La Crescent Township Monthly Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

Final Approved

Township Board Members Present: Roy Lemke Tim Payne Jason Wieser Shawn Allen-absent Tom Tornstrom Karen Schuldt Josie Bartsch - Treasurer Township Attorney Greg Schieber

Chairman Roy Lemke called the November 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: Tim Payne made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.

5. Minutes of October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting: Tom Tornstrom made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tim Payne seconded, motion carried.

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board:A. Bluff County LLC. Two Conditional Use Permits Discussion.

Chairman Lemke opened the floor for discussion on this topic. Mike Sexauer came forward to address the board and audience about the conditional use permit that he had submitted to Houston County to place two homes in an agricultural district. Approximately eighteen people were in attendance along with Houston County Zoning Administrator Martin Herrick. Those in attendance spoke and raised questions/concerns about the amount of vehicle traffic on Pine Creek Road. Also, the condition of the road to withstand a large construction area. Concerns also were brought forth about Indian burial grounds on the property. Other concerns were that the Houston County Comprehensive Plan is being followed in preservation of the agricultural district. Several people from the audience spoke out against the granting of these conditional use permits. After discussion: The board did not feel they had enough information on this project to make a recommendation at this time to the Houston County Planning Commission. The board directed Attorney Schieber to send a letter to the Houston County Planning Commission on their behalf.

7. Treasurers Report: Josie advised Eric Minor is our new financial advisor at Edward Jones. There are two CDs that are coming due. The consensus of the board was to reinvest as they are coming due. **Tom Tornstrom made a motion to approve the treasurers report as presented, Tim Payne seconded, motion carried.**

8. Clerk Report: Karen reported she is questioning a bill from Houston County Highway Dept. to replace signs which included new posts. An email was sent to Sheila at the county to clarify. Karen advised she is holding the bill till next month.

9. Other or Old Business: Attorney Schieber gave an update on the rejection letter that was received from the city of La Crescent in reference to the annexation of parcels in Crescent Hills. The consensus of the board was to wait at this time. Supervisor Tom Tornstrom abstained from

discussion.

Ed requested to do some tree trimming along the road right away where he mows.

- 10. Supervisors Report:
 - Jason reported receiving a call from a resident on Cornforth Rd who is concerned with the seal coat that was put down. The road doesn't get a lot of traffic so there is a lot of pea rock that is on the side of the road. Jason advised he will keep an eye on it.
 - Roy advised we will need to get the voting room cleared out at some point so the construction can begin.

11. Bill for Audit: Jason Wieser made a motion to accept the bills as presented, Tim Payne seconded, motion carried.

12. Adjournment: Tom Tornstrom made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:19 pm, Tim Payne seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Schuldt, clerk