

**TOWN OF MAY
WASHINGTON COUNTY
OFFICIAL TOWN BOARD MINUTES
April 2, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of May met at their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at the May Town Hall. Those present included Bill Voedisch, Board Chairman; John Pazlar, Supervisor; John Adams, Supervisor; Peter Kluegel, Building Inspector; Dave Snyder, Town Attorney; Linda Klein, Town Clerk; and residents of the Town of May. Absent: Cheryl Bennett, Town Treasurer. Chairman Voedisch called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Voedisch moved, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2009, Town Board meeting as presented. All approved.

Pazlar stated he had no concerns regarding this month's check register. Adams moved, seconded by Pazlar, to approve checks #15513 through 15546. All approved.

Pazlar moved, seconded by Voedisch, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The report is attached to these minutes and serves as the official record. All approved.

Ray Vandever

Representative Vandever appeared to report on activities at the legislature. He reported on the State income shortfall, which last happened in 1984. The shortfall amounts to approximately \$1,500 per State citizen. Voedisch asked for an update on the recent Green Acres legislation. He stated that the new bill repeals the previous bill for three years. The new idea is to enroll non-productive land into a new conservation plan, and the local soil and water conservation plan authorities must approve.

Planning Commission Alternates

Mike Dupont, Jeff Chase, and Chad Nelson appeared before the Board, and the other two candidates were not in attendance. The board asked the three individuals to answer three questions related to their experience and their attitudes about making Planning Commission decisions. The Board thanked those in attendance and advised that they would be making a decision soon and they would be notified of who has been chosen as alternates.

Engineering Reviews

SEH Engineering

John Parotti appeared before the board and introduced Dan Erickson, who would serve as the registered professional engineer representing May Township. John currently serves several north metro communities. Dan passed out his resume to all the board members. He has lived in Hugo for 5 years and grew up in Vadnais Heights. He has been at SEH for 9 years and full-time engineer for the past 5 years, and has been lead engineer in Chisago City since 2005.

WSB Engineering

Jay Kennedy, principal with WSB, appeared before the Board with Mark Erichson and Diane Hankee. WSB is a locally owned firm since 1995. He advised that they are a lean and cost conscious company. Diane Hankee has been a civil engineer for 10 years and has worked for the City of Grant for several years. Mark Erichson discussed efficiencies, starting with proximity, as they all live in the general area. They also work in adjacent communities, Hugo, Mahtomedi and Grant.

Hoffman Building Request

Rocky Hoffman appeared to discuss the concept of building a new house on his property while still allowing him to leave the existing house in place, using it for storage. He stated that he will remove all items from the home that would allow it to be livable, and he intends to use it for his residence while he is in the process of building the new home and storage after that. The board advised Hoffman that Attorney Snyder would need to draft an agreement that stipulates the terms under which he may proceed with this concept, but that the existing house must be removed in a reasonable period of time and a Letter of Credit posted with the Town.

Old Business

Tredal Grading Permit

Tim Freeman brought forward the design of the proposed grading plan and future major development at Morningstar Farms. He was advised that an escrow dollar amount needs to be determined before the attorney and engineer can become involved. Snyder advised that a rule of thumb might be a \$3,000 escrow to start. As the plan became clarified, it became obvious that 560,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel would be removed from the site, which would classify it as a mine. Snyder advised that this falls into the classification of a mining permit. He suggested that if this is a concept, the applicant should be advised that this requires a mining permit application.

After considerable discussion, the property owner stated that he is not in favor of going forward and spending a lot more money if this project does not have a good chance of being approved. Based upon the success or failure of past mining projects, Supervisor Pazlar suggested testing the waters by submitting an application for a mining permit and see what happens at the public hearing.

Langer Slalom Course

Mr. Langer did not show up for the meeting regarding this issue, which had been properly noticed for this meeting's public hearing. Voedisch moved, seconded by Pazlar to open the public hearing. All approved. Hearing no comment, Voedisch moved, seconded by Pazlar, to close the public hearing. All approved.

The board discussed the slalom course which was provided to the board for review. Voedisch moved, seconded by Pazlar, to approve the application for water surface use permit submitted by Mr. Langer for the water ski course for 2009. All approved.

Engineer Selection

The board discussed the pros and cons of both engineering firms, noting that both are qualified and would serve the Town well. Voedisch moved, seconded by Pazlar, to select WSB and Diane Hankee as the new Town Engineer, based upon their considerable experience in serving communities with similar attributes of May Township (such as Grant), and that all the principals live in this area. All approved.

Planning Commission Alternates

Each Board member ranked the three candidates and submitted those rankings to Chairman Voedisch. Chad Nelson was ranked as first alternate and Mike Dupont was ranked as second alternate. The Board agreed that all candidates were qualified, and the Board is hopeful that they will be willing to come forward when other vacancies occur.

Resolution Approving Comprehensive Plan

Chairman Voedisch went over the process that came to fruition this past month as the Metropolitan Council approved the Town of May 2030 Comprehensive Plan after several changes were made. Voedisch moved, seconded by Adams, via Resolution No. 2009-02, to approve the Town of May 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, as amended with comments from the Metropolitan Council and the watershed district. All approved.

Hearing no further business, Pazlar moved, seconded by Adams, to adjourn the meeting. All approved.

ATTEST: _____
Linda Klein
Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
William K. Voedisch, Chairman