

La Crescent Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023

Final Approved

Township Board Members Present:

Jason Wieser Roy Lemke Tim Payne
Tom Tornstrom Karen Schuldt Josie Bartsch - Treasurer

Interim Chairman Roy Lemke 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: **Tom Tornstrom made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Jason Wieser seconded, motion carried.**

5. Minutes of January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting: **Jason Wieser made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tim Payne seconded, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: none

7. Treasurers Report: **Tom Tornstrom made a motion to approve the treasurers report as presented, Tim Payne seconded, motion carried.**

8. Clerk Report:

- The township election is Tuesday, March 14th voting hours from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Town Hall. For Supervisor A, Roy Lemke has filed and Supervisor B, Shawn Allen has filed. The annual meeting will be held at 8:15pm at the La Crescent Community Building. The election canvassing board will meet immediately after.
- Starting this month, the Hilltopper bill will reflect an 8.2% increase which is due to a consumer price index increase.
- DeBoer Pest Control is offering a 6% discount if we pre-pay for the season. Feeling of the board was to pay for the season.

9. Other or Old Business:

- Jason gave an update in reference to the concern from Greg Meinertz and John McCoy last month of a hunter utilizing the easement with a loaded shotgun. Mr Meinertz and Mr. McCoy were looking for the township to enact an ordinance that would prohibit hunters from carrying a loaded shotgun through the easement. In an email from the township attorney Greg Schieber outlined two Minnesota statues. Minn. State. 471.633 preempts local lawmaking on the topic of firearms and Minn. State. 624.7181 prohibits the carrying of rifles and shotguns in public places but has significant exceptions such as carrying the gun when fully enclosed in a case, and carrying a rifle/shotgun to or from a place where hunting is permitted. No further action was taken by the board.
- Tim questioned if we were going to continue looking at the plans to update the town hall to ADA compliant. Tim added the closer we get to spring the contractors start booking up. Feeling of the board was to revisit the plans following the board of audit meeting.

10. Supervisors Report:

- Jason questioned how the salt shed was doing. Roy mentioned we will need to order some for next season and reach out to someone with an end loader to help get it in the salt shed.
- Tim, Tom and Roy nothing further to report.

Bills for Audit: Tim Payne made a motion to accept the bills as presented, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.

12. Adjournment: Jason Wieser made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:25 pm, Tim Payne seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Schuldt, clerk