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BOR MEETING TO ADJOURN

Chair Richard Meyer called the Town of Warren Board of Review to order on November 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Town of Warren Town Hall at 720 112th Street, Roberts. Supervisors Cowles, Hoyer & Elliott were present; absent Kamm. Date for Board of Review is December 8 at 6-8 PM. Open book will be posted on the notices mailed by Assessor Kevin Irwin. MOTION (ELLIOTT/COWLES) ADJOURN BOARD OF REVIEW UNTIL DECEMBER 8 6-8 PM, MOTION CARRIED. MOTION (COWLES/ELLIOTT) CLOSE BOARD OF REVIEW, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Rich Meyer called the properly noticed hearing to order at 7:03 PM. The proposed budget for 2010 was distributed. Elliott clarified that the town is responsible for the entire truck loan, with a written memorandum of understanding with the Village of Roberts. Bob Albright asked about the increase in the line containing the sesquicentennial budget. MOTION (COWLES/ELLIOTT) CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:12 PM, MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Chairman Meyer called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

MOTION (ELLIOTT/HOYER) ADOPT HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES FOR 2010 FOR \$255,695.00 SUBJECT TO THE ANNUAL SPRING DRIVE THROUGH, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION (COWLES/ELLIOTT) ADOPT 2009 TAX LEVY \$415,136 TO BE PAID 2010, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION (DEINA SHIRMER/PHILLIPS) SET TOWN BOARD WAGES TO ANNUALLY INCREASE BY 1% OVER COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION (ELLIOTT/COWLES) CLOSE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AT 7:20 PM, MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD MEETING

Chair Richard Meyer called the properly noticed meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Supervisors Hoyer, Cowles and Elliott attended; absent Kamm.

Elliott noted that Fire Association minutes should reflect that the prairie burn is allowed as fire training. MOTION (HOYER/COWLES) APPROVE OCTOBER 19 TOWN BOARD MINUTES; ACCEPT OCTOBER 22 RW FIRE ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 26 SESQUICENTENNIAL AND NOVEMBER 2 PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report:

MOTION (ELLIOTT/COWLES) APPROVE OCTOBER, 2009 TREASURER'S REPORT, MOTION CARRIED.

Beginning Balance	\$ 266,051.71
Receipts	\$ 26,215.80
Disbursements	\$ 100,382.81
Ending Balance	\$ 191,884.70
Demolition Site	\$ 13,766.12
Fire Truck	\$ 95,560.74
Fire Truck Loan	\$ 287,391.00
Annexed Properties	\$ 14,815.31
LGIP Misc.	\$ 542.34
Clapp DNR Forest	\$ 12,990.12
Library Donation	\$ 20,283.99
Impact Fees	\$ 15,732.63

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Old Business: 1) Jim Zeller would like Town to write letter to County Representatives in support of civility. Clerk to forward prior county zoning letter.

Correspondence: 1) Bob Albright submitted website statistics – visitors have increased by 17% and hits are up 40%. 2) State DOR ordered supervised assessment – will be okay once Kevin Irwin submits this years assessment.

Public Concerns/Comments: 1) Neighbors are concerned about Sager/Erickson property and complained about ineffectiveness of ordinance regulation for junk and sanitation.

Building Inspector Report: The building inspector submitted \$ 761.00 for October. MOTION (ELLIOTT/COWLES) ACCEPT OCTOBER BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT, MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Final Draft of 2009 Budget: To be a December agenda item.

Brenda Bray/Gerald Driscoll, Special Exception request for a wind turbine tower pursuant to Sec 17.87(3) St. Croix County Zoning Ordinance, NE1/4 SW1/4 Sec. 32, Buzz Buskirk Innovative Power Systems: No recommendation from Plan Commission. Gary Bakke recommended considering the town's desire to regulate these, and thinks having a special exception could work. MOTION (ELLIOTT/HOYER) RECOMMEND APPROVAL IF FOLLOW COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS BRENDA BRAY/GERALD DRISCOLL, SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR A WIND TURBINE TOWER PURSUANT TO SEC. 17.87(3) ST. CROIX COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, NE1/4 SW1/4 SEC. 32, BUZZ BUSKIRK INNOVATIVE POWER SYSTEMS, MOTION CARRIED.

Authorize Traffic Investigation/Consider Ordinance to reduce speed on 89th Avenue: Gary Bakke coordinated a traffic study and a rough draft for a speed limit ordinance. MOTION (ELLIOTT/COWLES) AUTHORIZE TRAFFIC STUDY AND CONSIDER SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE, MOTION CARRIED.

Status of Ron Erickson/Marianne Sager Zoning Violations NENE Sec. 30, 80th Avenue: There was another burning violation and their burning permit is still revoked. No updates from County Zoning. They are still making biweekly visits.

Cindy Brown, 150th Anniversary order shirts, can coolers, water bottles, wooden nickels, fans and stickers: Joan Brown discussed can coolers and stickers, and Cindy Brown covered t-shirts. MOTION (HOYER/COWLES) SESQUECENTENNIAL MEMORBELIA ORDER 250 CAN-COOLERS, 250 BOTTLES, 500 FANS, 3000 STICKERS AND T-SHIRTS FOR 40 WORKERS, TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000, MOTION CARRIED.

Frank Phillips - Status of Dry Hydrant Installation: Frank Phillips explained that the dry hydrant pull out is done and County Highway Department will purchase pipe for use next spring. Property owner requested no parking signage. Meyer would like this project completed as soon as possible.

Update on Park Improvements: Board members will meet some Sunday to install the field goals. Concrete to install the free benches and tables could cost from \$2600 to \$3000 in spring

Appoint Kathi Pelnar as the Town Animal Control Officer, Sign Resolution for Appointment of Humane Officer and Officers for Hearing Appeals: MOTION (ELLIOTT/HOYER) APPOINT KATHI PELNAR TOWN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND SIGN RESOLUTION FOR APPOINT MENT OF HUMANE OFFICER AND OFFICERS FOR HEARING APPEALS, MOTION CARRIED.

Review Ordinance Sec. 16 - Cemetery and Burial: None.

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Become Self Provider, or remain Relier, since the County Memorandum of Understanding for Statewide Voter Registration System Expires on December 31, 2009; Board doesn't want to take on the added responsibilities for SVRS. MOTION (HOYER/ELLIOTT) SIGN COUNTY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A RELIER ON THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM, MOTION CARRIED.

Any other proper business to be placed on future agendas: 1) Elliott asked Gary Bakke to research regulation options for wind power. 2) Gary Bakke will not pursue the cemetery ordinance unless directed.

MOTION (COWLES/ELLIOTT) ACCEPT NOVEMBER PAYMENTS AND CHECKS TOTALING \$ 31,070.38 (DETAILED REPORT AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION (HOYER/ELLIOTT) ADJOURN AT 9:20 PM, MOTION CARRIED.
Deina Shirmer - WCMC, Town Clerk/Treasurer