

ROLLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2011

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Supervisor Jenkins, Clerk Gust, Treasurer Willett, and Trustees McGrath and Wilson. Gust would like to add #6 to new business: Herbicide use survey. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to accept the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Willett, support by Wilson to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2011 meeting as mailed. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Willett, support by McGrath to accept the disbursements as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Gust, support by McGrath to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, subject to audit. All aye, motion carried. Correspondence was read from the health department, a donation from Adrian Area GM Salaried Retiree Club, Lakepro, Sandra Gross regarding herbicides in the lakes, comments on civil infractions, and a letter of resignation from David Nissen. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to accept the resignation of David Nissen with regret. A thank you will be sent for his service. All aye, motion carried. Citizen's comments were heard regarding the parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas, and the potential use of herbicides in Devils Lake. Chris Doyle requests that the township look into more natural methods of treating the lake before using chemicals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were five appeals, 3 granted as per application, 2 granted with compromise. Assessor reports working on updating new construction. Building Inspector reports 14 inspections. Electrical Inspector reports 13 inspections, and two contractor registrations. Fire Board reports Rollin Township is charged with 30 calls for the month of July. Preliminary plans for the new training facility are being discussed, with the building happening in three stages. Two older vehicles will be traded along with about \$20000 for a used ladder truck. It will have a one-year warranty. Their next meeting will be held on September 21, 2011. Planning Commission discussed the wind energy ordinance. Transfer Station reports revenues are slowing down. Zoning Enforcement reports 13 inspections: 7 site reviews, 6 footer inspections, and 1 post hole inspection. Website reports 15152 hits for August, up from 2010, and the second highest use ever. Most visited page was the invasive species report. The history pages continue to be updated. Jenkins would like to appoint an ad hoc committee for suggestions on improvements at the park.

OLD BUSINESS

Jenkins visited with three groups of attorneys with the express intent of seeing copies of the zoning ordinances they put together for other clients. They are willing to work independently or work with our attorney. They are not interested in writing the ordinances independently of the board or planning commission. Planning Commission will complete their review and make changes, and then the proposed ordinance will go to the attorney for review. Region 2 is working with our planning commission and there are many recommended changes. These changes should be ready for attorney review by the first of the year. If the township wishes to have the review done by another attorney, we should be choosing one before January. Two of the three firms interviewed would be a good match for the township. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to table discussion on legal consultant until October meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Jenkins has given the board a packet of governing ordinances that he has updated. Language has been clarified, definitions have been added and a new ordinance is requested for exotic pets. Some ordinances will need to be repealed and others will remain unchanged. Civil infractions have been written into all of the new ordinances. Wilson made several comments on the proposed ordinances. Jenkins requests the board review the proposed changes to the governing ordinances and be prepared to discuss the changes or pass the ordinances in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by McGrath, support by Wilson to approve the PA 116 as requested by Roys, for RLO-128-4700-00, RLO-133-2000-00. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gust, support by Wilson to allow Melanie Brugger to use the hall on October 1, 2011. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to allow Gust family to use the hall on November 5, and November 19, 2011. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by McGrath, support by Willett to allow Bits & Pieces 4 H Club to use the hall on the second Thursday of each month for meetings. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gust, support by Willett to allow the Atwell family to use the hall on December 3, 2011 at 1:00 pm. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by McGrath, support by Willett to allow the clerk and treasurer to send out the information and survey to those in the assessment district for Devils Lake. All aye, motion carried.

Board comments: Willett is concerned that so many people are ignoring contact from the zoning official. Jenkins feels that civil infractions will help with this issue. He does not recommend it for the zoning ordinances at this time.

Citizen's comments were heard regarding the zoning of larger parcels of land near the lake, and the time window for the weevil treatment in the lake. Elting requests a review of the re-zoning that occurred in 1973. The Zoning and Planning Enabling Act requires the change be made on the master plan, then residents will be allowed to petition the township to request changes to the zoning. J. Peterson requests allowing the planning commission to finish the ordinances before turning them over to an attorney. The original treatment plan for Devils Lake was for a five year plan to allow the weevils time to work.

Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to adjourn at 8:30 PM. All aye, motion carried.

Sharon M. Gust
Rollin Township Clerks