

Minutes of Special Watab Town Board Meeting: September 22, 2014

A special meeting of the Watab Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014 at the Watab Town Hall by Chair Ed Kacures Jr. All other board members were present: Treasurer Eileen Saldana; Clerk Pat Spence; and Supervisors Lloyd Erdmann and Craig Gondeck. Wayne Cymbaluk was also present. Purpose of the meeting was to review the draft of a new ordinance to fulfill requirements of the current construction site erosion and sediment control and post-construction stormwater management regulatory requirements for construction activity and small construction activity (NPDES Permit) and to meet the Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) developed under MN Statutes 2009, section 115.03, subdivision 5c. The new ordinance must be in effect by March 2015.

Wayne explained that the Minimal Design Standards Workgroup has developed this format to use Best Management Practices (BMP's). He has adapted their sample ordinance to Watab Township's requirements in preparing the draft. Wayne led the board through a discussion of the elements of the ordinance. There were a few issues for future discussion to finalize the ordinance:

1. Should stormwater management rate control increases be based on pre-settlement or post-development conditions? (Section 7). Wayne noted that there is a mathematical model for both conditions, which would be used by the developer to prove no increase in offsite peak discharge of stormwater. Stearns County uses the pre-settlement model.
2. What amount should the township adopt as a financial guarantee from developers to ensure the satisfactory installation, completion, and maintenance of the measures required in the SWPPP: 125% of site grading and erosion/sediment control costs, an amount per acre of development, or a sliding scale? (Section 10)
3. What type of oversight is the township required to provide for county and state highway projects within the township?

Once the board feels that the ordinance is complete, Wayne suggested that we have an MPCA official review it and then send it on to the township attorney for final review. The board will also need to set up procedures for enforcement of the ordinance; i.e. maintenance schedule for monitoring and cleaning up privately owned ponds when necessary, how to recover costs, etc. Also, the board should make sure that Benton County is retaining easement access to private stormwater facilities.

The goal is to have the ordinance adopted in December. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spencepe