

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 7:00 P.M

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, September 8, 2003. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Tom Larson.

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

A motion was made by Rasmussen, seconded by Dissmore, to approve the minutes of the August meetings. All members present were in favor, motion carried.

Hugo Pulju, addressed the Council on the progress of the Spirit Lakes DNR grant. Pulju informed the council that Kari Tomperi had applied for two grants that were turned down and there is a shortfall of approximately \$4,000. Pulju asked the city to consider providing some excavation work if the Spirit Lake Association were to obtain monies to do the pond work.

Dave Kicker, Fire Chief, informed the council that the Fire Department is seriously looking for a new pumper truck. Kicker asked the council to consider an increase in the fire budget for the 2004 year to help with the payment of a new truck, he will also be discussing the needs with the townships.

Ron Neisess, Utilities Assisstant, discussed the beach project with the council. Neisess suggested the addition of a volleyball court which could be done with the city equipment and by the city crew. This project would include the leveling of the parking lot at the beach.

A motion was made by Rasmussen, seconded by Dissmore, to remove the Class 5 at the beach, put in a volleyball area, level the parking area and complete the dirt work around the bathrooms and pavilion area. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Gary Ryhti, Police Chief, reported calls for the month of August; 1 burglary, 3 thefts, 2 Domestic, 3 NSF Checks, 2 damage to property, and 16 Traffic Citations issued.

Chief Ryhti briefed the council on a False Alarm Policy, Administrative Fees, Curfew Ordinance and No Wheels Policy. Chief Ryhti suggested that all Ordinances be done at one time prior to the end of the year. Council was asked to review copies of the policies in their packets are return comments to the department.

Tom Gerszewski, Liquor Store Manager, reported the need to repair the ice machine at the Liquor Store. Tom also showed an increase in sales for the month of August over last year and reported success in Wednesday night karaoke.

Clair Erickson, Nursing Home, discussed the budget with the council and informed the council that the Lions had donated \$500 towards a new flag pole for the home.

Mark and Gloria Markkula, discussed hooking up to city water and sewer and the need to obtain an easement from the city.

A motion was made by Dissmore, seconded by Hillukka, to grant an 20' easement to go across the city property. All members were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Dissmore, to approve renewal of the city liability insurance with a \$500 deductible at a savings of \$1006.00 for the year. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Truth N' Taxation dates were set as Tuesday, December 2, 1003 at 6:30 p.m. with a continuation hearing on December 8, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. if needed.

A motion was made by Rasmussen, seconded by Hillukka, to approve the Proposed Levy at \$270, 617.00 for 2004. All members were in favor, motion carried.

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

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.