

La Crescent Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 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 March 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: **Tom Tornstrom made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Jason Wieser seconded, motion carried.**

5. Minutes of February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting: **Jason Wieser made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Roy Lemke seconded, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: None

7.. Treasurers Report: **Wayne Oliver made a motion to approved the Treasurers report as presented by Josie, Jason Wieser 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. Universal Truck Equipment mailed a post card in reference to an open house that they are holding on Wednesday, May 12th. Olivia Denney, Houston County Emergency Management Director sent a letter in reference to the semi-annual update of the 2-way siren located at townhall. The siren has passed inspection and is working normally. Emily Johnson, Houston County Fair Manager mailed a letter updating the board on what the fair board has been working on. The board is appealing La Crescent Township to consider a donation to the Houston County Agricultural Society when determining our levy at the annual meeting. Karen noted in the expenditures for tonight is a bill for Jan 1st – Feb 1st for the electric at Wieser Park. A copy of that bill is being sent to the city and they are going to reimburse us for that amount. . Karen asked if expenditures for this quarter can be turned in by Wednesday, April 7th if possible. La Crescent Animal Rescue was included in the levy for 2020, but didn't get paid when the expenditures went out. Karen questioned if they should be paid tonight, or wait to the annual meeting to see if they're included in the donations for 2021. Feeling of the board was hold off till the annual meeting.

10. Other or Old Business: Roy reported he and Jason met with Travis and looked at

North Pine Creek Rd. Travis hasn't gotten back to them yet with the costs, but ballpark we are probably looking at \$200,000. The thought was maybe depending on cost was to do it in two phases. Tom gave an updated that he and Wayne met with Josie and are going to wait till after tax season to come up with some standard reports that would help the board. Also, look at the potential of using the Minnesota software for reporting. Wayne got quotes and they are the same, so no new movements on investments. Wayne advised unless we want to move the cash that's sitting at .05 to the insured money market at Merchants, that is his recommendation. The money market is at .35. **Wayne made a motion to authorize Josie to transfer our excess cash balance (\$720,000) from our account at Edward Jones to our insured money market at Merchants Bank, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.** Tom gave an updated on the easement on Horse Thief Ridge. The property owner's attorney sent a letter back to Greg. Greg sent another letter back stating our position as a town board and the easement is not going to close. The letter also stated we are willing to work with them and we will maintain the easement. Tom also reported the city is looking at extending the trail.

11.. Supervisors Report: Roy reported he and Jason took a look at the water issue at 212 Cornforth Rd that was reported on from last month. The washout is not in the township right away. Question is if it's our legal responsibility to take care of it. Bob and Roy will take a look at it and reach out to past Supervisors or township attorney for advice. Wayne reported the Federal Government decided to move the dot.gov websites from the general services administration to homeland security, so homeland security is putting a 90 day hold on moving anything. Jason reported he and Roy put the road band signs up. Bob reported receiving a call from one of the maintenance guys at the city that they are possibly cleaning out one of their salt/sand building and questioned if we would be interested in taking it for free. We would be responsible for the trucking. Bob advised he would like to have the road committee meet with Bill Waller before next winter and work out some type of an agreement with the city for their portion of us plowing and sanding Crescent Hills. Bob pointed out the snowplow operators did an excellent job this year.

12. Bills for Audit: **Wayne Oliver made a motion to accept the bills as presented, Jason Wieser, motion carried.**

13. Adjournment: **Jason Wieser made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:39 pm, Tom Tornstrom.**

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk