

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 8, 2004/7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 8, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Tom Larson.

Present: Council Members Kim Rasmussen, Dolly Dissmore, Norman Hillukka, and Julia Kicker.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Dissmore. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Project Citizen was presented by a group of high school students from Olson's class. Their project was the tarring of roads in Southgate.

Hugo Pulju, Spirit Lakes Association, presented a synopsis to be attached to a grant as a management plan outline. Hugo also informed the council that the Spirit Lake Association had become a 501 C-3 non-profit corporation. Kari Tomperi asked for authorization to be the project coordinator for the DNR grant and the Rain garden project at Spirit Lake.

A motion was made by Rasmussen, seconded by Hillukka, to authorize the Clerk/Treas. to sign the project coordinator authorization after review. The cost of the permit fee will total \$231. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Dave Kicker, Fire Chief, presented the proposal for a new fire truck. The townships are anxious to move ahead on the truck project with a seven-year repayment schedule. The Council by consensus gave Kicker the go ahead to proceed with the truck plan. Kicker will need to present the specifications of the truck prior to the bidding process. Kicker also informed the council of a \$2500 DNR dry hydrant grant that had been received by the department, a high voltage demonstration Todd-Wadena will be holding, and a dance that will be held in cooperation with the liquor store for Mid-Summer Celebration.

Gary Ryhti, Police Chief, reported 1 felony terroristic threats, 2 thefts, 2 domestics, 1 DUI, 2 animal complaints, 1 criminal damage to property, 5 traffic citations, and 2 warrant arrests. Ryhti also requested the adoption of an Alarm Ordinance.

A motion was made by Dissmore, seconded by Hillukka, to adopt an Alarm Ordinance for the City of Menahga, Code of Ordinance #114. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Tom Gerszewski, Liquor Store Manager, reported that inventory has been completed and he has met with the fire department and will be working on a dance for Mid-Summer Celebration with them to be held outside.

Clair Erickson, Nursing Home Administrator, reported the bid opening has been scheduled for March 25th at 10:00 a.m. The Council will meet on March 30, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. to award the contract.

A motion was made by Rasmussen, seconded by Kicker, to approve the nursing home minutes for the month of February. All members were in favor, motion carried.

A request was received from Jensine Kurtti asking to erect temporary cabins behind her property near the beach. Council requested that the Planning Commission review the request prior to the Council taking action on the request.

A date of April 14, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. has been set for Board of Review. A date of April 26, 2004 has been set for a Public Hearing on the proposed tarring projects.

A motion was made by Rasmussen, seconded by Hillukka, to approve Resolution # 0308-04 the taxing authority resolution asked for by the League of MN Cities. All members were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rasmussen, seconded by Dissmore, to approve the payment of bills as presented. All members were in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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City Clerk/Treas/Adm.

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Mayor