

Watab Town Board Special Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2014

Town Board Chairman Ed Kacures Jr. called a special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014 at the town hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues related to the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program in Watab Township with new contractor, Wayne Cymbaluk. All board members were present.

Wayne suggested lowering the \$2,000 permit fee for Benton County's Bend in the River project to \$1,500. Motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann and seconded by Supervisor Gondeck to reduce the fee on this one occasion if Wayne could do the inspections on the project within \$1,125, so there would be no additional cost to the taxpayers in Watab. Wayne agreed that he could do so. The motion passed, and Wayne will notify Benton County.

The board discussed the other permit fees that the board had previously had with Red Barn Ridge for inspections. They are \$300 for small construction, \$2,000 for a commercial site, and \$3,750 for a large development. There is no permit fee for construction at sites disturbing under one acre.

The township will develop a one-page form for contractors and homeowners to submit their SWPPP to the township. The draft is attached to these minutes for review by Wayne. Accompanying that form, the township will attach *Erosion Control for Homeowners*, a publication of MPCA. When a permit fee is required, the checks will be made payable to Watab Township and mailed to Wayne at 809 3rd Avenue SE, Cold Spring, MN. At the end of each month, Wayne will send the checks to the township clerk and invoice the township for his work, and payment will be made to him for 75% of the fees in addition to his other contracted work during that month. No building permits will be issued until a SWPPP is received.

Wayne explained the benefits of membership in the Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance. It is an organization that pools financial resources and time to run a professional campaign on improving water quality. The organization contracts with a professional advertising firm to publish the materials within a \$30,000 annual budget. One of the things they are promoting is the top ten things that homeowners can do on an annual basis. The link is on their website and on Facebook. Membership requires a base fee plus 13 cents per person, and the City of St. Cloud handles the billing. There is also a minimum number of hours to be committed to help with the campaign. Monthly meetings are held and members are encouraged to attend to contribute by attending these meetings. Clerk Spence was asked to contact Noah Czech in advance of the May board meeting to determine the amount of Watab's membership fee. One of the main advantages of belonging to this organization is that it would help us fulfill our education requirements in our SWPPP plan.

The board discussed construction stormwater concerns in the Lake Andrew Development that they identified during the Road Tour: 1) mud is being tracked on the streets from the stockpile

to the lots; 2) there is no perimeter control around the stockpiles; 3) there is no perimeter control around each lot where construction is taking place; 4) inlet protection is needed for the storm sewer drains; and 5) there needs to be rock construction entrances at the construction sites. Wayne suggested that the township contact the MPCA construction stormwater staff person about these issues, since the developer holds the NPDES permit. Supervisor Gondeck has photographs of the violations.

The board can check the database on the MPCA website for the list of open NPDES permits in Watab Township. We need to determine if the developer/owner has passed on responsibility for construction stormwater to the homeowner. There is a Fact Sheet that the developer should give the homeowner at the time of the lot sale. All responsibility for the common areas, streets, etc. remains with the developer or the homeowner's association.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence

