



Township of Eagles Nest

1552 Bear Head State Park Rd., Ely, Minnesota 55731-8012

Combined Board of Supervisors/Board of Audit Meeting Minutes January 16, 2005

Following the Board of Audit Meeting, the Combined Meeting of the Board of Supervisors called to order at 4:37pm. Present: Supervisors: Maurice Rich, Douglas Stellmach, Richard Floyd; Treasurers Jeanette Swain; Clerk Shirley Hubbard. One town citizen attended. The Pledge of Allegiance recited. Unless otherwise noted, all motions carried unanimously.

MOTION Sup. Rich 2nd Sup. Floyd approved 1/16 Agenda w/ following additions: NB#1-Telephone Temperature Alarm; #2-Budget Preparation Meeting; #3-March Board Meeting. **MOTION** Sup. Rich 2nd Sup. Floyd approved 12/8 Minutes w/one correction: NB#1-Duane Bird Variance – “board took no action.” **MOTION** Sup. Stellmach 2nd Sup. Rich to include Communications List in January Minutes.

Clerk Report – Duane Bird Variance, 3622 Wildgate, approved w/conditions. Barkema's sold house and moved to town – **need volunteer** to replace Sherry on **TAAS** – Mtgs scheduled quarterly 1/3, 4/4, 7/7, 10/3. Former Sup. Rick Swain e-mailed “**Happy NY**” to board. Clerk asked board's indulgence over next few months while undergoing medical treatment. Meeting/office absences may occur on occasion; however, plan to have a **deputy clerk** commitment to cover responsibilities and begin training before next meeting.

Treasurer Report – Received on 12/29/04 \$3,233.60 SLC Auditor MV&Fiscal Disparity Aid and \$32,806.78 SLC Auditor 10/15/04 Tax Collections. Total Cash/Cash Equivalents \$36,511.57. Only activity in Reserve Funds was purchase of all-funds CD at BW Bank @2.25% maturing on 3/10/05 for \$29,000. Total Reserve Funds Investments \$143,409.11, Grand Total \$180,170.68. QCF CD \$25,099.32 coming due 2/2/05, six days prior to next meeting and too early to determine interest rates at various institutions. **MOTION** Sup. Rich 2nd Sup. Stellmach to approve Treasurer temporarily roll over funds into Savings Acct for decision 2/8. Each Supervisor received a printout of individual funds indicating amounts for reinvestment. Treasurer filed appropriate annual report of town indebtedness w/SLC. **MOTION** Sup. Rich 2nd Sup. Floyd to approve report.

Buildings & Grounds – Clerk will provide by 2/8 meeting copies of all **bills** for improvements resulting from the **HAVA Grant**, including costs of **new election voting booths**; no lights required, as booths will be located on lighted kitchen counter and table in well lit room. To comply w/HAVA regulations, Sup. Rich purchased a new **Magnifying Glass** for voters use in elections. **Existing Voting Booths** have served the town well over the years and will be dismantled and recycled, if possible.

Fire Department – Sup. Stellmach reported **FD FCC Radio License renewal completed** – radio service PW - call sign WPGE819 – expires 1/16/2015. **Call out** for SUV rollover on **Hwy 169** Sunday around 9:30am. Report that **SLC Homeland Security** being restructured in the near future, which may affect management/funding of area fire departments. Any definite information forthcoming on the reorganization will be reported to the board.

Roads – No activity.

Joint Powers Recreation Board – board scheduled 1/14/05 @8:30am, Tower Café – no report.

Old Business - #1 – Sup. Floyd reports **SLC Garica Snowplow #789233 Easement** recorded/signed, effective 12/9/04. Clerk will call SLC for office copy. #2 – Comm. Mike Forsman indicated in phone conversation that ENT is the local government closest to citizens – SLC requires in writing assurance from the town board that it wants **trees along Walsh Rd** cleared, and stressed but did not insist that it was up to the board to check w/property owners. Floyd presented a draft letter to Forsman. **MOTION** Sup. Rich 2nd Sup. Floyd to approve letter as amended by board. Floyd will amend & forward to Clerk to prepare on ENT letterhead for Chair's signature. #3-4 Tabled to 2/8. #5 – **MOTION** Sup. Rich 2nd Sup. Stellmach approved draft letter to Orius Comm (formerly Quest) re **proposed summer ditching**. Floyd will prepare and send.

New Business - #1 – Board approved a telephone temperature alarm for the town hall heating system **not to exceed \$300**. Sup. Rich will purchase/install same w/notification programmed in for appropriate members. #2 – 2006 Budget Preparation Meeting set for **2/8/05@6pm**; combined w/Board of Supervisors Meeting following immediately. #3 - **MOTION** Sup. Rich 2nd Stellmach to change March board meeting to Monday **3/14@7pm**.

Citizens Concerns - Pete Davis attended a public meeting 12/13/04 re NE MN Long-Range Transportation Plan, Years 2008-2030. Handouts/maps available for public view at 2/8 BOS meeting. It appears that funds for any additional Hwy 169 road resurfacing between Tower/Ely for the years listed above are not included in current plans. The board thanks Pete for attending this meeting and keeping members informed.

Claims/Payroll

• Claims	#1020-1044	Checks #4350-4374	\$6,405.10
	#1026 voided	Check #4356 voided	
• Payroll		Checks #4340-4349	\$2,077.15

Funds to cover disbursements transferred from QCF Savings to Tower Checking in amount of \$8,482.25.

Last two months of Como Oil & Propane for heating fuel calculated incorrectly by Como as stipulated in current contract. Board agreed to approve overpayment on current bill w/adjustment to be made on upcoming bill. Letter will be sent to Como listing the recalculation/adjustment on next month's bill.

Claim #1026/Check#4356 in excess of \$600 requested by 1st Responder, Connie Lindberg, for February training in Duluth denied by board pending resubmission/approval to/by the Fire Department at a regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Motion/Second _____ / _____
Vote/Date _____ / _____

Shirley Hubbard, Clerk