

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2009 (Unapproved)

Chairman Dennis Smet opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Also present were Kevin Mackie & Myron Olson, Supervisors, and Roger Luthens, Treasurer. Guests were Keith Kesler, Doug Copp, Brett Zinmer and Amy Dresch, a representative of FMHC Corporation. The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. Treasurer's report was handed out: \$63,983.38 in money market, \$1,812.28 in checking, \$41,291.05 in equipment fund, \$13,842.93 in personal property tax, and \$144,514.97 in real estate property tax. Roger noted he had received the first quarter transportation aids and the January tax settlement checks would be signed at this meeting. Bills were presented and paid.

Amy Dresch stated she is doing real estate work for Verizon Wireless in Douglas County and has been working with the Zimmers on Bellwood Pit Road to submit an application to the County Zoning for a 190' tower on the Zinmer's property. Proposed site plans had been mailed to the town board, and she was requesting feedback. The tower will improve coverage in the surrounding area. A public hearing will be held in the spring where residents will have an opportunity to ask questions. The tower will be owned by Verizon Wireless and be made available to other carriers and emergency management. It may be early fall before the tower will be finished. The Board had no objections to the plan.

Doug reported on maintenance work. They have mainly been snow plowing. The grader's fuel gauge will need replacement. They are having problems like last winter with the snowmobile trail groomer leaving packed snow on town roads while grooming Tri-County Corridor. Dennis has contacted the driver, but because this is a hazard for motorists and can cause damage to the grader, Doug requested the town send a letter again. Also discussed was a possible fine to the snowmobile association because there is a state law against leaving debris on roads. The Clerk will send a letter to the Brule River Riders Snowmobile Club with a copy to the Sheriff's Dept. Dennis reported he received information that the state will inspect town's sand/salt storage area next week.

Dennis also reported Thomas Rossmann requested the Board's permission to use Seven Mile Road while moving a home to Maple. The Board doesn't feel this is a problem if done in the winter.

A discussion was held on a request by Chloe Manz to flood the old skating rink on the corner of Lake and 1st Streets in front of Copp's Tire Center. The consensus was to change the placement of the rink because the drain tile under the old site is damaged. Perhaps it could be rebuilt bigger near the basketball court. More of the dying pine trees could be taken out, and some fencing put up to keep off vehicles. It was decided to table the decision until May or June.

Keith reported on Fire Dept. calls and emergencies. There have been no equipment problems. He has been working on grants and requested the Board's authorization to try for an assistance-to-fire-fighting 5% matching grant. Myron moved to authorize the grant application, Kevin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kay Johnson, County Supervisor, sent a letter reporting on County Board activities. She thanked Dennis for attending the wind energy meeting and enclosed a map on wind areas in the state. She encouraged the board to be ready in case the stimulus package comes through from President-elect Barack Obama. The recycling mini-grant of \$2,500 will again be available. The County highway department is working on Maple and Pattison Park portals, and new overhead

lights are installed. The county board will be voting on monies for unfunded pension liability and discussing a secure court room and a need for better use of space in the court room and Government Center.

Dennis reported the Town Hall Remodel Committee met with Al Pettingill and talked about changing everything in the addition, put in a modern furnace with possible in-floor heat; build new bathrooms, and a bigger kitchen and a bigger board room with office space. The committee would like to keep the outside of the new addition looking the same as the main hall. If work could be done in two phases, the main town hall in the future should have better windows and new electrical wiring installed. If there is any stimulus package available for this type of work, the board should be ready with plans. Keith noted crawl space fans should be put in place to preserve the building and keep the floors stable.

Correspondence included: notice from School Dist. Of Maple of a School Board Primary Election to be held on February 17th, building inspection reports for town hall and garage, WI Towns Assoc, newsletter, thank you for donation to Superior Days, unemployment information for Rick Larsen, DNR notice of an order of withdrawal for Managed Forest Law land, final calculation for 2009 State Transportation Aids, a copy from Dept. of Justice of any fines that can be issued by police officers, ISO evaluation report, information on the State Trust Fund loan payment, and a census request for information on homeless people in the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Caven, Clerk