

## **Watab Town Board Meeting Minutes July 11, 2006**

The Watab Township Board held its regular July meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at the Watab Town Hall. All town board members were present: Supervisors Craig Gondeck, Brad McIntosh, Lloyd Erdmann, Treasurer Eileen Saldana and Clerk Pat Spence. Those in the audience were Robin Heinen, Rosie Johnson, Lloyd Hammerel, Dan Hammerel, Brad Vaillancourt, Douglas J. Boser, Tom Herkenhoff, Walter Jansen, Earl Harden, George Mastey, Tammy Mastey, Ed Kacures and Ron Hommerding. Chair Craig Gondeck expressed sympathy to Carol Schmitt and the John Pearson family who recently lost family members. He reported that Brad McIntosh's wife's health is better and she remains in our prayers. He also congratulated Earl and Lorraine Harden on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He invited all to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

One addition was made to the agenda by supervisor Erdmann. Supervisor Erdmann made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6 and June 20 meetings; motion was seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed. The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by Chair Gondeck and second by Supervisor Erdmann. There were no Citizen Issues. A motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann and seconded by Supervisor McIntosh to approve all the bills which were presented for payment and to authorize the Treasurer to withdraw funds for their payment from the appropriate accounts. Motion passed.

Ron Hommerding gave a report on the town hall construction project. He stated that the construction documents are ready to bid; the property has been surveyed; he has a landscape plan, grading plan, and agreed to move the holding pond to keep the trees. We will need to have an asbestos study before demolition. A motion was made by Supervisor McIntosh to withdraw \$5,000 from the Building Fund for the down payment on contract administration to RHA Architects. The motion was seconded by Chair Gondeck with the addition that the chair be authorized to sign the contract with the construction administrator. The motion passed unanimously. The check will be held until the contract is signed.

Bob Erickson stated that he would need approximately one hour to discuss Resolution 2006-3: Plat Policy road information. Chair Gondeck made a motion to hold a special meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to discuss this matter. The motion was seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed.

The Chair reported that Pirates Cove withdrew their request for a roadway permit; they'll pay the costs for the attorney's time in drawing up the permit.

A motion was made by Supervisor McIntosh, and seconded by Supervisor Erdmann to accept the Saldana Excavating estimates for patching of the town

line road and the corner by Mid State Homes. Motion passed. Craig will contact them to proceed with the job.

Supervisor Erdmann moved and Supervisor McIntosh seconded a motion to request an estimate by George Mastey for some cleanup work in the township. The motion passed. Supervisor Erdmann moved, Chair Gondeck seconded approval of payment to Allen Schlein for issuance of 24 burning permits. Motion passed.

Tom Herkinoff and Marty Reker appeared for approval of the final plat for Paradise Plat. Supervisor McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Erdmann, to make the town board the initial Park Board for the township. The motion passed. The town board wants the park dedication fees for Paradise Plat to go toward park amenities adjacent to the development. The septic system will be a drain field with central gravel trenches with an 8 inch pipe flowing to a central lift station. There are excellent soils. The system could easily be hooked up to a future sewer system. The Homeowners Association will have responsibility to monitor the system. It is covered by an annual permit from Benton County. Jason Fleming, Sauk Rapids Fire Dept has reviewed the plan and has no issues with it. Lloyd would like flushing hydrants at the ends of the water lines. Marty Reker agreed to the request.

Supervisor Erdmann made a motion that we start a park fund, motion was seconded by Chair Gondeck and the motion passed. There is no money in the fund, but the township will accept donations. Supervisor McIntosh moved that we accept the park dedication money from Marty Reker and proceed with legal action to keep the dollars in the township. Supervisor Erdmann asked what it would take for the township to be the platting authority; we will proceed to check on this. Chair Gondeck seconded the motion. Motion passed. Supervisor Erdmann moved to approve the final plat for Paradise with the conditions stipulated above (flushing hydrants and approval of fire dept.) Supervisor McIntosh seconded it, and the motion passed. The Chair was given approval to sign the hard copy if there are no changes to the plat.

Chair Gondeck recommended that record storage during town hall construction be in a secure storage container supplied by Ideal Storage for \$125 per month. A motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck to approve the recommendation and the motion passed. Supervisor Erdmann volunteered to move town hall items into the storage container.

The Chair announced that Watab Cleanup Day will be September 30 at Rockwood Estates. The STS Crew will help. \$3,750 from SCORE grant funds have been awarded the township for the clean up. Board members were asked to look for junk in ditches before the clean up.

Clerk Pat Spence and Chair Craig Gondeck reported on the Township Short Course which they attended. A trend is that many townships are expanding their authority because people want more local control.

The Chair recommended that the township have a uniform complaint form. The meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence