STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2008 Town Hall 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Sheila-Marie Untiedt, Supervisors Linda Countryman, Jim Doriott, Jim Hiniker and David Johnson, Clerk Pat Bantli, Deputy Clerk Kathy Schmoeckel, Deputy Clerk Kathy Nelson, Treasurer Carol Collins, Attorney Soren Mattick, Engineer Paul Pearson, Planner Sherri Buss, Park Manager Rick Jacobson and Chief of Police Steve Nelson

A meeting was held with the residents along Minar Avenue/Minar Lane to discuss traffic issues. Chairperson Sheila-Marie Untiedt introduced Engineer Paul Pearson and Chief of Police Steve Nelson who reviewed the problems with traffic and speeding and suggested possible solutions. The residents that were present were asked to discuss what problems they had observed. They believe this problem was created by the City of Stillwater with their development to the north and this has become another Deer Path. As more homes are built, they anticipate even more problems. This is the only north-south road right now. Can the City work with us to put in a temporary stop sign at 80th Street and Manning Avenue? The lower right hand corner along Minar Avenue is a dangerous curve. A three way stop was suggested as you come off of CR 12 onto Minar Avenue. There are a lot of bikers and joggers along that street and it is dangerous for them. Increased patrolling is another option. The Stillwater maintenance building uses Minar Avenue. If stop signs were put in, they would need to be enforceable. Making a cul-de-sac or a one way road were other suggestions. Speed bumps were discussed, but there is a problem with maintenance with snow plowing. Stop signs address speeds, but not the volume of traffic. The residents will receive follow-up information on what is being done. This road was never intended to be a through street.

1. AGENDA - M/S/P Hiniker/Countryman moved to adopt the agenda as amended. (4 ayes)

2. MINUTES - M/S/P Hiniker/Countryman moved to approve the 7/24/08 Stillwater Town Board Meeting minutes as written. (4 ayes)

3. TREASURER -
   a) Report given.
      1. With respect to the Gohlike escrow, Gohlike sent a check to TKDA in the amount of $200 in early July. TKDA returned the check to Gohlike requesting that they make the check payable to the Township rather than TKDA. Gohlike has not yet re-issued the check to the Township. The amount they now owe is $687.50. There will be a resolution at the next meeting to have this put on their taxes. If we receive money in the interim, we should cash it.
      2. Picnic expenses should be park expenses.
      3. The Crosswind Community Church amount is now correct.
   b) Claims and checks #18770 through #18799 were approved for payment.

(Jim Doriott arrived.)

4. PLANNER -
   a) Metropolitan Council Discussion - Metro Council staff have sent revised language to include in their report to the Community Development Committee that describes the study of post-2030 sewer services that will be completed for the St. Croix Valley Area, based on their discussion with the Township on August 7. Board members do not want to indicate agreement with the policies proposed for the Diversified Rural Area, which is implied in the current report. They requested that Planner Sherri Buss send a letter to the Council summarizing the major points of discussion on August 7, indicating that the Township has not accepted the proposed policies for the Diversified Rural Area and to advise them that the Township will not change our Comprehensive Plan until they have completed their report. The report should include Grant and Baytown Township as well as Stillwater Township.
   b) Schroeder Variance - The Planner's office has inventoried the buildings and they provided an aerial photo of the property and pictures. Schroeder's have approximately 10,400 square feet of accessory buildings and are allowed by ordinance only 2,600 square feet. Mr. Schroeder was present and he reported that the trailer will be removed when the property is purchased by a new owner. There will be a variance hearing at the next meeting, August 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
   c) Cannon Property - Their attorney, Kevin Shoeberg, was present to advise that they would like to proceed with their application for an amendment to the Township's ordinance and a variance, and they have been gathering the necessary materials. Three neighbors have signed documents stating that they have no objections. There are four weddings scheduled and no more will be scheduled until this is resolved. They are also checking with the city to see what their reaction would be. They were told to report to Steve Nelson and Sherri Buss the dates and approximate attendance for the four upcoming weddings. Bill Turnblad, Stillwater's Community Development Director, has indicated that he and the City's Planning Commission will also provide comments on the applications, since the property is in the Transition Zone.
5. ENGINEER -
   a) Otta Seal - No quotes were received for the project on 90th Street. Paul Pearson contacted Allied Blacktop and was told that the supplier does not have the material needed. They will not be able to get the oil until next year. He suggested linking this project with other projects with the city to make it more competitive. Jim Hiniker will talk to the resident on 90th Street about the change in plans.
   b) Punch List for Arcola Bluffs - There was a discussion of the expected remaining costs.
   c) Xcel permit - M/S/P Hiniker/Johnson moved to approve the Xcel permit for 9328 Neal Avenue North. (5 ayes)
   d) Minar Avenue - M/S/P Hiniker/Johnson moved to put three way stops at the two intersections, to contact the City of Stillwater to have them reduce truck traffic

from their public works building, to contact the County to ask them their plans for 80th Street at CR15 and to follow up with the residents. (5 ayes)

6. KAY MCDANIEL - Ms. McDaniel was present to discuss a problem with a neighbor's excessive use of dirt bikes. A recent newsletter had talked about restrictions on 4-wheelers on less than 5 acres, but actually there is no ordinance to that effect. She is looking for clarification. What can she do about her neighbors outside of suing them? Planner Sherri Buss will review what has been done in the past.

7. OTCHIPWE TRAILS - Neighbors had been invited to this meeting to discuss their options with the tax forfeited outlots in their development. A homeowners association has not been turned over to the residents. About $16,000 is the total tax due for both outlots. Attorney Soren Mattick discussed the options for the Township. The Township has the option of taking over the property if it will be used for a public purpose. Another option is to buy it at fair market value and it can then be sold. A third option is to do nothing. Those parcels are heavily encumbered from a restriction standpoint. The County may also have some interest in them. The property was marketed as an equestrial society. There is a homeowners association, but is has no legal right to the outlots. The residents reported that there are mechanics' liens on the barn in the smaller outlot. Steve Nelson described the procedure for auction of tax forfeited property. The Board asked Attorney Soren Mattick to contact the State of Minnesota to see if there are options to restore what should be rightfully the homeowners. Soren Mattick will correspond with Tim Walnofer, the president of the homeowners association.

8. CHIEF OF POLICE - Chief of Police Steve Nelson gave his monthly report.
   a) 9 burning permits were issued, none for buckthorn.
   b) One dog was impounded.
   c) Three horses were impounded.
   d) He discussed the death at the high bridge.
   e) A dog attacked a runner on a Township trail.

9. FARMERS MARKET - Rick Jacobson reported on plans made to date.

10. TOWNSHIP PICNIC - Jim Hiniker reported on plans for the picnic.

M/S/P Johnson/Countryman moved to authorize expenditures relating to printing and mailing a notice to residents for the Township picnic. (5 ayes)

11. PARKLAND ACQUISITION - Attorney Soren Mattick reported on the options available to the Township to acquire park land. Planner Sherri Buss will be asked to attend the next park meeting to assist in identifying parcels for park.

12. BOOMSITE PARK UPDATE - The hours are changing.

13. COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE MEETING - The next meeting is August 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Clerk Pat Bantli will be interviewed for the next newsletter.

14. ELECTION JUDGES - M/S/P Countryman/Doriott moved to approve election judges for the fall 2008 elections as listed on the attached sheet. (4 ayes, Hiniker abstain)

15. RECYCLING GRANT - This needs to be filed with the County for reimbursement.

16. ADJOURNMENT - M/S/P Johnson/Countryman moved to adjourn the meeting. (5 ayes) The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Clerk_____

Chairperson_____

Approved_____