

La Crescent Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2021

Final Approved

Township Board Members Present:

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

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

4. Approval of Minutes: **Jason Wieser made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Wayne Oliver seconded, motion carried.**

5. Approval of Agenda, 2021 Regular Meeting: **Wayne Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Roy Lemke, motion carried.**

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

7. Crescent Hills Easement: Township attorney Greg Schieber brought up the issue of moving the easement to the City of La Crescent. There are three documents, deed to transfer real estate, second document was a right of first refusal so the easement would revert back to the Township if the City were to sell or transfer. The intent of moving the easement to the City would be to protect the existing easement for a future roadway as well as allow the easement to continue to be used as a recreational trail. The board would have 60 days to consider if the City were to change the intended use or ownership of the easement. The right would be in existence for 25 years. Additional explanation on how these documents could be enforced and used. Third document was a simple resolution for execution and signatures.

Questions to Greg. The 25 years is somewhat arbitrary, but not tied to 25 years exactly. This agreement could be extended.

Wayne Oliver made motion to accept the proposed resolution to the and allow Bob Schuldt to sign and convey the easement to the City. Tom Tornstrom seconded. Discussion, Jason asked if the City annexed the surrounding properties would the easement hold.

Opened to audience comments. John McCoy asked if would be better just to have the City annex them. Such discussion would have to be initiated with the City of La Crescent if the property owners wished. Additional discussion evolved surrounding the futures use of the easement.

Motion carried, Wayne, Tom, Bob in favor, Roy and Jason opposed.

Crescent Valley: Public Hearing, no speakers to address the board. These are properties which held out to the annex. A ten-year time frame is up and the remaining properties are now subject to annexation. We receive 3 years property tax and the homeowners have 6 years to hook up to city services. This is a joint position, and the City and Township are working together. Motion to approve the joint resolution for orderly annexation and allow Bob to sign the document.

Tom Tornstrom motioned for Bob and clerk to sign resolution, and Jason seconded. Motion carried.

8. Treasurers Report: Large check for road work in September. **Roy Lemke made a motion to approve of the July & August reports until corrected documents are received next month, Jason seconded, motion carried.**

Wayne Oliver made a motion to approve of the September report, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.

9. Clerk Report: No report this month.

10. Other or Old Business:

- Dick Walter sent a report on the work at the Wagon Wheel Trail where Daniel Boone surveyed. Township is agreed to help fund the monument. Note of public dedication ceremony coming up.
- Tax payments from the City for seven annexed properties received.
- Discussed bill from Hammel equipment. Seems to be work that was previously done and then same issue raised at the next use. Bob feels the repairs was not performed currently and we should not pay the invoice. The board felt should not pay until we learn more of the issue.
- Jason mentioned that the catch-basin issue will be worked on by Zenke with some minor repair. Should not be a big project, and a lid will also be designed and made. No discussion with property owners on cost-share. Will need a quote so we can meet with King to learn if he is willing to cost share.
- Cul-de-sac above Paar street is okay to hold until Spring.
- ARPA application in process.

11. Supervisors Report:

Jason: Wondering if the County has a map of the township boundaries. Dispatch could use Beacon to ensure they are calling the current township.

Tom: Nothing

Wayne: Nothing

Roy: King project, Wolters, discussed about cleaning the ditch out but not too extensive due to the grade of the ditch. Parties involved still looking for the other side of the culvert, where it discharges. Will need to be fixed.

Bob: Discussed getting the plow truck ready for the winter. Some additional tune-ups will need to be done prior to going live. The power washer is not fully functional and should be used routinely.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Tornstrom, Vice-Chair