

La Crescent Township  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2020

**Final Approved**

Township Board Members Present:

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

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

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

5. Minutes of July 13, 2020 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: Jeff Babinski with Houston County Administration was present to discuss the Cares Act with the board. Houston County Board of Commissioners allocated \$1,130,000 of County Cares Act Funds to be disbursed to small businesses in the form of an economic development relief grant to partially reimburse the cost of business interruption caused by COVID-19. The county has received their funding as well at the Cities and Brownsville township has. Bob added the township has applied and has been accepted. Jeff indicated the township should get \$27,975 in funds that can be used for COVID type expenses. The process for open application for businesses starts August 14<sup>th</sup>, with the County Board awarding the money. The EDA will review the first round of applications on September 2<sup>nd</sup> with the grants being award by September 8<sup>th</sup>. The grant is up to \$5,000 for businesses. Cities and Townships have until November 15<sup>th</sup> to allocate or use their money by. Discussion was held on what could be used in the township for expenses. The main area of concern was upgrades to the poling area to be up graded for Covid exposure precautions. After further discussion the consensus of the board was to allocate some of the money to be used for this update and the balance to be put to the business grants with the county facilitating the grants.

**Jason Wieser made a motion do a resolution to keep \$10,000 of the CARES Act grant and turn the rest of it over to the county to be allocated through the county programing awarding the grants, Tom Tornstrom seconded. Roll call vote – Jason – yes, Dan-yes, Tom-yes, Bob- yes. Motion passed.**

7. Treasurers Report: **Dan Brodigan made a motion to approved the Treasurers report as presented, Jason Wieser seconded, motion carried.**

9. Clerk Report: Karen reported Donna Trehus auditor/treasurer for Houston County has secured federal grant monies from The Secretary of State to assist with the additional expenses resulting from the coronavirus for the August 11th and November 3<sup>rd</sup> elections. Donna has completed the grant application and will need the signed resolution to accept the grant money of \$782.86. A copy of the agreement and resolution was emailed to the board. Any unused funds will need to go back to the county. **Dan Brodigan made to approve the resolution as presented, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.** Karen added election is tomorrow and the voting hours are 7 am till 8 pm at Town Hall. Karen advised she's purchased face masks and additional cleaning supplies for the elections. Matt Vetsch has made 4 plexiglass stands to be used on the tables for out at town hall as well.

10. Other or Old Business: None

11. Supervisors Report: Jason reported construction on the salt shed will start by the last week in August. Tom reported he hasn't made any process with the weeds on Crescent Hills. Bob reported he and Ed took care of a really big washout on Bush Valley Rd. The Wieser Park project went really well and it looks nice. Bob, Dan and Ed hauled the chips over while the United Methodist Church group spread out all the chips and painted the bathrooms. Bob questioned when contractors are out there if can take a look at the areas were the fascia and soffit is ripped off on the building. We also need to get the sign down so the county's name can be removed on it. Jason added he will have Max from Wieser Brothers reach out to Karen to look at building new voting booths. Dan has no report this month.

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

12. Adjournment: **Jason Wieser made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:57 pm, Dan Brodigan seconded.**

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk