

REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Pelican Town Board was called to order by Chairman Bruce Galles. Present: Bruce Galles, Robert Olson, Tracy Donovan, Connie Rockwell and Shirley Wallin. Also present: Jim Rockwell, Robb Fritz, Calvin Wallin, John Wallin, Jack and Lilli Johnson.

This is the first meeting in our new town hall building; Galles expressed thanks to Robb Fritz for all his hard work and getting the contractors for various jobs and keeping on top of everything. He also thanked Jim Rockwell and the committee that worked on the project and for his help on some of the painting.

Robb Fritz was present to give update on the new town hall, a few minor things inside need to be done yet. Outside work that needs to be done will need to be done after the snow goes and ground thaws. Fritz asked us to hold the check to pay Halstad (for tile work) as he hasn't produced his liability insurance. Halstad hired RJ Floors to do the work. Fritz would prefer we pay RJ Floors directly. Halstad gave a vague bid of \$4.00 a sq. foot then charged \$5.00 a sq. foot. Galles will call Halstad on Thursday as well as the MAT Attorneys, to see what would be legal. RJ Floors said they would drop the price \$200 which would then be around \$1220.00. Fritz asked if we could put 2 -220 outlets in the garage area, per request of Loberg, road maintenance person, board OK'd.

Minutes of January meeting were reviewed, Donovan made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Olson, motion carried.

Treasurers report given by Rockwell, Beginning Balance: \$181,634.05, Income: \$6606.00, Expenses: \$31,178.77, Cash Balance: \$157,061.28, Money Market (Northern Nat'l): \$36,662.90, C/D (Lakewood): \$26368.91, C/D (Northern Nat'l): \$25,359.18, Money Market (American Nat'l): \$68,670.29, Total Cash: \$157,061.28. Olson made a motion to approve Treasurers report, seconded by Donovan, motion carried. Rockwell asked to have a transfer from American Nat'l to Northern Nat'l, Galles made a motion to transfer \$53,000.00 from American Nat'l to Northern Nat'l, seconded by Olson, motion carried. CD at Northern National will come due on March 19th; will transfer the CD of \$25,359.18 to checking at that time.

Bills to be paid were presented; Donovan made a motion to pay all bills except the Halstad bill, seconded by Olson, motion carried.

POLICE REPORT: Police Officer Brian Sandell dropped off report with Clerk, Shirley Wallin, they had 18 calls between 1-15-2009 to 2-14-2009, not a lot going on within the township. Someone from the police dept. will be present for the Annual meeting on March 10th.

PUBLIC FORUM: John Wallin was present and he had been down at the Planning and Zoning office and saw that they had approved the building on a piece of property by the Middle Cullen bridge which is quite small, it still needs to be approved by the Commissioners, he didn't feel it was a big enough lot to put a house on. We did tell him we sent a letter stating the same as we had in 2007 that it was not big enough to build on.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received letters from Crow Wing County Fair Grounds, Minnesota Crisis requesting donations, board denied the requests. Received letter and documents from Mn. Office of Administrative Hearings, for the people wanting to succeed from Breezy Point and wanting to come in to Pelican Township. Discussion held, Board said we are not opposed to it, but won't actively pursue it. If someone attends the hearing, we will take them if City of Breezy Point said they could leave.

ROAD REPORT: Olson said that the road maintenance man did scrape the roads when it was warm to get it down to the tar. He was also able to get more salt/sand from Hengels.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Galles made a motion to attempt to purchase 5 good chairs (preferably cloth, not leather) for not more than \$100 a piece and look into having a table constructed or purchased, seconded by Olson, motion carried.

ZONING: Prudhomme request to construct a home on property by Middle Cullen Bridge was OK'D. James Weaver is requesting to rezone 5.2 acres from Agriculture to Shoreland Residential 1. This is located to the west of Pelican Lake Road on Pelican Lake, which would allow them to divide that into 100 foot lots under SR1. Donovan made a motion we send a letter to object to rezoning to Shoreland Residential 1, because what the County Comprehensive Plan states and would agree with SR2 instead, no second, motion died. Galles made a motion we send a letter of no objection and that we are concerned of future sub-development, seconded by Olson, discussion held, motion amended that we are concerned with development of 100 ft. lots because of quality of shoreland & to take a good look at this, motion amended that we request they also consider looking at SR2 instead, seconded by Olson, 2 votes aye, Galles and Olson, 1 nay, Donovan, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Jack and Lillie Johnson were present and they are on the Tri-Ad Council for the elderly, they had some refrigerator magnets and brochures. Johnson will present this program at the annual meeting.

MEETING DATES: Annual Meeting will be March 10th at 7:00 PM and next regular meeting will be March 12th at 7:30 PM.

Budget was reviewed, Board decided to not put the \$10,000.00 in the building fund as we have to budget at least \$144,450.00 in Road and Bridge in order to receive the gas tax. Galles made a motion to recommend to the township residents at annual meeting < General Fund: \$68,350., Road & Bridge: \$145,000., Fire: \$43,000. For a total budget of \$256,350.00. seconded by Donovan, motion carried.

Regular meeting suspended to conduct Audit meeting and Re-organization meeting.