

**SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 11, 2012
7:00pm**

Call to Order @ 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:

Randy Volkert
Mitch Penny
Renee Volkert
Tracie Roberge
Shannon Olson

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Paul Zumbusch
Jim Gleason
Kent Otte
Jill Trescott
Duane Ness

Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2012

Otte makes motion to approve the May 14, 2012 minutes. Penny seconds. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Tracie Roberge

Otte makes a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills.

Building Permits:

- **Matthew & Christina Feldman** located at 1259 320th St E, Northfield, would like to build a deck on the back of their home (north side). The deck will be 16'x16' & 7' high. The value of the deck will be \$8,000.00. The general contractor is Todd Evavold Construction. The Planning Commission reviewed the plans and made a recommendation. *Trescott moves that we recommend to the board that they issue the bldg. permit for the deck as presented. Hardy seconds. All in favor.*

The board reviewed the deck plans. Otte makes a motion to approve the bldg. permit, Penny seconds. All in favor.

Other Business:

- Jim Gleason was present to have a public hearing set for July. The Planning Commission reviewed the application at the May 21 meeting and ***Trescott recommends that the planning commission recommend to the board to set the public hearing to consider the Gleason mining permit at the July planning commission meeting. Conditional on adding the description of the method for receiving and resolving any complaints and the name and mailing address added to the application, as well as the completion of the other unfinished portions of the application. (Completion of sentences on page 2 & 3).*** Hardy seconds. All in favor.

Volkert asked the planning commission to update the board on the application. Trescott stated that they reviewed the application for completeness. Otte inquired about why this mining permit was being sought. Trescott stated that Gleason does not have a mining permit under the current ordinance. The public hearing will be set for July 16th at 7pm. Changes will need to be made under item #4...change are to area and Dakota Board to Township Board. Also, change from Conditional Use Permit to Interim Use Permit.

- Paul Zumbusch was present to talk about Butch Marthaler's field. Marthaler had a field of peas that were destroyed. Paul and Butch looked over the field. Butch did not want the gully washers to come through onto his property. He asked about a culvert. Paul stated that he talked to Butch and he stated that he didn't lose much and Paul told him they would compensate him for what was lost. Volkert commented that Penny stated that it looked like it used to be a grassy area. Otte inquired about where the swale was going to go. Volkert stated that when he's pumping it goes into the pond and when it rains it will overflow to waterway. Zumbusch stated that there are 2 settling ponds. They had a big rain about a month and a half ago and they put 6" culverts in as a pressure release. The electric pump runs every day and some nights. As far as any additional water going to Butch's, it would be rain water that goes over the dyke. Penny stated that he thinks that it has somewhat eliminated some of the runoff. Otte asked about the multiple ponds and whether this was in the original permit. Zumbusch stated that they did not ask the township to make amendments to the extraction permit for the additional pond. They put in a second pond because of all the rain. The first pond had filled up and that was the reason the second pond was created. They have been working with the DNR to figure out the flow of water. Jeffery Berg with the DNR has been working on this. Trescott stated that these heavy rain storms are kind of the way things are going to be and we need to make sure things are engineered properly. Otte stated that she would like the board to be notified prior to digging additional ponds. The original permit only stated one pond. Volkert stated that maybe we should amend the permit, as long as Paul was at the meeting. Ness stated that the current ordinance allows for changes and amendments, but they do need to come to the board for these changes. Volkert asked that Zumbusch bring in paperwork stating the changes to the extraction permit so that the township has record of it. Zumbusch stated that they were surprised how quickly the lower pond filled up. Zumbusch also stated that mosquito control will be treating the lower pond. They are not worried about the upper one, because there is no vegetation. Kent Otte asked about how the material will be removed as the pond gets bigger. Zumbusch stated that it would probably be a drag line operation. They just need to get enough room to work. Zumbusch stated that they may not be able to get as deep as they want.

Old Business:

- Monument pricing for grave stones for existing graves. 8x12 pavers, 3" thick are around \$200.00 each. Total for 3 pavers about \$850.00. *Clerk will contact Tim Morissette to see if the township can loan the money to the cemetery fund to replace the pavers. Under §365.26, Subd. 2. of the township manual it states that **"Board may run, spend for. The town board shall control, and may establish rules for, the cemetery and may spend town money to run and keep up the cemetery. The town board may lay out the cemetery into lots,***

streets, and walks, and order that plats and maps of the cemetery be made and filed in the town clerk's office".

Volkert asked the other board members if we should pull out the lilac bushes or plant other trees. Penny commented that maybe the family members planted them and that we should keep the lilacs in place. Otte moves that we purchase the pavers and install in cemetery, Volkert seconds. All in favor. Clerk will also check on sign pricing.

- Banking resolution needs to be signed by all.
- Need signatures on updates of officers list. Randy Volkert
- Boyd Avenue Bridge – Load Posting. Called Otte's to see what best option will be. They will know after roads are graded. **Volkert makes motion that we post the load posting signs on the bridge. Penny seconds. All in favor.**
- Installation of culvert markers. 52 Posts @ \$7.30 = \$379.60. 4x4 markers @ \$2.10 each, total \$222.60. Installation = \$1250.00. **TOTAL = \$1,852.20. Volkert makes motion to install culvert markers. Otte seconds. All in favor.**
- Reminder that summer short course will be on Thursday, June 21 in Rochester.

Communications Received:

- MAT cards.
- Dakota County. Waste Tire Collection Events. Clerk will contact Dakota County about who we can contact about providing help.
- Met Council Population estimate of 410 people and 140 Households.
- Met Council Local Population Counts and Census workshop
- CRWP Newsletter
- Technology Exchange Newsletter
- Dakota Electric. Information about 2012 Pole Inspections. Clerk will put information on website about inspection crew and vehicles that may be on or near property as they perform tests on poles in the township.
- Clerk will contact progressive rail about bushes on NW side of Alta and will contact Randolph Township about bushes on North side of track going onto Cannon River Blvd.

Public Comment

- Bob Hegner was present. Clerk inquired about liability insurance. Hegner is working with Rob from State Farm Insurance in Northfield. Otte inquired about estimated time that he will have liability insurance. Hegner stated sometime next week. Clerk will contact the state about blacked out portion on letter reinstating Bob.

Duane Ness was present and clerk inquired about the Milestone Materials lease on Ness' gravel pit. Ness stated that the lease has expired as of June 1, 2012; therefore the extraction permit has expired.

Adjourn @ 8:10pm