STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2008 Town Hall 7:00 P.M.

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

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Hiniker/Doriott moved to approve the agenda as presented. (4 ayes)

2. MINUTES - M/S/P Johnson/Hiniker moved to approve the 1/24/08 town board meeting minutes as written. (4 ayes)

3. TREASURER -
   a. Claims were reviewed and checks #18529 - #18538 were approved for payment.
   b. The treasurer will have auditor Steve McDonald come to the next town board meeting to explain about the 2007 audit.
   c. M/S/P Johnson/Hiniker moved to remove the names of Warren Erickson and Gloria Sell from the list of people who currently have access to the township safety deposit box and add Carol Collins. (4 ayes)
   d. Township clerk Pat Bantli and treasurer Carol Collins have access to the safety deposit box.
   e. The treasurer will check with the township association regarding financial items that must be kept on file.

4. CLASSIFICATION OF PERSONNEL -
Robert Ranalla Jr. is classified as an independent contractor.

The classification for Rick Jacobson and Robert Ranalla Senior will be deferred until the next meeting so that the attorney will have a chance for input. Jim Doriott will create job descriptions for these employees.

5. BUDGET MEETING FOR 2009 - February 28 at 6:00 p.m.

6. ANNUAL MEETING - Barbara Medinger will be speaking about the Stone Bridge. The clerk will contact the three agencies that may request funding from the township. A notice about the annual meeting will be placed in our next newsletter.

7. OGBORN CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE - Patricia and Stephen Ogborn have applied for a Certificate of Compliance to operate a business including a certified massage therapist, a certified reflexologist and a certified chair massage therapist, from their home.

The planner reviewed the application and considered the following issues. Patricia Ogborn will be employed in the business, no license is required, traffic is to be minimal, no hazardous wastes anticipated, no outdoor storage or signage required, parking available on site, and no nuisances anticipated from the use of the home. Therefore the planner recommends approval of a Certificate of Compliance for this home occupation.

M/S/P Johnson/Doriott moved approval of Ogborns Certificate of Compliance subject to the recommendations of the planner with two additional requirements: The license will be for a two year term and there will be no exterior signage. (4 ayes)

8. CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT -
   a. Old trailer documentation received.
   b. Trailer to go to Arden Hills State Auction.
   c. New trailer needs some ventilation for animals - openings will be made.
   d. Eight burning permits given out, five were for Buckthorn.
   e. Meinecke to get boat off their property by July 2008.
   f. One young black lab dog impounded.

9. TREE REMOVAL - Bonnie Haines was present to request eliminating several newly discovered diseased trees on the township property. The board members agreed to add them to the previous contract. She remarked that they're almost finished with the entire project.

10. PLANNER -
   a. Public Hearing - M/S/P Johnson/Hiniker moved to adopt the 2008 Planning Fee Schedule and Ordinance #144. (4 ayes)
   b. Kennel Permit Discussion - At their future meetings, the planning commission members will be discussing many aspects of allowing, or not, commercial dog kennels in Stillwater Township. Controlling noise is a big issue. Ways to handle various other issues that may come up for prospective kennel owners and could disturb neighbors must be well thought through so that both owners and neighbors are in harmony.

      Some additional ideas to discuss further at the planning commission meetings: setbacks, shorter term license periods, size of property, review of permit when owners change, make licenses easier to revoke, distance from other properties, opportunity for confinement of animals indoors, control noise, etc.

   c. Pool Fences - A resident has asked if there can be a fence placed around his above ground pool. The supervisors agree that our building inspector's opinion holds. It's up to him.
   d. FEMA Maps - Ann Terwedo is taking the FEMA map around the county so that residents can see where the flood plains are located. There have been very few changes in our township. The FEMA map will be available for review at our town hall for comments.

11. ENGINEER -
    a. Paul Pearson said that he sees "no red flags" in the Manning Avenue plan.
    b. Arcola Bridge Inspection Report - A letter of February 7 noted that there are two delineators that are damaged. Mike Raleigh was asked to repair the damage.

12. BOOMSITE PARK MEETING - David Johnson attended a recent meeting at the county and reported that higher levels of government will take over managing Boomsite Park.

13. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Clerk_____

Chairperson_____

Approved_____