

**Northfield Township Board Meeting
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Public Safety Building; 8350 Main Street
January 12, 2010**

be developed for all uses of this type. An original motion was amended to limit the current approval to 2010.

- ▶ **Amended motion:** Iaquinto moved, Wilson supported, that the 4-H group be permitted to use Fire Station #2 for their meetings in 2010 as long as the Clerk is notified at least a day in advance of their meetings, and that a key be provided to them for access.
Amended motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

ACTION ITEMS

1.

Request for Refund of ZBA Fees to German Park

Mozurkewich referred to a request from the Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary asking that German Park's application fee for a recent ZBA request be refunded because the ZBA made the determination that no variance was required.

Smith said he will not vote on this request to avoid a conflict of interest.

- ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Dockett supported, that Northfield Township refund the ZBA fees paid by German Park in the amount of \$850 for the request on the December 21, 2009, agenda.
Motion carried 6—0—1 on a voice vote, Smith abstaining.

Building Department Deficit Elimination Plan

- ▶ **Motion:** Wilson moved, Rowe supported, that the Deficit Elimination Plan Resolution for the Northfield Township Building Department be adopted as presented. **Motion carried 7—0 on a roll call vote. Resolution adopted.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2.

Recommendations on Counteroffer for 75 Barker Road

Board discussion on the counteroffer from Northfield Human Services (NHS) to purchase this property centered on ways to determine the true market value of the property, and whether it should be listed for sale with a broker to see if other parties may be interested. Iaquinto noted that advantages of a sale to NHS are (1) the building will be available for use by other community groups, and (2) the Township would have the right to buy the property back at the original sale price plus the out-of-pocket costs paid by NHS for improvements. Dockett expressed doubts about the likely success of the NHS proposal and the ability of the Township to buy back the property in the near future.

Mozurkewich said the Township estimated the value of the property at \$153,000, and a similarly-size vacant parcel recently sold for \$100,000. Iaquinto noted that an appraisal done about five years ago valued the property at \$130,000. Mozurkewich noted that valuation was based on the land being vacant.

- ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Smith supported, that 75 Barker Road be listed for sale by Northfield Township.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

3.

Auditor's Findings: Late Disbursements and Diversification of Assets

Mozurkewich noted the auditor had a number of recommendations, but asked that these two items in particular be discussed by the Board. Regarding diversification of assets, Smith said the \$3 million in question could be split into 12 \$250,000 Certificates of Deposit (CD).

Regarding late disbursements of tax payments last year, Wilson said all payments have been made on time this year with the exception of one case when she was out-of-town for three weeks.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no questions about communications included in Board packets.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Cynthia Best thanked the Board for supporting the 4-H Club.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Iaquinto invited the public to participate in upcoming Pond Hockey events and public outdoor skating.
- Manning noted that the Township offices had moved from 75 Barker Road to the Public Safety Building. Mozurkewich thanked everyone for the extra work they did for the move, noting that it saved the Township about \$5,000.
- Manning reported that she had hired PBTS LLL to perform snow removal for the Township at a savings of \$8,000 over the next lowest bidder.