

Town of Duluth

Town Board Meeting June 10, 2021

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Michael Kahl, Tim Strom, Rolf Carlson, John Schifsky and Penelope Morton were in attendance.

Approve Minutes: Penelope made a motion to approve both the Town Board May 13, 2021, minutes and the Special Board Meeting June 3, 2021, minutes Michael seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Agenda: Penelope added "Rocks" to Old Business.

Co-op Light and Power Right of Way (ROW) clearing: Pat Schmeider from Lake County Co-op was invited to the Town Board meeting for a discussion on ROW clearing and herbicide spraying done in 2020 to be continued into 2021. Pat would like to know what we as Board members are hearing about the clearing and spraying under the power lines from Town residents. A Co-op member advisory group was formed to "look into" the right of way concerns. Contact Co-op Light and Power Board Members to express your concerns about ROW clearing, handouts are available at the Town Hall, will be printed in the next newsletter and on our web site www.duluthtownship.org. A petition is being generated by Mary Hennessy; you may find her at mushmoe@gmail.com. It was most concerning to find out that Co-op Light and Power does not have a contract with the Right of Way contractors and no inspectors to follow up on work being done.

The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$474,213.15, deposits of \$830.12 and expenses of \$33,426.92 for an ending balance of \$441,616.35. Claims were reviewed, the payroll net pay account distribution documents were signed, and bills were paid.

- Outstanding checks: Penny made a motion to remove all 2019 outstanding checks from the books, Michael seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Wells Fargo petty cash: Penny made a motion to close the petty cash account at Wells Fargo, John seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Budget review: The Annual Meeting is coming up on August 10th, Tim asked the question as to whether we want to revisit the 2022 proposed budget.

Public Comment: Amanda Imes tabled until August.

Department Reports

Police

- Property Complaint: Ryan Road; the last option is to contact our county commissioner.
- Stoney Point Complaint: Tim will write a letter to St. Louis County to request replacement of the faded No Parking/No Camping signs. If the burning and garbage dumping is on Condon Trust Land it is the City of Duluth's, they need to be contacted.
- BlueBird Landing: The owners said thank you to the Police Department for their assistance with campers and partiers. Someone backed a trailer to the lake and dumped a load of brush slashing. One ATV has also been running on the beach. A suggestion is contact the DNR.

Fire: No report

Planning and Zoning:

- Storm Water: The cemetery might be a good place to post Pooper Scooper posters.
- A couple of driveway permits.
- There will be a Variance hearing this month.
- The Variance hearing in May will be reheard in June.
- There was a discussion on Glamping.

- This is the commissions last meeting for updating the zoning ordinance. All the updates and zoning map will be reviewed. An open house will be held before the ordinance comes to the Town Board for approval.

Legal:

- We received a nice e-mail summary from Bob Alsop.
- Advocacy Alert from Minnesota Association of Townships: pipeline properties were over-taxed Townships might be responsible for repayment. Recommendation is to contact our legislators.

Roads:

- Order for Chloride is at Edwards just waiting for the chloride to come in.
- Turnarounds: we received word from our surveyor that he has completed the survey and the results will be mailed to the Town Hall.
- We need to start working on the Nordling road, the ditches are non-existent, and water is flooding over the road into front yards.

Town Hall:

- It would be wise for us as a town board to get Dave Edblom and Wayne Dahlberg together with Tim and Roger, to do a walk through the Town Hall to discuss current and future maintenance needs.
- Our County Health Department survey recommended the sink in the ladies' room needs to be repaired.

Emergency Operations:

- Opening the Town Hall for Rentals and meetings: Tim made a motion to go back to our pre covid conditions, Penny seconded. Discussion: People who have not been vaccinated should consider wearing a mask as recommended by both the State and CDC. Motion passed unanimously.

Materials Management: Grant check has been received.

Cemetery: Memorial Day event went well.

Communications: Deadline for the newsletter is June 14th. Nicole has done some updating on the Web Site.

Personnel: Nothing to report

Old Business

- Farmers Market: The first farmers market went well there were 9 vendors.
- Bluebird landing Rocks: DNR does not have rocks but suggested we could get rocks through Joe Mecklin. We will purchase 6. Penny made a motion to purchase rocks not to exceed \$700, John seconded. Discussion Tim will put flags in place. The motion passed 4 ayes with Tim abstaining.

New Business: No New Business at this meeting.

Correspondence

- Gnesen Newsletter
- St. Louis County Attorney's Office Annual Report
- Enbridge pipeline safety
- SLCAT newsletter

Calendar Events and Meeting Schedule

- Town Board meeting July 8, 2021

Adjournment: Penny made a motion to adjourn, Michael seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 8:35 p.m.