

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING November 11, 2008

RE: New Building, Morton Buildings, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15pm on November 11, 2008 by Chairman Kevin Cavanaugh. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Keith Fulcher explained we are in the planning stage for a new Town Hall/Fire Hall/ Post Office. This would include two bathrooms, a three stall 12x12 door garages for the fire trucks, office for the township, mechanical room, kitchen, and community room. Stanley Peterson told how we have a Morton Building already as our West Bass Fire Hall. Other specifications stated were: heated cement floors, drains in the fire hall and a shower either in the fire hall or one of the bathrooms, a one man door for the fire department, the post office will be inclusive with the community room, town office and bathrooms.

Brad from Morton buildings stated that there may be restrictions depending on who the grants were from. He also helped us decide the sizes of the rooms and told us it can be a turnkey operation if the funds allow.

The Community room would be two or three times larger than the existing room of 22x22 feet. The fire hall would be 48x60 feet with 3 feet in between the doors, the office twice the size of the old one or bigger and a drying rack for the hoses would be installed for the fire department. The in floor heat would be determined and we may have two different kinds of heat for the building.

Brad asked what kind of funding we would want and he may have suggestions for us to use. Keith Fulcher said we have received some grant information and we need to have an approximate amount to furnish for them. We do have CD's but we told the residents we would rather not have to use this money only if necessary and not all of it. We will also be checking into Municipal Bonds as another way to fund the project. We also do not want to use any money out of general operating expenses. Brad also said we may need to work with an architect or general contractor for some of the building projects inside. We may also have to have union workers if the grants call for it.

Stanley Peterson also said we would need to find out how big the building would be to fit into the land we already have. Jeff Musburger asked if we would be able to use the land where the old church was for the new facility. Jeff also asked if we may be able to use the property at West Bass Fire Hall. It will depend on how large the building would be. Kevin Cavanaugh will get some idea about the post office and the needs of Barbara Cavanaugh (post master) and how she wants it set up for the Post Office.

Jeff Musburger asked Brad if he could show us some already existing buildings that Morton has erected and one of the buildings he would like to see is Greenwood by Lake Vermillion. Keith said when the citizens said yes in March they also asked us to find out: How much it would cost, how we obtain the funding and our responsibility to the project without raising the taxes for the community. We would have to have holding tanks with traps for the fire department before it reaches the sewer and maybe two places for the sewer to be put. Brad will get back to us when he has a tentative idea to present to us.

Keith Fulcher told Brad that this is all in the planning stage and it will all depend on the funding we can get in grants and where it will be built. All of this will be brought to the residents as soon as we have enough information to give them. Brad said with a project like this we may need Bids or proposals as part of the requirements for the grants.

We will have to decide how this will work for the sizes we need and appropriate concept for the township budget. Brad said there are a lot of unknowns in any projects.

Jeff Musburger made a motion to adjourn, Keith Fulcher seconded at 3:10pm, motion carried.