

Minutes of Watab Town Board Meeting

July 10, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of Watab Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Craig Gondeck. Board members present were Supervisors Craig Gondeck, Lloyd Erdmann, Brad McIntosh, Treasurer Eileen Saldana and Clerk Pat Spence. The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

Additions to the agenda were: parking lot update; history day; and smell of Little Rock Lake. The Chair informed the board that Nancy Scott would not be coming until next month's meeting.

Supervisor Craig Gondeck made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Supervisor Erdmann and approved.

Treasurer Eileen Saldana reported on the investments and gave the monthly report. A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor McIntosh, and passed approving her report.

Citizen Complaints: Doug Boser asked if there is a stipulation in Developer Agreements regarding time of day for work. Supervisor McIntosh said he recalled discussing it and thought that 7am was a reasonable starting time. There is nothing in the current developer agreements. Supervisor Gondeck met with Jim Brownson of Pirates Cove; they will restore the yards for Lateralls and Johnsons. The complaint on the driveway south of Riverview Loop will be investigated by Supervisor Gondeck.

Supervisor McIntosh made a motion that the township become more aggressive with the Little Rock Lake Association to help clean up the lake; the Clerk should send a letter to the Lake Association saying that the township would be more involved if it is to the lake association's benefit to help clean up the lake, channel and river. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Gondeck and passed. Paul Schwinghammer said that Little Rock Lake is on the impaired waterways for mercury and fecal coliform. MS4 will help with it. Pat Spence added that the Lake Association is eligible for a grant from the Initiative Foundation, which could be used to check the septic systems around the lake and the inlets. Supervisor Erdmann said that about 25% of the problems is from homeowners, 25% of backwaters from the river and the other 50% is from the watershed. Bob Erickson said that if you have a watershed district, you need to have a work plan and results. Maureen Graber said that our SWPPP would require us to address this; we can partner with the Little Rock Lake Association. Supervisor McIntosh said maybe we could involve MPCA, Sportsmen's Club, and others. Supervisor McIntosh said that Watab Township needs to get more involved in finding solutions. He will try to get more information on microorganisms that eat "muck." Paul Schwinghammer suggested Clearwater Watershed as a resource.

There was some discussion about the water condition at the hall and the installation of the air conditioner for the hall. The meeting was recessed for 10 minutes to look at the well. Ron will check with Traut Wells and Saldana Excavating on the elevation.

Bills were presented for review. Motion was made by Supervisor McIntosh; seconded by Supervisor Erdmann to approve payment of payroll and claims 3025 through 3047. Motion passed.

Nancy Scott will come next month to discuss complaints on building inspection.

Ron Hommerding presented a plan for landscaping the town hall. The flag pole will be placed on the right side of the building. The board decided to put electricity to the area in case the board wants the flag to be out permanently; it would have to be lit. There are slabs in front of each side for benches surrounded by shrubs. Ron will talk to the Legion about donating a flag, and he will ask Duane Simmons if he will do an aggregate wash on the cement slabs. Supervisor Erdmann made a motion for Supervisor McIntosh to take care of his community service hours by doing the landscaping of the town hall. Ron Hommerding will get the shrubs. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gondeck. Motion passed. Supervisor Gondeck explained the quote for the benches to be placed on octagon pads. The board will have Supervisor McIntosh put in a sprinkler system before the next meeting. Benches will cost about \$2,900 paid from the Plaziak memorial fund, at no cost to the taxpayers. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed authorizing Supervisor Gondeck to proceed with ordering the benches. George Mastey offered to donate the trucking for the landscape rock (washed river rock). Motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck to authorize George Mastey to truck the rock. The motion passed.

New Business:

1. A proclamation was read by the Clerk naming Ed and Carol Kacures the "Purple Martin Ambassadors" of Watab Township for their work in promoting the purple martin population.
2. There is difficulty for visitors finding the town hall. It would cost up to \$500 per MNDOT sign to direct people to the town hall. A motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann authorizing Supervisor Gondeck to order the signs, seconded by Supervisor McIntosh, and passed. The board will also have a sign built that says Watab Town Hall facing the road. Ron will design a posting sign to replace the existing one. There will be a light at the sign.
3. Traci Balder, Assessor, came to give a report on her work. She distributed a handout showing the growth in construction in the township. She will do an annual report. She also presented the qualified sales. We are currently not meeting the ratio on these sales. The board asked to see sales in October or November; Traci will contact the Clerk to be on the agenda. The Clerk asked what process the board wishes Traci follow if she comes upon something that didn't have a building permit. If Traci sees property that didn't have a permit, she should contact the township board and Nancy Scott. The board was very pleased with her report.
4. Correspondence: CPV is now funded through Benton County. Supervisor Gondeck asked for permission to ask legal staff to draft a resolution stating the date that we adopted the roads. Information on the road sheet shows the width of the blacktop. The Clerk said she will get available information for Craig on the road right of ways. Another column should be added for right of way width and

blacktop width. He also asked permission to sign the developer agreement with Pirates Cove. He read the change to the board. Maureen Graber said that we may not always be able to give seven days notice for someone to correct a problem. There was considerable discussion about storm water runoff in developments. The board tabled approval of the developer agreement to consider the MS4 rules. Chair Gondeck asked permission to record the Ferry Point cul de sac with the county; he has the legal description. Motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann and seconded by Supervisor McIntosh to record it. Motion passed. Supervisor Erdmann moved for removal of parking barrier, seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed.

5. Fire Report: the Clerk read the calls for the month.
6. MS4: Maureen has met with Paul Schwinghammer twice for two hours each time. We need to make a change to our SWPPP for the MPCA. Maureen needs the Clerk to send a letter naming her as our official representative. She explained the process for permits. We will ask people for copies of their SWPPP before they begin their construction. She also explained the software company that can control the administration of the SWIP. SEH Client Access Point—PermiTrack MS4. It is an internet-accessible data base. The original cost is under \$500 and an additional \$50 fee per month. Supervisor McIntosh made the motion to enter an agreement to hire SEH services. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Erdmann and to check the references. Motion passed. We needed to have a report in on June 30th on what we did in the past year. Maureen distributed a handout describing the ordinance requirements in the township SWPPP, which cover all our best management practices. The Fargo ordinance seems too complicated for us; Sartell's might be more applicable. There are sample ordinances on the MPCA website. She will try to develop an ordinance that will work for us. Supervisor Erdmann stated that when he is assisting Supervisor McIntosh with the landscaping, there will not be a violation of the open meeting law as they are working on a project and not conducting township business.

Ed Kacures thanked the board for the recognition and said that many people came to the purple martin event at his home

Supervisor Erdmann asked for authorization to supervise George Mastey on road mowing in the township. Supervisor Gondeck made the motion authorizing Supervisor Erdmann to proceed with road mowing where needed to a maximum cost of \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed. Ed Kacures requested that the mowing be done closer to the ground if possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Spence