

La Crescent Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2019

Final Approved

Township Board Members Present:

Bob Schuldt	Jason Wieser	Tom Tornstrom
Dan Brodigan	Wayne Oliver	
Karen Schuldt		

Chairman Bob Schuldt called the July monthly meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Clerk Karen Schuldt took the roll call.

4. Approval of Agenda: **Tom Tornstrom made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Wayne Oliver seconded, motion carried.**

5. Minutes of June 6, 2019 Regular Meeting: **Jason Wieser made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: A. Linda Larson addressed the board that she serves on the City of La Crescent Planning Commission and is sitting with a group of eight others that are helping Houston County redo their Comprehensive Plan, which is twenty years old. Linda presented a survey to each the board members and ask if they could fill the survey out as a township resident and drop it off at City hall within a week. B. Teresa Walter addressed the board that her and Brian Pogodzinski met at town hall with Bob and Dan to discuss replacing the salt shed that is falling down and also looking at having a written agreement on shared expenses between the County and the Township for the shop building. Currently there is no written agreement between the two. Teresa noted the county attorney will draft up a written agreement for review. Also, the county survey will come out and survey the property in case the new salt shed will need to be relocated on the property. The county records show the property is owned by the township. Brian Podozinski is going to get estimates for a new salt shed and bring it back to the board. Chairman Schuldt added they are also looking at ways so the township equipment is not sitting outside.

Jim and Jeanne Dawson 4077 County Road 6 addressed the board that they purchased their home back in October and prior to the sale they discovered some water problems that were repaired to the best of their knowledge, so they thought it was taken care of. Jeanne and Jim added they've had water in their basement twice now. They've witnessed a water fall coming down over the top of the berm from the turnaround above and into their backyard. Mr. Dawson feels the berm needs to be built up more to divert the water down the street or possibly put a culvert in there. Bob advised part of the problem is the ground is currently really saturated from all the rain we've been having. Wayne advised he took a look at the property after he received a call from them and he didn't see any evidence where the rain would have come over the berm. Wayne added he also checked the berm and noted it is solid and it isn't going anywhere. Bob and Dan will take a look

and see if there is anything the township can do.

Bob Cummings asked the board if the La Crescent Fire Department could come up and spray the guard rail on Crescent Hills Dr to remove all the sand and salt that is packed on the guard rails and posts. Tom added he is still waiting to hear from the City in reference to spraying the weeds along the guard rails. Tom will reach out to Bill Waller.

7. Treasurers Report: **Tom Tornstrom made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented with Karen checking on the possible typo under disbursements on page 1 and 4, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

8. Clerk Report: Karen reported the Minnesota Association of Township District 1 meeting is being held Thursday, August 1st at the American Legion in Adams. Registration starts at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm. The township received notice from Aaron Lacher, H.C. zoning administrator that the County is holding a public hearing Thursday, July 11th at 6:00pm in the Houston County Commission's room for a request from Vincent & Jill Colbert for a variance on a setback.

9. Other or Old Business. Bob gave an update from Chiglo on the vacancy of the treasurers position. With the vacancy there are some options and the one the board is looking at is presenting it as a question on the ballot for the March election to change it to a paid position versus an elected position. Bob added since that is out a ways if there is anyone that shows an interested or appointment, we can put that person in the position till the March election. Under the circumstances that we are currently operating on we can continue to use Larry's office or another firm if needed. Following discussion. **Dan Brodigan made a motion if someone would come forward who is qualified then we would consider him/her to fill the position till the annual election in March, Jason Wieser seconded, motion carried.** Bob advised per the discussion at our organizational meeting he looked into seeing about getting a different township attorney or possibly an alternate attorney for the township. Bob reported Greg Schieber who is an attorney in Spring Grove was highly recommended by a local attorney. **Tom Tornstrom made a motion to have Bob reach out to Greg and see if he's interested and to negotiate rates, Wayne Oliver seconded, motion carried.** Bob also reported we received a certified letter from MN Pollution Control following the inspection of the town hall building. They are concerned with the floor drain in the shop where the plow truck is kept. We will need to see if the drain is capped off and email pictures if it is. The board directed Bob to contact Chase Munson for help with the drain. Bob reported he received a call from a resident at 2650 N. Pine Creek Rd reference a very wet yard. Wayne will contact the owner. Bob also reported Bennett brothers did Skunk Hollow and then had to stop as they had a bearing go bad. Once they get it repaired, they will try and hit Bush & Burns Valley. Jason advised Town Hall road will need to wait till it dries up before anything can be done there. Wayne reported the state will be moving everything over from our township website in September, and hopefully everything should be up and running by the end of the year. Jason reported he received a bill from QTI for our current web address and will forward it to Karen for payment. Bob advised we need to pull our current inventor of bags from Quillins, Heth and the Kwik Trip locations. Dan will pick them up and inventory them so we can get them reimbursement.

10. Supervisors Report.: Dan reported everything has been singled mowed. Bob reported Scott's is coming at the end of July to do the seal coating. Also, the ditches will need to be doubled mowed. Wayne, Jason and Tom no further report.

11. Bills for Audit: **Tom Tornstrom made a motion to accept the bills as presented, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried**

12. Adjournment: **Dan Brodigan made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:21 pm, Wayne Oliver seconded, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk