STILLWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2008 Town Hall 7:00 P.M.

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

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

2. MINUTES - M/S/P Untiedt/Hiniker moved to approve the 10/23/08 Stillwater Town Board Meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)

3. CLAIMS AND CHECKS - Claims and Checks #18905 through #18932 were approved for payment.

4. PLANNER -
   a) Place of Worship/School Ordinance - The Planning Commission will hold the public hearing at their December 4, 2008 meeting.
   b) Wind Energy Conversion Systems - There was discussion as to whether this should also apply in the transition zone. Planner Sherri Buss will get input from the City of Stillwater to offer at the public hearing at the December Planning Commission meeting.
   c) Matt Dean - He should be invited to a Town Board meeting to discuss the green acres issue and other issues and how we can work together in the future.
   d) Cannon Application - The Planner has received the application for a change in ordinance and for a CUP to allow for special events. The two issues will be treated separately. The Planning Commission will first consider the ordinance change and then hold a public hearing and then consider the CUP. Will this also need to be considered by the Joint Board?

5. ENGINEER -
   a) Traffic Control at 94th and Newgate - Chief of Police Steve Nelson had been contacted about this intersection. There are two residences at the north end. This intersection is a modified "T". Engineer Paul Pearson recommends a "Yield" sign at the northwest corner. He is not aware of any accidents there.

      M/S/P Johnson/Hiniker moved to accept Engineer Paul Pearson's recommendation for a "Yield" sign at 94th and Newgate. (5 ayes)

   b) Plowing Standards - There are guidelines in the Township maintenance contract for 2007 giving the criteria for plowing.

6. PLANNING AND PARK COMMISSION TERMS OF OFFICE - Letters will be sent to those whose terms are expiring to ask if they wish to be reappointed.

7. AXDAHL PARK DEDICATION - The Park Committee had recommended that we accept this parcel as the park dedication for the Otchipwe Bluffs development to be used either as a passive park or a mowed area could be used as a practice field. There was discussion of the actual value of the land.

M/S/P Johnson/Untiedt moved that the township board hire an appraiser for not more than $1,000 to set a value on the Axdahl property. (5 ayes)

8. CHIEF OF POLICE - Steve Nelson gave his monthly report:
   a) 14 burning permits, one for buckthorn.
   b) One dog impounded.
   c) Emergency Management Meeting - He recommends it be scheduled after January.
   d) Conditional Use Permits - He is in the process of checking on them and has done eight with three left to do.
   e) Boat Issue - They have gone to court and they have until December 31st to remove the boat and if it is not done we can do it and put the cost on their taxes.

9. OTCHIPWE TRAILS TAX FORFEITED PROPERTY - Attorney Soren Mattick has relayed to the homeowners' association that the County will be selling the property for approximately $12,000.

10. MONEY FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT BENEFIT THE TOWNSHIP - Soren Mattick reported that the law allows the electorate to authorize up to $10,000 for the expenditure of this type of funds. We can consider a service contract with these entities which would not require public approval at the annual meeting. Those groups wishing consideration will be invited to the budget meeting on December 3, 2008. They will be asked to provide information on the percentage of participation of Stillwater Township residents. There was discussion as to whether other communities are participating at the same rate as we do. Soren Mattick will provide service agreements for those entities the Board chooses to send funding to.

11. CLERK -
   a) The annual Township dinner meeting will be held at the Dock Restaurant on Monday, February 2, 2009.
   b) Carpet cleaning is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th.

12. HOLIDAY LIGHTS - There was discussion of putting holiday lights on the town hall. The consensus was to not do this.

13. ADJOURNMENT - M/S/P Johnson/Doriott moved to adjourn the meeting. (5 ayes)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Clerk_____

Chairperson_____

Approved_____