La Crescent Township Monthly Meeting Minutes February 8, 2021

Final Approved

Township Board Members Present:

Bob Schuldt Jason Wieser Tom Tornstrom Roy Lemke Wayne Oliver Karen Schuldt

Josie Bartsch -Bartsch Tax Service

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

- 4. Approval of Agenda: Jason Wieser made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Wayne Oliver seconded, motion carried.
- 5. Minutes of January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting: Wayne Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.
- 6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: None
- 7.. Treasurers Report: Jason Wieser made a motion to approved the Treasurers report as presented by Josie, Wayne Oliver seconded, motion carried.
- 9. Clerk Report: Karen reported the annual election is Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Voting hours are 4-8pm at which time the voters will elect Supervisor A (Special 2-year term) Roy Lemke and Supervisor D (3-year term) Jason Wieser. The annual meeting will commence at 8:15 pm at the La Crescent Community Building and the Election Canvassing Board will meet immediately after that. Election judges for the election are Katy Denstad, Sandy Hinders and Linda Stockman. Bob Schuldt made a motion to appoint the election judges for the March 9th election, Roy Lemke seconded, motion carried. Karen advised ever year the state requires that we approve a resolution designating Town Hall as our official annual polling place. Karen provided a copy of the resolution for approval. Tom Tornstrom made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Wayne Oliver seconded, motion carried. Karen advised in the bills for audit tonight is a bill in the amount of \$53.97 for Teresa Walter. Teresa is making curtains for the new booth and bill is for the material only as she is donating her time. Karen asked Wayne to remove the wording for park reservation and also include both the PO Box and the 830 Town Hall Road on the website. Also, in the bills for tonight is the household solid waste quarterly fees that goes to the county. Karen explained she emailed Aaron to get a better understanding of what is covered in those fees. Copies of his emailed response was provided to the board.
- 10. Other or Old Business: Tom advised he and Wayne met over a couple phone calls and came up with some ideas. They would like to meet with Josie and come up with a

job description so we are all understanding of what Josie does now and what's missing. Also, ideas are to have a sub finance committee that would work closely with Josie for the dividends and investments. Consensus of the board was to move forward and report back to the board next month. Tom gave an update that they (Bob, Attorney Greg) met with the property owners and their attorney via zoom on the trail easement issue. The property owners' concerns were on privacy and motor vehicles. We are waiting on a proposal or some ideas and they have yet to respond to our attorney. Tom added he and Roy went to the Rec/City meeting a couple weeks ago and gave their assurances (as much as they could) that they hope the trail continues through that easement as well and has future potential use for emergency access as well.

Bob advised we will be sending out bids for seal coating. Bob reported the county will support all the townships in the application process for the state grant, but will not provide any support or help in engineering cost figures at all. Bob added he and Roy sat through the phone meeting with the commissioners. Sounds like at maximum there would probably be one or so projects that would be approved per county. The application process is really heavy on the engineering and costs. We wouldn't be able to present an application without hiring an engineer. The consensus from the board was we won't be able to get an estimate from an engineer in time to meet the deadline on grant. Discussion was held on what we want to do with N. Pine Creek Rd and Evans Hill. Jason and Roy will meet with Jack and Travis to get some ideas for N. Pine Creek Rd.

- 11.. Supervisors Report: Roy reported Dave Breyer indicated our mower would bring between \$2,500 and \$3,000 trade in value. Also got an estimate for a new John Deere mower, chainsaw and pole saw. Feeling of the board was to look at a used mower and wait till April or May. Roy received a call from a resident at 212 Cornforth with a water issue coming behind their house. Roy indicated we will look at it this Spring. Roy advised Doug Goede had a hydraulic leak on the wing on the plow truck. Doug purchased a hose and fixed it. Jason reported he received a call from the La Crescent Police Department and Houston County of a delivery van sideways up on Crescent Hills. By the time Doug got there with the plow the driver was gone. Bob added if we do get a call on something simple, we do have the little truck with the plow on it. Wayne reported he added the counter to the website. The counter has 411 but it's only from 14 different ISP so only 14 unique organizations have looked at it. Tom nothing further to report.
- 12. Bills for Audit: Tom Tornstrom made a motion to accept the bills as presented, Roy Lemke, motion carried.
- 13. Adjournment: Jason Wieser made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:48 pm, Wavne Oliver.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk