STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2008 Town Hall 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Linda Countryman, Supervisors Jim Hiniker, Jim Doriott, David Johnson, Sheila-Marie Untiedt and Clerk Pat Bantli. Also, Treasurer Carol Collins, Attorney Soren Mattick, Engineer Paul Pearson, Planner Sherri Buss and Chief Of Police Steve Nelson.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Untiedt/Hiniker moved to approve the agenda as amended. (5 ayes)

2. MINUTES - M/S/P Untiedt/Doriott moved to approve the 12/13/07 Stillwater Town Board meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)

3. TREASURER -
   a. Claims were reviewed and checks #18487 - #18528 were approved for payment.
   b. M/S/P Untiedt/Johnson moved to authorize Carol Collins to attend an auditors seminar. (5 ayes)
   c. There was discussion about outstanding escrows. Monthly billings will continue.

4. PLANNER -
   a. David Johnson warmly welcomed Sherri Buss to be the new township planner and discussed a procedure to be used with clients. Planning fees will be adopted as an ordinance that will require a public hearing. The hearing will be scheduled at the first meeting in February. An upfront escrow balance will be held aside for the duration of a project and any incurred expenses will be billed out monthly. Board members requested that meeting materials be distributed by the planner via e-mail for future meetings.
   b. Kennel Licenses - Currently as long as things are the same as stated in an approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a commercial kennel, the CUP goes with the land and remains in effect. Some communities use a license rather than a CUP. The license is granted to the kennel owner, and does not run with the property.
   c. The issue of future kennel licenses will go to the planning commission for discussion at their next meeting.
   d. Gohlike Property - Erosion control issues at the Outing Lodge will be monitored by our new planner.

5. CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT -
   a. Monthly report circulated.
   b. No dog impounds.
   c. One hundred and eleven burning permits issued in 2007.
   d. Suggested sending the old trailer to the county auction.

e. Bruette property checked and everything is in order.
f. Dog licensing coming up soon.
g. Meinecke boat issue not yet resolved. The issue is scheduled to be heard in court on Tuesday, January 22. Attorney Mattick and Chief Nelson will attend.

6. SNOWPLOWING ISSUE - RESIDENTS' COMPLAINTS - The Raleighs were not able to be present to discuss the matter. The engineer responded with information such as experimenting with more salt on the well traveled roads, and in areas with steep hills. This issue will be revisited after the Raleighs have experimented with different mixture of salt and sand.

7. 2008 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONTRACT - M/S/P Untiedt/Hiniker moved to sign a 2008 contract with Jayneen Thatcher of the Soil and Water Conservation District. (5 ayes)

8. OTTO BERG BALL FIELD RESERVATION REQUEST - Rick Hill of the Valley Athletic Association is requesting ball field use for 2008. The issue will be discussed at the next park committee meeting and an answer forthcoming by March 1.

9. BOOMSITE PARK - David Johnson led a discussion about possibilities for bringing life back to the park. He is committed to attending meetings and doing his part on behalf of the township to re-open the site and motivate other people, communities and agencies to join the bandwagon.

10. WEBSITE - COMMUNICATIONS - Linda Countryman reviewed information created by Fred Brandt and Bob Ranalla regarding the website development. The board commented on the proposed changes and improvements for the website, and concurred with the Planning Commission on what is most important to include or remove from the site. This will be reported back to the Communications Committee.

11. TOWNSHIP PICNIC - There was a discussion about having a town picnic at Otto Berg Park in 2008, possibly to coordinate with Minnesota's 150th birthday. Board members were supportive.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Clerk_____

Chairperson_____

Approved_____