

**Minutes of Board of Audit Meeting  
March 7, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Lloyd Erdmann. All board members were present. They compared claims and checks and end of the year financial reports by the clerk and treasurer. Motion was made by Craig Gondeck, seconded by Brad McIntosh to approve all accounts and the year-end statements. Motion passed.

Recommendations for levy for 2007 payable taxes will be as follows:

Fire: \$75,000.00

Road: \$150,000.00

Building: \$25,000.00

Revenue: \$50,000.00

Total of \$300,000

Brad moved, Craig seconded adjournment of Board of Audit meeting at 5:15pm. Motion passed.

**Minutes of March 7, 2006 Watab Town Board Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Watab Town Board was called to order at 5:15pm by Chair Lloyd Erdmann. All board members were present. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the Chair let the audience know that the board had just completed the Board of Audit. The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the February meeting. A motion was made by Craig Gondeck, seconded by Brad McIntosh to approve the minutes as printed; the motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was a balance of \$407,045.61. Craig moved, Brad seconded approval of the report, and the motion passed.

Board reviewed the monthly bills. A motion was made by Craig and seconded by Brad to approve the bills for payment as presented and to authorize the treasurer to withdraw the funds from the appropriate funds for their payment. The motion passed.

Delroy Rothstein asked who the candidates are for the election and if the 5-member board proposal would be on the ballot. Ed Kacures informed the board that the road edge near the railroad crossing on Lakewood Shores is breaking up into small pieces; new Plaziak Road is starting to fracture; recommended Bob looking at it; and that the new Plaziak Road is getting to be a dumping ground. Bob Erickson said that the fractures in the road are normal, but he will check on it.

The Fire Ordinance was tabled until the township attorney has more time to review it.

Craig Gondeck reported on the Bi-Annual Fire Department Agreement with Sauk Rapids. They want to keep a good working relationship with us. Craig has studied the agreement and feels it is a good contract. Motion was made by Craig, seconded by Brad authorizing the Chair and Clerk to sign the contract. The motion passed.

The Park Dedication Fee Report was given by Craig. One half of the county funds from Watab developments is going to the Bend in the River Park. The county is proposing a park by the Gordon Bridge. He said what we want is a parking lot by Gordon Bridge not a park. A 2004 Minnesota State law says that money generated in a development must be spent within the development. Craig met with Scott Hamak and he feels that the law would apply to urban townships as well. However, the county attorney has not ruled on it. Rosanna Beach Park wasn't in the 2002 plan but neither was Bend in the River Park. Craig suggested that perhaps we should take over the park department. We want to know where the money is. The clerk was asked to send a copy of the letter we sent to the commissioners to the Park Board members which expresses the board's wishes to not have Watab funds go for Bend in the River Park.

Craig will apply for a SCORE Grant for picnic tables and park benches for Rosanna Beach Park.

The clerk sent a letter to Noble Custom Homes by certified letter. Lloyd said that Burski Construction will propose a drainage solution for the road by a professional and then bring it to the town board.

The consideration of Resolution 2006-2: Resolution Establishing a Snow and Ice Control Policy for the Town of Watab was tabled until the next meeting for review by the township attorney.

The consideration of Resolution 2006-3: Resolution Establishing a Town of Watab Policy for Plat Process was tabled until the next meeting.

If the Ballot Question of moving to 5-member board is not approved no action will be needed by the town board. If it passes, the board will determine next steps. The election for new supervisors can be 60 days after the vote or at the next annual meeting.

The Town Hall Task Force will present a report on their work and recommendations to build a new town hall at the annual meeting.

New Business:

1. Approval of Preliminary Plat for Paradise: Marty Reker. Linda Braun presented. The plat now includes sixteen lots along Little Rock Creek. The road in the development has been changed to meet the supervisors' recommendations. There is still the need for an ingress and egress easement at the south end of the road. Marty would like to donate the land he paid \$35,000 for and put in \$9,600 (at cost) of playground equipment for a neighborhood park. He would provide a letter of credit for \$9,600 stating when the park would be completed. The town board would meet with the county park board about the recommendation. The township attorney is researching if we can take over the park department without taking on planning and zoning. Lloyd was concerned about storm water runoff in the development. Bob Erickson explained that he thinks this system is going to work, but Lloyd is wondering if it will work. He would like storm water ponds. Both Bob & Linda suggested locations for such ponds. Marty pointed out the lower density of housing than housing developments in Rice. Sewer will fit county ordinance. Brad asked for a certificate of storm water drainage in the developer agreement. Outlot A will be a permanent outlot; this will be put in the developer agreement and the homeowner's association documents. The board told Marty that they want a turn radius of 15 feet for turnaround for trucks on the south hammerhead. The traffic study shows that there are currently 250 cars per day on Lakewood Shores Road. Brad asked Marty if he would be willing to pay for turn lanes on Lakewood Shores into his development. Marty said that he would do so and that it could be part of the developer's agreement.

A motion was made by Craig to approve the preliminary plat with the addition of a guarantee agreement on drainage for the development, the recommended radius on the hammerhead, and a collection pond on the south of Outlot A with Lloyd working out the three issues with the developer. The motion was seconded by Brad and the motion passed. Marty Reker is covering Bob Erickson's fees (township engineer).

Craig made a motion, seconded by Brad, to allow the chair to sign the preliminary plat. The motion passed.

Lloyd moved, Brad seconded agreement on the concept Marty proposed regarding the park dedication for Paradise Plat.

2. Mark Saldana: owns land in Watab Township that he would like rezoned from Agricultural to Light Industrial and Business to entice other businesses to Watab. Mark will meet with Brad and Lloyd individually before the next town board meeting to discuss his plans and see his proposal. The board was in favor of his rezoning.

3. Craig moved to have the Clerk sign the agreement that Plaziak Road is complete; motion was seconded by Brad; the motion passed.
4. April 5<sup>th</sup> is the Lobby Day for townships. Lloyd was given the letter of invitation for our board to participate.
5. The Clerk informed the board of Rand Schaper 's request to involve the board in his attempt to purchase the King's Inn. The board chose to not get involved.
6. There were not any additional items presented for the annual meeting agenda.
7. Bob Erickson will provide the board with a letter about park dedication fees.

Lloyd moved, and Craig seconded adjournment; the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Spence