

STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2019

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Sheila-Marie Untiedt, Supervisors Rod Hunter, Tim Sinclair, Bonnie Haines and Mike McMahon, Clerk Kathy Schmoeckel, Treasurer Marsha Olson and Chief of Police Steve Nelson

7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing – Rollie Variance

Neighbors Present:

- David Diebel – 10922 Pawnee Av N
- Robert Ranalla – 11596 Stonebridge Tr N
- Elaine Bartholmy – 11521 St. Croix Tr N
- Chris Murphy – 11283 148th St N
- Bruce Rollie – 11070 Mayfield Av N
- Diane Rollie – 11070 Mayfield Av N
- Lisa Hanson – 10933 Pawnee Av N

A Public Hearing was held to consider a request from Bruce and Diane Rollie to install a ground-mounted solar panel system covering 2,400 square feet to provide power to their residential property. The Township ordinance has a size limit for such systems of 800 square feet, thereby requiring a variance to exceed the size limit.

Chairperson Sheila-Marie Untiedt reviewed the Planner's memorandum dated August 30, 2019, including findings and recommendation.

A letter from Diane Johnson dated September 9, 2019 will be included with the record.

There were no comments or questions from those present. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

7:05 p.m. – Regular Meeting

1. AGENDA – M/S/P Sinclair/Haines moved to adopt the agenda as written. (5 ayes)
2. MINUTES – M/S/P McMahon/Sinclair moved to approve the August 8, 2019 Stillwater Town Board Meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)
3. ENGINEER –
 - a. Road Maintenance/Snow Plow Contracts – Engineer John Mazzitello had submitted suggested specifications for letting out bids for road maintenance and snow plowing.
M/S/P Sinclair/Hunter moved to release the contract including the additional language from our Attorney. (5 ayes)

- b. 94th and Neal Update – After the contractor had looked more closely at the culvert work, the bid of \$8,370 was increased to \$11, 170.06. The engineer feels that any other contractor would increase their bid similarly. M/S/P Hunter/Haines moved to go ahead with the existing contractor including the added cost. (5 ayes)

4. TREASURER –

- a. Report given.
- b. Treasurer's Computer – The Treasurer's computer runs on Windows 7 which will no longer be supported by the County or the State. Rod Hunter will do some research on pricing.
- c. Checks and Claims – Checks and Claims #44050 through #44075 were approved for payment.

5. PLANNER –

- a. Rollie Variance – Mike McMahon asked the Rollies why they did not go with a roof-mounted system. Mr. Rollie said that the angles of their roof are not right and the area would not be sufficient for their needs. Tim Sinclair wondered if this could be further screened from the Gateway Trail and Mr. Rollie said he could bring in some pine trees to screen in the winter. M/S/P Haines/Sinclair moved to approve the Rollie Variance to allow installation of a 2,400 square foot, ground-mounted solar array at 11070 Mayfield Avneue North with the following conditions:
 - The final plans shall be in substantial compliance with the application materials submitted to the Township on August 16, 2019.
 - The applicant shall obtain a building permit, as needed, for installation of the ground-mounted solar system.
 - The applicant shall maintain the existing vegative screening between the array and adjacent residential properties.
 - The applicant shall pay all fees and escrows associated with this application.
 - The applicant shall add additional screening on the Gateway Trail side consisting of coniferous trees.(5 ayes)
- b. Solar Energy Ordinance – The Planning Commission had discussed this at their last meeting and had several questions. They will discuss it further at their next meeting.

6. WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Brent Peterson was present to discuss a request for funds for their proposed Heritage Center. He had a short video outlining what the center will look like. Their total cost estimate is \$5,000,000 and they have some funding already in place. They are asking Stillwater Township for \$3,000 per year for five years. The consensus of the Board was to support this request. Our process is to come up with a budget which will be voted on by the community at our Annual Meeting next March.

7. CHIEF OF POLICE –

- a. Report given. There were 6 burning permits in August. We are at 62 permits for the year. There were no animals impounded in August. There were a total of 64 complaints.
- b. Arcola Heights Park – Chief Nelson is still monitoring the parks. No complaints or issues at any of the parks this past month.
- c. Special Events Permits – Pete Cushner had his Barn Party and Chief Nelson checked several times for noise issues and did not hear anything out of the ordinary. The bands stopped right at 10 pm. No complaints were received.
- d. Tour de Hugo – This will be held on September 21, 2019 from 8 am to 12 noon. The riders will be in Pine Point Park and go down the Gateway Trail and out of the Township. Very little traffic delays are expected. Deputies are at key points along the ride.
- e. County Shooting Range – Retired Deputies and retired Police Officers will be qualifying at the County range on September 19th from 8am to 5pm.
- f. Ragnar Run Event – This recent event was very disorganized with no controls, no permits obtained and no input from the County. Steve Nelson has spoken to them and expects more cooperation next year.

8. CHRIS MURPHY MINOR SUBDIVISION – Chris Murphy was present to discuss his proposed minor subdivision.

9. RALEIGH ISSUES – Jan Hayne was present to discuss noise and vibration issues with the Raleigh mining pit. Sheila-Marie and Ann Terwedo had visited the property to check on this issue. Trucks are running right down the tree line. Ms. Hayne has seen some loads that come over the top of the truck bed. She has video which she will send to the Clerk to be forwarded to the Board.

10. PARK COMMITTEE –

- a. Otto Berg Park – The weeds along the fence line will be mowed by Valley Green.
- b. Committee Meeting – Bonnie Haines gave an update.
- c. Park Manager Vacancy – Jackie Garofalo has resigned from her position as Park Manager.

M/S/P Hunter/McMahon moved to appoint Kelley Shantz as the Park Manager. (5 ayes)

11. VALLEY GREEN CONTRACT – Our contract with Valley Green will expire at the end of the year. They will be asked to submit updated pricing and the Board will review the contract renewal at their October meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Clerk_____

Chairperson_____

Approved_____