

STELLA TOWN BOARD MINUTES

SEPT. 5, 2006

Stella Town Hall

Members Present: Dave Brunette, Chair; Scott Eades, Supervisor;
Deb Polinski, Supervisor;
Jean Fish, Clerk; Kathy Baker, Treasurer

Meeting called by: Chair Dave Brunette Type of meeting: Regular Town Board Meeting

Others Present: Edie Franson, Mary Eades, - Plan Commission members; Carl Spittlemeister, Greg Golden, Casey Crump – Stella Volunteer Fire Dept., Rep. from the USDA Rural Development Office

Topic	Presenter	Action/Discussion
Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Chair Brunette		
Motion to approve the Agenda as distributed made by Deb Polinski, seconded by Scott Eades. Motion carried.		
✓ Approve minutes of August 2006 as distributed	J.. Fish, Clerk	Action- Motion made by S. Eades, seconded by D. Polinski to approve the August minutes as read. Motion carried.
✓ Approve Treasurer's Report	K. Baker, Treasurer	Action-K. Baker summarized the balance of funds in the NOW account and checking account. Motion made by Deb Polinski, seconded by S. Eades to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
Old Business:		
✓ Draft-Subdivision Ordinance	All	A motion was made to table the Subdivision Ordinance until the October meeting. The clerk is to place this item on the agenda for action.
New Business:		
✓ Presentation by Jennifer Schenk, USDA Rural Development, on the Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program	All	Casey Crump asked a rep from USDA Rural Development to make a presentation to the town board on a community facilities loan. The Fire Dept. has been discussing the need for more space in the fire station and felt this may be a good opportunity. This loan would be 4.5% for 10 years. The Clerk noted that the current fire truck loan of approx. \$13,000/yr. still has 2 years remaining. Also, the new road construction loan taken out 3 years ago still has 7 years remaining at approx. \$63,000/yr. With the current 2.6% freeze on the town's budget, the timing may not be right. We will know more as soon as the 2007 budget is developed. Casey C. stated that he would do some research on the cost of an addition to the present structure rather than a new building.
✓ Brushing Roads	D. Polinski	Deb Polinski stated that Bob Feldman has requested to do brushing along town roads. Safety is a factor on some of our roads such as Sec. 9 and Tenderfoot. He proposed using his brush cutting machinery/gas/ & labor for \$40.50 hr. He also is responsible for his own insurance since the Town is contracting with him. A motion was made by D. Polinski, seconded by D. Brunette, to accept R. Feldman's proposal of \$40.50/hr. for brush cutting, with a cap of \$1700 total. Motion carried.
✓ Rezoning Requests – Sowinski property	D. Brunette	Dan Krueger has requested that 40 acres of his property (NE SE, Sec. 14, T36N, R10E) and NW NW, Sec. 13,

and Dan Krueger property

T36N, R10E) be rezoned from Rural Residential to Residential Farming. Dan Krueger would like to put up a building to house his agricultural equipment. The Board had no objections.

D. Brunette stated that earlier this year the Bd. recommended rezoning the front 20 acres of the Kuczmariski property on the corner of Rasmussen Road and County C from Rural Residential to Business at the owner's request. The land to the back of this property remained in Rural Residential.

Brunette suggested that the property on the other side of Rasmussen Road be rezoned to match with the front 20 acres staying in Business and the remaining property (S1/2 of the NW SW, Sec. 26, T37N, R10E and the S1/2 of the NE SW, Sec. 26, T37N, R10E) be rezoned to Rural Residential. He has spoken with Sowinski and they have no objections. A motion was made by S. Eades, seconded by D. Brunette, to approve the rezoning of the Sowinski property and the Krueger property as described above. Motion carried.

C. Spittlemeister/K. Golden

The Vol. Fire Dept. has worked out an agreement with J. Kuczmariski to store the old fire dept. tanker in one of the warehouses. The cost will be \$200/yr. The fire dept. will pay the fee this year. If the fire department decides to keep the tanker, it was requested that the Town Board pick up this annual fee

Carl S. also asked permission to cut down the fence poles on the 3rd baseline of the town baseball diamond. The poles caused a safety issue at the vintage snowmobile race last winter. The fire dept. would cut the poles ground level, remove and store them for the winter. They would put them back up in the spring. The Board agreed to this. A motion was made by D. Polinski, seconded by S. Eades, to authorize the Vol. Fire Dept. to take down the 3rd baseline fence, store it over the winter, and reinstall the fence in the Spring. Motion carried.

Other:

Review monthly bills and approve for Board payment

Action- Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Adjourn There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by: *Jean Fish, Town Clerk.*