

September 7, 2011

## **Town Board**

### **Strategic Planning**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35

Present: Randy Leiker, Andy Peters, Tom Becher, Mike Woods, Dave Tebo, several Firemen, and Dean Schiller. Dean Culbertson was excused.

#### **Review of facility and personnel need - Fire Department**

The Fire Department would like the Town to purchase the Reimer property for a new station. Randy Leiker stated that if we do this it would have to go to a special town meeting or a referendum. We need to look at the facility study that was done that says a second station should be built which houses two trucks. Even if we build a new station across the street, we would still have to build another station. This property has not been on the radar at all until we received a memo from the Fire Department recently. Randy Immel stated they talked at an officers meeting. They feel the site is a good start. The study was done a quite a few years ago. Randy personally feels it is a good site. Maybe they should look at other sites also instead of going with just one site. Mr. Immel does feel it should be in this area. Robin Krause stated that if we have a satellite station, all firemen would have to drive to that station when most firemen are from the Town Hall area. Eric Kitowski feels the location is important for the calls and personnel. The study from 2000 talked about a satellite station but it was not in the most recent Town facility study. The Fire Department feels the satellite station is at the minimum 20 years out because there is no water or sewer and a lot of farm land there before that is needed. With the majority of people in this area it does not make sense to build a station out there. Within the next 20 years there could be a small number of full time firemen. They do not see the volunteer department going away within those 20 years. There are more medical calls than fire calls. At this time most of our buildings and homes are new which helps with the fire calls. Years ago they had more calls because of the age of the buildings. As a Fire Department they need to get together and decide a timeline and location and what they need. If the data of calls and where the Firemen live is plotted on a map, it is easier to see.

This will be put on another agenda to see what, if any action will be taken, and what the next step should be. The earlier studies will be reviewed.

#### **Projects CB/15/GV cash flow assessments**

Spreadsheet showed who is responsible for what. The Board had a meeting with the owners and had a basic agreement with them. We can then go forward with the assessments. We need to create an assessment account for the engineering and get those bills paid. We need to meet with Dave Wagner from Ehlers to decide when we need to borrow to go forward. The Schroth's assessment will be deferred.

**Projects that we need to borrow for:**

CB/15, Schroth assessment, the CB/GV roundabout – our portion is \$250,000, Possible new plow truck \$200,000, Jennerjohn pond - \$500,000 from stormwater, possibly for the Field of Dreams and facility expansion/land.

The engineering services agreement will be put on another agenda. This takes us completely through construction of Neubert, Moon Shadow and CTH CB. This allows us to start paying the bills.

**Field of Dreams**

Three phase electric service needs to be brought in. How do we get this project off the ground? Grading could be done for \$210,000. A marketing group has been formed to see how we can get support for donations. Maybe we get someone to donate the grading work. Possibly someone could donate the scrapper time. We have to see how this moves forward first.

**Jennerjohn Pond**

This is ready to move forward in 2012.

**Town Hall building expansion**

An addition could be done on the north side of the hall. Staff – best next step? – engineer or another type person? Whoever we would hire will need more space plus options for the future. This will be brought back to the Board closer to budget time. The building expansion needs to be addressed in the next few years with possible construction in 2013.

**CB Trail** – Need to raise funds. We may or may not be able to get a grant.

**Committee of the Whole**

This could be designated as a certain date every month. You do not vote on anything but just discuss items. Then when an item is on an agenda, there would not be a long discussion. The community would then know when it is. This would be a broad agenda. We could do it on a trial basis to see if it works and if anyone attends. We will decide at a later date what to do.

**Web Casting/Public Participation**

For a minimal price we can record our meetings and stream it after the fact. People would have to come up to the microphone to make comments so they can be on a microphone and give their name and address to speak. People will be limited to 3 minutes unless the Board gives them an extension. A note to this effect will be placed on the agenda.

**Address signs** – Need to decide who will be installing the signs.

A meeting needs to be set up to review the final audit.

**Adjourn the meeting**

Tom Becher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried and adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Deborah Wagner,  
Town Clerk