

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Prague Economic Development Authority**  
**Wednesday, September 8, 2010**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. by Chairman Bruce Wolf with the following members present: Mayor Bink Bender, Dirk Berger, Andrea Burkhardtsmeier, Nick Slavik, Pete Sletten and Kristin Guerrette who arrive at 7:47 A.M.

City Staff Present: Administrative Services Director Patty Solheid.  
City Administrator Mike Johnson

**2. Minutes / Financials**

- a) It was moved by Berger, seconded by Slavik to approve the August 11, 2010 meeting minutes.. Motion carried (6-0).
- b) It was moved by Slavik, seconded by Berger to approve two claims for payment totaling \$37.28. Motion carried (6-0).
- c) The financial reports which included the Income Statement and Balance Sheet were accepted as submitted.

Patty Solheid answered some Board questions on special assessments receivable deferred and assessments payable.

3. The Board reviewed the 2010 Operating Budget and Goals. Patty Solheid explained that the assessment/interest was a pass through with the New Prague Community Center. Mr. Johnson indicated that a draft budget for 2011 will need to be developed along with an update to the 2010 Goals. No additional action was taken by the Board.

Board Member Kristin Guerrette arrived at 7:47 A.M.

4. The Board discussed the need to have a Special EDA Tax Levy for 2011. City Administrator Johnson provided an overview of various levy options at \$25K, \$50K, \$75K and \$100K. He provided the Board with an estimated impact of how these levies would impact an "Average Taxable Value" home of \$184,600. The Board had discussion as they reviewed the law, MN. Statute 469.107 and how it may or may not be impacted by a reverse referendum moving forward into the future. Mr. Johnson indicated that any proposed levy would need to be included in the City's preliminary 2011 property tax levy and certified by September 15<sup>th</sup> to the County or it could not be an option for 2011. The Board had considerable discussion on the proposed levy amount and specific use of the levy noting that it would have different impacts on residential homeowners. After discussion, Motion by Berger, second by Slavik to request the City Council to establish the preliminary 2011 EDA levy at \$100,000, subject to the final taxable market value numbers from the County. All voted in favor except Wolf. Motion carried 6-1.

5. City Administrator Johnson provided the Board with information that was received from the New Prague Community Center on a proposed locker room and dryland training center addition to the Center. The estimated cost of the project is proposed at about \$500,000, with the Hockey Association already setting aside \$100,000. There was general discussion on the project with the Board some historical discussion on the history of the past project, and the make-up of the financing package. Mr. Johnson indicated that there was a concept meeting with Jason Witt on September 9<sup>th</sup> and invited any Board member to sit in on the discussion. No additional action was taken on the matter.
6. Due to timing, there was no discussion on monthly updates and business inquires, Executive Director's Report and miscellaneous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m. by order of Chairman Wolf.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Johnson  
City Administrator