STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 24, 2008 Town Hall 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Jim Doriott, Supervisors Jim Hiniker, Linda Countryman, Sheila-Marie Untiedt, David Johnson and Clerk Pat Bantli. Also, Treasurer Carol Collins, Attorney Sam Edmunds, Planner Sherri Buss, Engineer Paul Pearson and Bob Ranalla Jr.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Countryman/Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as amended. (5 ayes)

2. MINUTES - M/S/P Untiedt/Hiniker moved to approve the 4/10/08 Stillwater town board meeting minutes as written. (4 ayes, Countryman abstained)

M/S/P Untiedt/Johnson moved to approve the 4/17/08 Stillwater town board comprehensive plan meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)

3. TREASURER -
   a. Report was given.
   b. Claims were reviewed and checks #18648 through #18658 were approved for payment.
   c. Escrow accounts balances were reviewed.
   d. The treasurer will attend a CTAS class.
   e. The treasurer is attempting to reduce the number of copies paid for from 6,000 to 4,000 a year. The copier company is not responding to her requests.
   f. Our professionals need to keep up to date regarding escrow accounts. There should always be funds available to draw on.
   g. The township clerk receives escrow money and deposits it as immediately as possible.

4. ATTORNEY -
   a. Attorney Sam Edmunds spoke about the requirement that each licensing waste collector company has to haul away recyclable materials biweekly.
   b. Minor Subdivision Draft Ordinance - Soren Mattick will discuss the ordinance at the next meeting.

5. COMMUNICATIONS MEETING - This evening a communications meeting was held at 6 p.m. before the regular town board meeting. The next communications meeting will be held on June 26, 2008 at 6 p.m.

6. PARK MEETING INFORMATION -
   a. There are two openings on the park committee and possibly another opening later in the summer.
   b. Jim Doriott has repaired some equipment in the kids park.

7. TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION EXPENDITURES WERE REVIEWED -

Newsletter Costs	Budgeted	Spent
2006	$3,000	$3,200
2007	$3,000	$5,500
2008	$3,000	

Website Costs	Budgeted	Spent
2006	$7,000	$5,276
2007	$3,000	$4,823
2008	$3,000	

8. RECYCLING - Karen was requesting that the township complete and sign the contract with Washington County that in turn pays her stipend. The contract will be available shortly.

9. MARONEY/WASTE MANAGEMENT - Their permits will be reviewed at the next town board meeting. (ie: insurance coverage and recycling amounts) Representatives of the companies will be requested to attend the next meeting.

10. GREEN ACRES - Supervisor Untiedt brought in a Wall Street Journal item for the supervisors to review an article that illuminated issues of commercial type farming in residential developments and related planning issues.

11. CROSSWINDS CHURCH PROJECT - MNDOT has recommended adding two turn lanes on State Highway 96 to accommodate expected traffic from the Crosswinds Church project. The recommendations are based on concerns related to sight lines when approaching the Newgate intersection from the west. The applicant has received the recommendations from MNDOT and from TKDA's Traffic Engineer. The town board members will wait and see what transpires before they get involved.

12. RALEIGH TRUCKING - John Raleigh was present to talk about some of his duties.
    a. The culvert at the township park will be cleaned.
    b. Mr. Lepinski (10616 Stonebridge Trail North) will have a culvert and one driveway removed by Raleighs.
    c. Brushing - A crew was sent out to cut lower branches that were sticking out after they had used a new machine to trim. John explained that the shredded branches will look better when the foliage comes out. It took a while to get used to the new machine.
    d. A special mower eats everything in the ditches when they mow in summer. Extreme brushing hasn't been done for several years.
    e. Curtiss Hills Trails are infested with buckthorn. It is hard to cut buckthorn by the fence.
    f. The mowing and brushing budget for last year was not used until recently.

13. ENGINEER -
    a. Arcola Trail Special Assessment - Assessment for the Axdahl property related

to Arcola Trail was discussed by the board members. Attorney Sam Edmunds was asked to research the payment of a $32,125.00 assessment as it relates to the green acres status and development of the property.

b. OTTASEAL Use - A good 2007 report was received from Goodhue County for costs of gravel road maintenance using OTTASEAL. An e-mail report will be sent to the township in a few weeks regarding OTTASEAL use.

14. COUNTY ROAD 15 REVIEW - David Johnson passed out the draft of the proposed 2030 land use map of the 2008 comprehensive plan. He reviewed the remaining lots on County Road 15. Medium density and low medium density lots prevail.

Washington County personnel were at the same time having an open house at the county building for concerned residents to look at the plans for the redo of County Road 15 to start mid May. The road will be revised from Highway 36 north to about the Rutherford Cemetery area.

15. STAFF PRESENT POLICY - Also discussed was the potential policy of always having at least two of the three consulting staff members present at every meeting to provide continuity. Substitute staff from a firm is acceptable.

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

Clerk_____

Chairperson_____

Approved_____