

**SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 13, 2012**

Call to Order @

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:

Tracie Roberge
Mitch Penny
Renee Otte
Randy Volkert
Shannon Olson

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Paul Zumbusch
Kent Otte
Duane Ness
Jill Trescott

Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2012

Penny makes motion to approve minutes, Volkert seconds. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Tracie Roberge

Penny makes motion to approve treasurer's report & pay bills. Otte seconds. All in favor.
Tracie recommended to the board to put another payment toward the principal payment on the mortgage. It was decided by the board that they would not submit an additional payment at this time.

Building Permits:

None

New Business:

- Interim Use Permit Renewal for Cannon River Kennels, Incorporated. J.J. Grant was not present. Clerk will contact Cannon River Kennels and ask them to attend the March meeting.
- Paul Zumbusch was present with Castle Rock Materials to discuss difficulties they are having with blasting and possible options. Zumbusch explained to the board the difficulties they are having removing material in the upper 20 feet of their quarry. Because of this they are requesting to pump water from the quarry hole to the swale that exists to the north of the area that they are mining. They would then remove the rock, then let the water filter through the sand back to the hole. This would not be continuous; maybe a month at first, then two months later on. They should be mining about 1 phase a year. 1500 tons per acre per foot. It is not de-watering off site, it would go into a deep swale on site. The swale is all sand, and clean water. Volkert inquired as to whether it would be pumped into Chub Creek, Zumbusch stated that it would not. This is the same swale that Duane Otte's property runs through. Trescott inquired about if the working floor would expand. Zumbusch stated that every blast that is made the hole gets bigger. Trescott inquired about how deep the water is that they are trying to get out, Zumbusch responded that they will drill down approximately 50'. They have blasted it to about 40-45' deep, it's only 15' now, they are leaving about 25' of material in the floor that is below water, 50' is the maximum depth. Ness stated that he was over at the pit a week prior to talk about this, he stated that they are not asking for a different permit or to change what they

originally asked for, they are simply running into problems that they did not for see. Our ordinance states that there is no de-watering; and Ness asked the question whether this is really de-watering? Volkert asked if this would hurt anything. Ness stated that we don't really know the answer to this, they have a problem at the pit and they are trying to find a solution. Trescott stated that the Planning Commission should have a chance to review this at their next meeting. She stated that it looks like it might be worth a try, there are 2 things that could go wrong 1) wells could go dry, or chub creek goes dry. 2) It may not work for Castle Rock Materials. Otte inquired about whether they would do a small enough area to measure whether this will work. Zumbusch responded that they would do phase 1 and then gradually work into phase 2, which would go deeper. Zumbusch stated that their number #1 concern is the safety of the operator and 2, not leaving material behind. The Planning Commission will review this with Zumbusch at their meeting on the 21st of February, and the Board will review in March.

- Board of Audit Rescheduled for the March Board Meeting.
- Township Building Inspector. Clerk will contact Bob Freimuth to see if he has a contact number for Bob, and talk to other townships about who they use.
- Cemetery (signage, planting of trees, existing headstones that need to be replaced). Clerk will contact sign companies.
- Bell Kennels, Inc. Request from Nancy Minion w/CARE. Clerk will contact Morisette.
- Need signatures on Interim Use Permit Renewal forms. Renee Otte signs
- Randolph-Hampton Fire Contract amounts. Clerk will contact Jim Heiman to see if contract needs to be signed.
- Results of water samples taken by Braun Intertec for Castle Rock Materials Quarry. Trescott inquired about where the sample was taken. One sample was taken in June and 1 in October. June was when they were actively mining. The nitrate level in the pit is high and it is low in the stream. It doesn't look like the pit has had an effect on the water. Ness asked if we could donate some of this material to the NCRWMO. Trescott stated she would forward the report on if the Board was ok. The board agreed that we could forward this information.
- 2011 Quarterly reports from Dakota County for Endres Farms. Board reviewed.

Old Business:

- Update on work that was being done by Gleason's in the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 10. Clerk will send letter stating that the board has questions in regard to the property and would like him to attend the March board meeting.

Communications Received:

- Northfield Area Ambulance Association's annual mtg will be Wednesday February 29th @ 7pm. The meeting will be held in Meeting Room A at the Nfld Hospital. Clerk will request copy of meeting minutes.
- Dakota County (list of cash payments to Sciota Township)
- The First National Bank of LeCenter (Clean Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Castle Rock Materials)
- Board of Appeal will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 from 9:30-10:30am at the town hall. Randy Volkert will be present.
- Metropolitan Council Annual Report
- Eureka Township Newsletter
- Metropolitan Council (email regarding Local Option for Septage Storage Permitting)
- Randolph-Hampton Fire District annual meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1 @ 8pm. Dinner at 7:30. Location: Station #1 in Randolph.
- Mn/DOT Bridge Office (Certification of Bridge Safety Inspection for 2011).
- Dakota County (Annual Pump Activity & Non-Pump Report). Need to draft letter to residents that have not had their septic systems pumped within the last 3.5 years. Clerk will draft letter.

Public Comment:

The WMO meeting will be on April 16th. This is a board meeting day and Ness wanted to know if it would be possible to use the back room. The board stated that this would not be a problem. Feb 28th they will begin drafting the comprehensive plan for the WMO. This should be at the soil and water conservation office.

Adjourn @ 8:45pm