

Minutes of Watab Town Board Meeting October 10, 2006

The Watab Town Board met on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at the Watab Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair Craig Gondeck at 7pm. All board members were present: Chair Craig Gondeck, Supervisors Brad McIntosh and Lloyd Erdmann, Treasurer Eileen Saldana, and Clerk Pat Spence. Those in the audience were Ron Hommerding, Ed Kacures, Scott Hamak and Jerry Shannon. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the Chair listed the agenda items: Consideration of Proposals and Award Sale of General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds; Permits; MS4 Application Approval; Lake Andrew Plat Road Issue; and Reimbursement for Furnace Payment. Chair Gondeck moved, Supervisor McIntosh seconded approval of the agenda; the motion passed.

Jerry Shannon, Financial Advisor for Ehlers & Associates, Inc., distributed several handouts regarding the bond proposals. The board received three bids for \$220,000 in Capital Improvement Bonds. They were from United Bankers' Bank in Bloomington, MN; Miller Johnson Steichen Kinnard Investment Securities, Inc. in Minneapolis, MN; and Dougherty & Company, Inc. in Minneapolis, MN. The range of the bids was 4.4653% - 4.6430%. There were no bids from local financial institutions that were contacted. Supervisor Erdmann made a motion to accept the bid from United Bankers' Bank and adopt the resolution providing for the issuance and sale of \$220,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2006. The motion was seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed unanimously. The cost of issuance is \$13,390 for financial consulting and bond counsel (Briggs & Morgan). Bond payments are spread over 12 years with payment dates of February 1 and August 1. Prepayment is allowed beginning in February 2013. We will need to create a Debt Service Fund and a Construction Fund. The repayment of the bonds will be within the average of \$25,000 per year, so the annual Building Fund levy can remain at the \$25,000 amount. The Building Fund levy should be replaced with the Debt Service Levy. The Supervisors thanked Ehlers for their excellent work. Bond proceeds will be available on November 2, 2006.

The necessary permits including a conditional use permit for the town hall still need to be obtained. The Planning Commission and County Commissioners will hold a special joint meeting at the courthouse on November 2nd at 6:30pm to authorize the necessary permits. The board is very grateful for their assistance with expediting these permits. According to Chelle Benson, the land use permit could be issued on November 3rd and construction can then begin. Ron Hommerding and Chair Gondeck will be present for the November 2nd meeting. It was mutually agreed that any costs of the meeting will be deducted from Mr. Hommerding's contract fee. Stone work on the building and completion of the parking lot will occur next spring. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the County Board thanking them and staff for helping expedite our building project.

There are serious problems with heave-ups on part of the new roads in the Lake Andrew Plat. Chair Gondeck reported that he and Bob Erickson met with the engineer and Scott Jarnot regarding the problems. They will have the base scraped and fabric placed on about 700 feet of the roadway. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Bob Erickson should check several locations on the road for soil and base quality. This part of the road will not be ready for curb and gutter until spring. Supervisor Gondeck made a motion to have an addition made to the developer's agreement allowing the developer to remove brush trees from the road right of way and replace them with a berm and pine trees. The developer is also agreeing to maintain the ditch. The motion was seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed. The Chair will advise the developer and our building inspector that no building permits will be issued and the final plat will not be signed until the developer's agreement is signed.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to request repayment of the \$1,500 given to Don Zieglmeier to purchase a new furnace last winter for the town hall. Motion was made by Supervisor McIntosh and seconded by Supervisor Gondeck to give him 10 days to repay this amount or legal action will be taken. Motion passed.

Supervisor McIntosh presented the MS4 application that he has worked on with Red Barn Ridge. Supervisor Gondeck made the motion to approve the application, signed by Supervisor McIntosh, and send it to Minnesota Pollution Control (attention of Keith Cherryholmes). Red Barn Ridge is willing to complete our annual report, and the township will need to pass storm water management ordinances early in 2007. Supervisor Gondeck will make copies of the application for each board member.

The Clerk noted that the November meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 7pm. The regular meeting date is unavailable because of the General Election.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence