

La Crescent Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 13th, 2021

Final Approved

Township Board Members Present:

Bob Schuldt	Jason Wieser	Tom Tornstrom
Roy Lemke	Wayne Oliver	Karen Schuldt
Josie Bartsch - Treasurer	Greg Schieber – Twp Attorney	

Chairman Bob Schuldt called the September monthly meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Clerk Karen Schuldt took the roll call. Also present were Josie Bartsch, Treasurer and Township Attorney Greg Schieber.

4. Approval of Agenda: **Jason Wieser made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Roy Lemke seconded, motion carried.**

5. Minutes of August 9th, 2021 Regular Meeting: **Wayne Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jason Wieser, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: None that wished to address the board.

7. Crescent Hills Easement: Tom Tornstrom updated the board that the easement issue has been worked on for about a year with a lot of dialog and visitors as well. The board has stood behind that we want to keep the easement available for recreational use and then for future access should the main road wash out. It has now come to a point that we need some options to consider going forward. Attorney Greg Schieber advised we have been communicating with the property owners through their attorney to figure out a livable solution, which the most recent proposal has failed. Greg advised in talking with La Crescent attorney Skip Wieser that he has been involved not with this issue but in a very related issue with trail development on the city's behalf. The city's vision aligns with the township interest in making sure that we don't give up that easement or those rights to public access because that would be an important linkage to what they are trying to achieve. The issue on the table right now is the city is willing to take on an assignment of that easement rights if the township is willing to convey those easement rights to the city. Greg advised there would need to be restrictions in place such as the city couldn't abandon the easement without at least offering it back to the township. Following discussion, **Tom Tornstrom made a motion to ask Greg to pursue the agreement with the city and bring it back to the next meeting for review and final decision. Wayne Oliver seconded; motion carried.**

8. Treasurers Report: **Wayne Oliver made a motion to table the approval of the July & August reports until corrected documents are received next month, Bob Schuldt seconded, motion carried.**

9. Clerk Report: No report this month.

10. Other or Old Business: Atty Greg Schieber gave an updated on the Crescent Valley joint resolution for orderly annexation. The city rejected the townships proposal of 5 years of tax payments and settled on 3 years instead. Following discussion, the consensus of the board was to move forward with the joint resolution and approve the finalized resolution at the October meeting.

Jason gave an updated on the Cul-de-sac on Paar Street. Jason met with Bennett Brothers and went over some possible options to redirect the water. Catch basin is the best idea, but by far the most expensive idea involving drilling under the road and bringing it out on the north side of county road 6. A french drain might be the cheaper option, but Jason would need to contact the county to see if there are any rules about bringing water in there. The other option would be to build the brim up a little more. The feeling of the board was to build up the brim and see if that will works.

Roy gave an updated that he is still working with Travis Zenke to coordinate a time to meet out on North Pine Creek.

11. Supervisors Report:

Jason: Bennett Brothers are just waiting on rain days to finish up the tree trimming. Discussion was held on providing a future notice to township residences making them aware that tree trimming will be done in their area.

Tom: ARPA funding forms have all been filled out and are ready to go. There is a \$30.00 flat fee that MAT charges to register the township. **Wayne made a motion to authorize Bob to sign the paperwork to apply for the ARPA funding and pay the \$30.00 fee to MAT. Jason Wieser seconded; motion carried.**

Bob: Ed did get all the mowing done. The safety switches kept working themselves loose and then when Ed shut the tractor off, he was dead in the road. Bob rescued him and contacted Hammel who came out twice to fix the issue. Bush valley needs some rip raff rock. The alarm went off out at townhall on one of the tanks. The issue was the rain coming out of the downspout was going across the blacktop and running underneath the seal on the garage door into the drain which filled up the tank. An extension was added to the downspout and the seal on the door was replaced by the same contractor that did the other door. The plow truck will need to get in for the annual D.O.T inspection before November.

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

13. Adjournment: **Wayne Oliver made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:00 pm, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Schuldt