

## WEST LAKELAND TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting

Jan 10, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Oak-Land Jr. High School

Present: Chairman Dan Kylo, Supervisor Dave Schultz, Supervisor Steve Ebner, Mr. Ed Semrud, Treasurer; Ms. Sue Agrimson, Clerk; Mr. Ryan Stempksi, Township Engineer; Mr. Scott McDonald, Attorney; Mr. Duane Stensland, Building Inspector

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Kylo called the January meeting of the West Lakeland Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 PM.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the December 13 meeting were reviewed and minor typographical errors were corrected. Supervisor Ebner moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Semrud presented the treasurer's report for the month of December. The report reflected \$165,000 in income, and \$30,000 in expenses. The income reflected receipt of the second half of the property taxes. Year to date expenditures have been \$54,000 more than received, consistent with the approved budget and authorized expenses. Supervisor Schultz moved to accept the report. Seconded by Supervisor Ebner, the motion carried.

### **Review and Pay Invoices**

The invoices included the request for payment for the first half of the Middle St Croix Watershed Management payment of approximately \$7,000. Mr. Semrud recommended the board review the contract for 2011 fire protection services from the City of Bayport. This is also very similar to the previous year. Payment is not due until February.

Supervisor Schultz moved to pay the invoices as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Ebner, the motion carried.

### **Lakeland Water Tower Booster Station**

Mr. Jim Gillis, the director of Public Works for the City of Lakeland, appeared before the board to review a request to build a booster station at the Lakeland water tower.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is moving ahead to bring city water from Lakeland's water tower to the properties along Hudson Road in West Lakeland Township affected by water contamination. The booster station would be a 23 x 18 ft single story garage type structure. Lakeland is managing and executing the work, while the MPCA is providing the necessary funding.

It was noted that the lot retained around the water tower, which is in West Lakeland, does not have sufficient area to allow for building of the booster station while allowing for sufficient setback to the lot line. There is also an issue with erecting a structure on a substandard lot, as a commercial lot would require 5 acres by current ordinances. Although this is a request from a government entity for public services, the

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current ordinance does not differentiate. The board reviewed the merits of a zoning ordinance modification or variance request for this activity.

Chairman Kyлло referred the matter to the planning commission for review.

### **Review Draft Letter to Federal Highway Administration RE Federal Sign Standards**

Chairman Kyлло was contacted by Baytown's chairman to consider a draft letter to the area's representatives regarding the federal sign standards, and the requirement to retrofit the signs in the township. West Lakeland was asked to be a co-signatory to that letter. The primary concern noted is the cost of additional expenses in replacing signs.

Supervisor Schultz noted that some comments in the letter are not necessarily correct as written. The requirement is to have a plan in place and an inventory of signage by 2012. The replacement of the signs, depending on the type of sign, can be done with normal maintenance schedules. The draft will be reviewed, and the discrepancies noted.

Supervisor Schultz also noted that based on the recent sign inventory completed, there are a number of signs that do not meet the reflectivity standards, and will need to budget for the replacement activity.

### **Request for Funding, Friends of Washington County**

Mr. Mark Huginin, from Friends of Washington County, appeared before the board to request funding for activity supporting the ongoing effort in landfill siting rulemaking ongoing for 2011. The Friends of Washington County has a mission of advocating for sustainable development practices. This group has been a key player in the legislation and rule making in regards to the siting of landfills over the past few years. This issue is key to West Lakeland because of the request of Xcel Energy to locate a fly ash disposal site in West Lakeland Township.

2010 ended with draft rules proposed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. In 2011, these rules will continue to be debated, with potential legislative action.

Mr. Huginin appeared before the board to request the work done on this effort to continue. The Friends of Washington County has five primary funders which have supported this work in the past along with West Lakeland Township. The request is for \$10,000 at this point in time, with a possibility of an additional request should the rules move to legislative action.

Chairman Kyлло moved to approve an expenditure of \$10,000 from Gravel Tax Reimbursement from the City of Lakeland to the Friends of Washington County to support efforts in support of the MCPA landfill siting rule making process. Seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

### **Street Improvements**

Mr. Stempski provided an update with the 2011 proposed street improvements. Last year, Mr. Stempski and Supervisor Goette did a thorough inventory of street improvements and took advantage of low construction costs to increase the amount of street repair done in 2010. This year, if the street repair prices stay consistent with the past few years, Mr. Stempski recommended larger projects be considered. It was suggested that 22d Street be reconstructed. There is a potential of getting additional state

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funds because of the impact on Trunk Highway 95, on the basis that reconstructing that intersection would improve safety on that route. This project could include substantial repair, regarding, curb, gutter and catch basins to redo the road surface and the contour of the intersection.

Supervisor Schultz and Mr. Stempski are meeting with MnDOT officials, and will have an update on the potential funding at the February meeting.

**Additional Business**

Supervisor Ebner moved to authorize a resolution to appoint Washington County as the absentee ballot processor for the West Lakeland Township election. Seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried. This was passed as resolution 2011-1.

Mr. Semrud reported that the budget preparation for the annual meeting was nearly complete. The board of review is scheduled for February 28, 2011. The budget review meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 2, 2011.

Supervisor Schultz reviewed the proposed snow policy documents. After review, Supervisor Schultz moved to approve the snow policy as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Ebner, the motion carried. The clerk was directed to post the policy on the township website.

Chairman Kylo presented to Supervisor Ebner an official West Lakeland ball cap, as a welcome to the board.

**Adjourn:**

Having no further business, Supervisor Ebner moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kylo at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Elizabeth A. Vance  
Deputy Clerk