

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, March 1, 2022, 6:00 PM, CROW WING TOWN HALL

Board Members Present: Chairman Tucker Schuety, Supervisor Doug Kern, Supervisor Paul Stephany, Treasurer Diane Stephany, and Clerk Sue Kern.

Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Residents were reminded to sign the roster.

There were no gopher bounties.

Tucker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no additions. Tucker made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Doug seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business: Ginny Knudson, attorney from Borden, Steinbauer, Krueger & Knudson, presented her background and experience. Ginny is very familiar to township business and needs and is currently representing several townships. Ginny stated the townships first avenue for attorney advice should go through the MAT office and then through her. Doug made the motion to accept Ginny as our attorney along with the Representation Agreement presented. Paul seconded. There was no further discussion. Motion passed 3-0. The Board thanked her for coming to the meeting. The appropriate paperwork was signed and will be forwarded back to our attorney's office.

Heather Bandeen of Sourcewell was present. She is a colleague to Amanda Peterson who is our Planning and Zoning Administrator. Heather presented a few sources of revenue such as matching funds up to \$10,000, boost funding of \$1000 and reimbursement monies. Further, Soucewell offers consultant workforce development, professional development on topics such as the open meeting law, data practices, serial meetings, and clerk's academy. Heather stated their fiscal year ends June 30th to take advantage of the matching funds like the township did for the newsletter and the Comprehensive Plan. There was some discussion about the nuisance ordinance and enforcement policy. The Board thanked her for coming and presenting the material. No action was taken.

Unfinished Business: No business was brought forward.

Public Comments: Randy mentioned an article on the city of Brainerd and discussion of COVID relief funds and questioned the possibility of getting natural gas lines in. The matter was discussed and explained.

Planning and Zoning Report: Brad was absent. The new nuisance ordinance draft and enforcement policy draft was discussed. Tucker explained that the old ordinance/policy did not have enough "teeth" to it and this additional policy/ordinance supersedes the old one. It is more detailed and gives our planning and zoning administrator better language to use in her communications with residents and well-defined steps. Paul questioned the use of the words 'may require' in section 1.3, B, (#4) regarding storage containers. The violation process requires only one written complaint. Once a resident is told that there is a problem, there are steps to go from there. There is some leeway due to natural conditions but not a lot. The ordinance/policy gives the township more ability to deal with violations and gives the township more discretion regarding weather. Tucker will bring back to the Planning and Zoning Board the discussion of tonight.

Regarding the Schuety violation, Amanda has attempted to get ahold of them, but they are not responding. Papers were to be served by the Sheriff's department regarding their ongoing violation. More information to follow.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's report and claims #1722 to #1736 were reviewed and approved. Payroll time sheets were not due until the March 15th meeting. Cash control statement balanced with the bank statements.

Road Report: Doug reported that more mailboxes have been knocked down due to plowing and snow. Most of the mailboxes were with wooden posts. Our contractor has been busy keeping up with the plowing and sanding

intersections. Doug has been doing additional plowing and checking of streets. The only complaint was at the end of Town Hall Street. The cul-de-sacs are the most difficult to maintain due to lack of space to put the snow. There was discussion about the possibility of Crow Wing Township being annexed into Brainerd/Baxter.

Cemetery Report: There has been one burial. Some paperwork will need to be re-done due to a spelling error.

Fire Administration: Next meeting is set for March 3, 2022.

Administrative Business: The Board of Canvass was discussed to approve the upcoming election results. Randy had previously offered his services. Tucker agreed to as well. Doug made the motion to approve Randy Powers and Tucker Schuety to be the Board of Canvass for the election results. Paul seconded. It was stated that Tucker could not vote due to a conflict of interest. Motion passed 2-0 with 1 abstention.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting was discussed along with the 2022-23 calendar. Doug made the motion to approve the agenda and the 2022-23 calendar. Tucker seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

The county said because of the Re-districting, the Supervisors needed to do a resolution stating that P1 and P2 would entirely be in the precinct and accept the precinct boundaries. Doug made the motion to approve. Tucker seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Communications: Donation requests will be brought forward to the Annual Meeting. No other important mail.

Announcements: The MAT office sent a brochure encouraging the board to take Spring Short Courses via zoom. Topics were discussed. Doug made a motion to approve board members to attend appropriate meetings as they can do. Tucker seconded the motion. It was noted that the zoom meetings would be recorded and could be attended at another time other than what is listed on the brochure. Motion passed 3-0.

Approve Minutes: The Town Board Regular minutes for February 8, 2022, were reviewed. Doug made the motion to approve. Tucker seconded. No discussion. Motion pass 3-0.

Adjourn Meeting: Tucker made a motion to adjourn. Doug seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0 at 7:28 pm.