

## **MINUTES EDAP BOARD**

**MAY 2, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Stang at 7:00 a.m. Other members present were Don Pietsch, Jean Soine, and Chris Stanley. Don Wiese, Gene Beavers, and Alan Habben were absent. Also present were Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Wayne Nelson, Lance Louis, and Pat Flanders.

**Motion was made by Soine to approve the April 19, 2011 EDAP Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Stang and unanimously carried.**

### **INCUBATOR/INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Representatives from Pay Del Co were in attendance to report that they currently have no plan for the land they recently purchased until a party has interest in purchasing it. David Voss owns the property between Pay Del Co and the Industrial Park. He is in the process of platting the land (North Branch View) which has a 33 foot easement and he has gotten a 33 foot easement from Gerry Mehr to be able to create a roadway off Minnie Street up into the Pay Del Co property. Pay Del Co would be interested in having the road created, but has no money to put toward the project. The Board discussed putting a 600 foot roadway which would be half Township and half City with the first 140 feet being completely in the Township. The goal is for their land to be used for industrial park expansion, but they don't have any money for the infrastructure; it will need to wait until someone is interested in purchasing some or all of the land to invest in the infrastructure.

MN DEED has Greater MN Public Infrastructure grants for cities to get a 50% match. The Board discussed contacting Voss to just put in a gravel road for now until a business wants to purchase land and then put in the infrastructure and road. Stang will contact Voss regarding the cost of a road and utilities without using any grant money. The issue remains, who is going to pay for the road since Pay Del Co has no money; the Township is not interested in putting money toward infrastructure that someday will be in the City and if the property is not in the City limits and services are not being requested the City probably won't participate. The Minnie Street project was very expensive for the City to get utilities to three properties. Eckerly will check with the DEED to see if the Township can apply for the grant or if the City and Township can jointly apply for the grant.

Voss is frustrated because Stearns County is forcing him to create a storm water pond to take care of the City's water issue off Minnie Street. The ponds have to be created within one year even if the property is not developed and the money for the ponds was put into an escrow account. This property is in Paynesville Township. It was discussed if anyone had discussed this issue with Ron Mergen. Eckerly will research this. The property owner doesn't want the land in the City limits because of the Building Code. Voss would like to know if EDAP is interested in purchasing the front lot; otherwise he will put up for sale. Pietsch will contact Voss for a price.

## **120 AUGUSTA AVENUE**

This property address is 120 Hoffman Street. Flanders informed the Board that a local business is interested in purchasing the property, but needs help with the demolition costs. The question was asked if EDAP would be interested in giving a loan for the demolition costs to get the blight removed. It would be less money than EDAP purchasing, doing the demolition and reselling it. The Board discussed having the business get cost estimates and come back to the next meeting.

(Soine left at 7:58 a.m. eliminating the quorum.)

## **ECONOMIC STATUS**

This item was tabled.

## **PAST DUE LOANS**

This item was tabled.

## **GERONIMO WIND ENERGY**

This item was tabled.

## **ARMORY PROPERTY**

This item was tabled.

## **EDAP MEETING SCHEDULE**

Stang will contact Eckerly if an additional EDAP Board meeting is needed before June 21, 2011.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.