

La Crescent Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2021

Township Board Members Present:

Bob Schuldt Jason Wieser Tom Tornstrom
Roy Lemke Wayne Oliver Karen Schuldt
 Josie Bartsch -Bartsch Tax Service -absent

Chairman Bob Schuldt called the June 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, Roy Lemke seconded, motion carried.**

5. Minutes of May 10, 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: **Roy Lemke made a motion to approved the Treasurers, Jason Wieser seconded, motion carried.**

8. Clerk Report: Karen reported the township received its annual bridge inspection from Brian Pogodzinski Houston County Engineer. North Pine Creek Rd and Skunk Hollow were listed. Also, received notice that Thomas Ready, 1369 CTH 6 applied for a conditional use permit to operate a multi-unit storage facility in a general business district. The hearing will be done telephone/virtually on Thursday, June 24th at 5:30 p.m. Karen also reported the township received a request from the La Crescent Snowmobile Club to approve a premises permit application to do bingo at the club. Bob added the snowmobile club is looking at doing on premises bingo and utilizing Ridgeway Snowmobile Club gambling license as they would be hosting the gambling there. The permit application will need approval by the township and then the county and state. **Wayne made a motion to approve the application as submitted, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.**

9. Other or Old Business: Tom reported the city has added washing the guard rail on Crescent Hill to their list to be washed sometime this summer. New Age Tree Service called about spraying the weeds under and over the guard rail on Crescent Hills. Tom also reported we did receive a proposal from the adjacent property owners in reference to the easement at the end of Crescent Hills. The proposal was received today through our township attorney. Copies were provided to the board. Tom noted the proposal stated it is only effective if the Township agrees to terminate the current access easement. The new easement would be for a trail only (non-motorized and would dissolve previous

easements. The proposal outlines about 14 points which Tom summarized to the board. Tom added the challenge he sees is that the board has been very clear that easement as is isn't something the township is willing to give up, and basically we have gotten no where in the last eight months. Tom proposed placing the original signage language back up and to also include the two points that were requested of no motorized bikes and all pets must be leashed directed through our township attorney Greg. Following discussion and questions from attending township property owners: **Wayne Oliver made a motion to reject the proposal, Roy Lemke seconded, motion carried.**

Tom noted he and Wayne want to have a follow up meeting with Josie now that tax season is done. They will reach out to her to setup a time. Bob reported the county zoning was going to look into the clear cutting that was brought up last month. Wayne advised a cease-and-desist order was placed on the property.

10. Supervisors Report: Roy reported on Kelly Road the garbage truck drove in there when it was really hot and the tar/sealcoat were sticking to the tires creating some pot holes. Bob and Ed went out the next morning and scraped the clumps off and filled the holes with hot mix and covered it with pea gravel. Kelly Road is on the list to be seal coated this year. Wayne reported he sat in on a conference call with Homeland Security about safe domains. Wayne advised our current provider that hosts our website doesn't have the security credentials to host the .gov domains. The second part of that is the state of MN doesn't have the authority to take townships only cities. Wayne advised he should have a recommendation for next month. Jason received a complaint from a woman about the ditch being too deep that was done past the golf course. Tom reported he and Bob met with Mayor and they are moving their meetings to the community center while renovations are being done at city hall. Bob reported Minnesota Township Association had an insurance inspection done on the town hall building last week. Degenhardt put tubes in the tires and realized an invoice had never been mailed to us for the new tires last year. Bob also reported Ed has gotten the first mowing all done. Doug Goede said he can do the second mowing if Ed is not able to get it done. Bob advised he was contacted by Bob Burns and they wanted to have a meeting with different town boards about the county possibly downsizing their solid waste sites and just keeping Caledonia and Houston. Bob noted he's received calls about the trees hanging on Bush and Burns Valley. Also need to look at N. Pine Creek Rd and Town Hall East and West. Jason will contact Bennet Brothers.

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

12. Adjournment: **Roy Lemke made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:54 pm, Tom Tornstrom.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk