

## MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

Township Hall, 9801 Ireland Avenue NW

Present: Carol and Pat Schomaker, Tom Neu, Rick and Debbie Erickson, Bob Erickson, John Erickson, Marilyn Andersen, Karl Enghauser, Steven Metzler, and Tom Neu.

Township Board: Chairman Bill Lieb; Supervisors Dave Stumpf and John Dearing and Clerk/Treasurer Vi Novotne.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. With motion by John Dearing, seconded by Bill Lieb, the minutes of the previous meeting of September 2, 2003 were approved as presented.

#11 Carol and Tim Schneeweis, lake home at 10639 Kimball Avenue, E-Mail, water problem; #12. TH55 Coalition Meeting announcement; and #13 Sand/Salt Requirements for Winter Maintenance were the additions to the agenda by motion of John Dearing and Bill Lieb second. Motion carried.

### Requests to be on Agenda:

1. Tom Gullifer, 7903 Imhoff Avenue NW – Lot 10, Sunset Beach, represented by Tom Neu, Contractor. Request for a variance to move existing cabin to improve setback. With a motion by John Dearing, Bill Lieb, second, the board approved variance of changing existing cabin setback from 3' to 10'3" too close to the north property line. Addition will not encroach the lake. Discussed the bluff setback for Lots 4 and 5,
2. Rick Erickson, cabin location: 11496 103<sup>rd</sup> Street NW. (Continued, July 28, 2003) Latest road survey of 2002 showed several flood plain areas that are 2 or 3 inches higher and one area lower than last survey. The Ericksons suggested that the township explore a major project of raising the road. The board reported that upgrading the road would require garages, etc. to be moved from right of way and create water runoff problems for many property owners. Bill Lieb stated that he had discussed new home construction on land that had flood plain road issues with Tom Salkowski's, Zoning Administrator for Wright County Planning and Zoning. Bill reported the suggestion that as there is more requirement flexibility, the Ericksons consider remodeling and making an addition to their cabin. The Ericksons plan to consult with Mr. Salkowski.
3. Marilyn Anderson, 10761 Hendricks and Karl Enghauser, 7112 108<sup>th</sup> Street. Request to vacate a dedicated road. They are the only property owners using the road. Marilyn Anderson needs the cul de sac area for building a garage and Mr. Enghauser has agreed to vacate his part of the cul de sac. John Dearing suggested that they should contact the township attorney, Tim Young, for legal assistance to prepare the easement/deed to Ms. Anderson. A copy of the township road vacation procedure was presented. The clerk will prepare letters to notify property owners and will place legal notices in the town newspapers as soon as a legal description of the road portion to be abandoned is received.

4. Steven Metzler, 10147 Highway 24 Request for Conditional Use Permit for a land alteration to bring in 150 cubic yards of boulder rock for a retaining wall the length of the shoreline. With a motion by Bill Lieb, second by David Stumpf, the board approved construction of a retaining wall on this property to protect the shoreline. Township approved whatever amount of boulders is needed to do the job successfully.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Pat and Carol Schomacher, 8845 Linn Ave NW John Dearing stated that the township board had not made a decision as to how to correct the corner curve problem for the planned 89<sup>th</sup> and Linn paving project. Pat also asked why his land was not rezoned to Residential as the land to the South and West are zoned Residential? Bill Lieb responded that when the Land Use Plan was revised, a newsletter was mailed to all property owners and notices of the meetings were placed in the township newspapers. No property owner requested a zoning change for this area.

Other Items and Old Business:

1. Ireland to Ingram Avenue and 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue Paving Projects. Twenty-five property owners have forwarded prepayments. Township Attorney, Tim Young, forwarded a letter stating that Jerry Mundell is still considering his option to appeal his assessment. Bill Lieb reported that the Wright County Planning Commission rejected Mr. Mundell's petition to vacate the portion of Ireland that borders his property and is an access to Cedar Lake Friday, September 26, 12:00 noon, Township Board will award road improvement contract.
2. Topfer Road Relocation Project. John Dearing reported that the contractor has been delayed because his current project had more intensive work to be completed. The contractor intends to begin excavating Tuesday, September 23.
3. Somers Lake Project, 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The second lift has been added, ditches are seeded and black dirt has been placed along the pavement edges in the house areas. Black dirt instead of gravel along pavement edges will make mowing easier. The gravel driveways have not been prepared to match the paving.
4. Whispering Pines Project, 70<sup>th</sup> Street NW When the Maki Development applies the second lift, the final lift will be added for this project.
5. 78<sup>th</sup> Street Paving Project. As other streets in the Cedar Lake area may be presenting a paving petition at the first next meeting, at the October meeting, a Public Hearing date will be determined.
6. Isaak Avenue to 75<sup>th</sup> Street Paving Project Second public hearing may be planned for December or January. Board noted letter from Deb Myhre, 8315 Irvine Avenue She requested exclusion from the assessment as she cannot access her property by driving on Isaak. Bill Lieb stated he would check this issue before the public hearing. Board noted letter signed by Rod and Vicki Gullings, 7690 Isaak and Steve and Mara Jacobson, 7676 Isaak Letter stated that right of way issues exist for the two adjoining properties. John Dearing stated that he would discuss the issue with the engineer. Dave Stumpf added

that Mark Miller should be more involved in meetings and discussions of road and culvert problems.

7. West Portion of 89<sup>th</sup> Street and Linn Avenue Road Paving Petition. A late fall hearing is to be scheduled. Allan Dubbeldee, 11999 89<sup>th</sup> Street NW, telephoned that in a discussion with the Annandale City Engineer and a Watershed Board Representative, the city would like dry sewer lines to be added to the planned reconstruction of 89<sup>th</sup> and Linn. Board made no comment.
8. City of Annandale, letter dated 9/6/03. Fire Department has reported that when responding to a call at 11000 block of Lawrence Avenue, the fire apparatus found it difficult to get through the road. John stated that in his opinion, the fire truck cannot turn around on this road and road should be open on the other end. Clerk is to contact attorney for advice. A copy of the fire department's letter will be mailed to the property owners of this area.
9. Robert Thompson, 7359 Ingram Avenue NW, E-Mail 9/15/03. Property has water problems when heavy rainfall overloads the storm drain which is on private property. Board member commented that township does not have jurisdiction over private property.
10. Junk Amnesty Clean Up Report forwarded to Wright County of 97 tons; 18 tons over 2002. Volunteers and workers were mailed letters stating that the board appreciated their service to the township on Junk Amnesty Day.
11. Carol and Tim Schneeweis, lake home: 10639 Kimball Avenue, E-Mail 9/15/03. Water run-off problem. As this is a dedicated road, Bill Lieb asked that this problem be tabled for the next meeting when the maintenance men can be included in the discussion.
12. TH55 Coalition Full Membership Meeting, September 19, 2003. John indicated that he plans to attend.
13. Sand and Salt for Winter Maintenance Mark Miller requested the same amounts as for 2002.
14. Annandale Fire Department Meeting, Thursday, September 18. Dave Stumpf plans to attend. Dave reported that the Fire Department is changing the format for their meetings. For better communication, on a semi-annual basis, meetings will cover township and community issues one of which would be the land use plan.
15. State Highway 24 Reconstruction, MNDOT letter dated August 25, 2003. Bill Lieb forwarded letter which stated that the project is programmed from Annandale to 700' north of Wright Cy 7 for the 2006 construction season. The proposed improvements include widening shoulders, adding turn and by-pass lanes, regrading ditches, replacing the bridge just south of Wright Cy 6 and re-surfacing this 12.5 mile section of roadway. The intersection of TH24 and Wright #7 will be reconstructed to include left and right turn lanes. The decision on detour routes and staging of construction will not be final until design is completed.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola K. Novotne, Clerk