank to recover the costs that the Town has incurred due to mowing the noxious weeds on the foreclosed property, with no resolve. Attorney recommends that the Board certify the mowing and legal costs that have been incurred due to attempts to recover the mowing cost, to the property tax. Attorney will draft a resolution for Board review in May.

**Afton Farms Venue-** Pre-application agreement/escrow has been submitted so that the applicant's proposal can be reviewed before an actual application is submitted.

**Dog ordinance-** Attorney is working on draft revisions.

**Ordinance language –** Attorney is drafting language to address flexibility regarding the variance process and automatic authorization of signing of approved Resolutions/Documents.

**Urban Short Course-** Urban Short Course is in Otsego on April 18, 2013.

8:22 PM **Motion Moore/2<sup>nd</sup> Keller to adjourn.** **All In Favor. Motion Carried 4-0.**

Becky Herman  
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer