

**STELLA TOWN BOARD MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2007**

**7:00 PM**  
**Town Hall**

**Meeting called by:** David Brunette, Chair      **Type of meeting:** Regular Town Board Meeting

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** DAVE BRUNETTE, CHAIR; DEB POLINSKI, SUPERVISOR; ROBERT GOODIN, SUPERVISOR; KATHY BAKER, TOWN TREASURER, JEAN FISH, CLERK

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** MR. & MRS. J. KUCZMARSKI, J. FINNAN, B. BOWEN, MR. GRAFELMAN, DNR, A. RING, K. THORSEN, G. QUANDT, C. CRUMP, C. SPITTLEMEISTER

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>
✓ <b>Call meeting to order</b>	D. Brunette	Quorum present. Meeting notice posted on the three town bulletin boards.
✓ <b>Approve minutes of September 11, 2007 as distributed</b>	J. Fish, Clerk	Motion to approve minutes as distributed made by D. Brunette, seconded by D. Polinski. Motion carried.
✓ <b>Approve Treasurer's Report</b>	K. Baker	The Treasurer's report was given by K. Baker. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by D. Polinski, seconded by R. Goodin. Motion carried.
✓ <b>Old Business</b> ○ <b>Bid Opening Results</b>	D. Brunette	At the Public Bid Opening held at 7 PM at the Stella Town Hall this evening, the award of the paving project went to the lowest bidder-Pitlik & Wick for \$30,648.80. A motion was made by Brunette, seconded by Polinski, to accept the low bid of Pitlik & Wick. Motion carried. Chair Brunette will contact Pitlik & Wick.
✓ <b>New Business:</b> ○ <b>Discussion of removal of water from Snowden Lake for agricultural use</b>	Board/Citizens/DNR	Mr. Grafelman, DNR Water Management Specialist, was present to answer questions from the public regarding the legality of removing water from Snowden Lake. Brian Bowen, who manages the UW agricultural site, gave an overview of their presence in the Town of Stella, their goal to serve the larger public, and the fact that it is not their intent to lower the water levels on Snowden Lake. In fact, this is the first time since 1991 when he was employed at the agricultural site that he ever remembers a need to take water from the lake. Mr. Grafelman stressed that the UW facility is not doing anything wrong; it is their right to take water from the lake, within limits, just as it is with any other property owner. When asked if there was

any recourse for other land owners on Snowden Lake, Grafelman stated they could get a petition signed by the majority of the property owners, but even then the DNR would have to have the resources to study this. The DNR cannot do anything at this point because they are not seeing anything detrimental happening at this stage.

○ **Update on Fire Dept. Expansion**

C. Crump  
C. Spittlemeister/FD

After studying the cost of hiring an architect to draw up plans for the FD addition, it was decided to be too costly to pursue this option. Casey called Rural Development for help with this and was told that if we don't include the plans for the town hall (bathrooms, etc.) it won't need an AIA architect. We are looking at approximately \$128,000 for a prefab building and new well. They would like the board's okay to move forward on working with Rural Development. The loan would be at 4.5% for 20 years. That would be approximately \$11,212 annual payment. Also, since we act as the fire department for the Town of Piehl, they have agreed to contribute to the project. A motion was made by Goodin, seconded by Polinski to move forward with the loan application from USDA Rural Development.

Discussion of other road maintenance that needs to be completed before winter.

**Other**

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Board of Review set for November 6, 2007 from 6-8:00 PM, Stella Town Hall

✓ **Approve monthly bills for payment**

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Action- Bills were approved for payment.

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**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

Submitted by: Jean Fish, Town Clerk.