

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 10, 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. Tucker wanted a discussion about the website added. Doug made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Paul seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business: The MATIT consolidated insurance policy and bill were reviewed. The coverage and price have not changed since last year. Paul made the motion to approve and continue paying for the MATIT consolidated insurance coverage. Tucker seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Unfinished Business: None.

Public Comments: Brad brought with some old minutes from April 2017, indicating that shouldering on 50th that had been approved to improve and had never been done. None of those board members are currently on the board. Doug will investigate it. Gerry mentioned that Fyle's brought in the porta-potty to the park. Randy noted that potholes had Class 5 in them.

Planning and Zoning Report: It was decided that Amanda Peterson, Township Planning and Zoning Administrator will no longer have set hours at the town hall. Sourcewell has had concerns about her working there alone in such a rural area. The Board agreed with the change and Amanda will meet residents by appointment only. The website will need to be updated and Amanda's phone number posted in multiple places so residents may reach her. **To set up an appointment with Amanda, residents are to call for an appointment at 218-895-4138.** This change should be more cost effective to the township.

Owned Storage plat development was discussed. The Planning Commission voted for the project to go forward and asked for the Town Board to support the decision. All required services have been presented to date including a storm water plan, developer's agreement, and survey. The logger made the mistake of removing trees he should not have removed. The applicant is to rectify the situation as soon as possible. A vegetation screen and landscaping plan will need to be in place prior to any building permits with an urgent need to carry out tree planting and a fence bordering the resident's property. A vote to move forward allows the applicant to take care of this mistake as soon as possible. Amanda and the attorney are going over the necessary paperwork including a possible bond. Doug made the motion to proceed but no signing off until the vegetation screen and landscaping plan are submitted prior to a building permit. Tucker seconded the motion. The exact dates are not pinned down, but proposal will happen in the next 1-2 weeks and carry out the plan in the next 1-2 weeks. The immediate concern is the fencing and planting of trees on the border of the neighboring property. Motion passed 3-0.

The Anderson/Schuety septic violation on Wels Avenue was discussed. The residents have had 1 ½ years to comply and respond. The Planning Commission suggested to turn the matter over to the attorney. Tucker made the motion to contact the attorney and go forward with cease and desist to get the owners moving in the right direction. Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Brad said two drafts are coming with ordinance amendments for extraction and the Child Day Care facility. Other violations are being dealt with now that the weather warmed up. Brad is checking into a possible permit violation of an addition on Deason's property. Justin and Amanda will be doing a site visit of the tree planting process on the bluff. The rumors of a group home are false.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's report and claims #1765 to #1780 were reviewed and approved. Payroll was reviewed and approved.

Road Report: Doug reported a bid from Jet Black to include additional work on Wetherbee and the cul-de-sacs for a total of \$16,830 in addition to the previous bid for 110th and Forest Heights. They gave a break of approximately \$3000 as the equipment will already be here to do the original project. The plan is to do the work this coming week. Tucker made the motion to go forward with the project as soon as possible. Doug seconded the motion. Brad questioned the specifications and wanted the names of the roads and cul-de-sacs written in the agreement. Doug will have him confirm specifics. Motion passed 3-0. The road tour was completed April 28th. Overall, the roads looked good, but potholes are popping up. There is a sign pulled off on Wetherbee. There are sink holes on 50th. There was discussion of putting a bump sign up. There is a problem with water backing up and Doug has been working to open that up near 70th. There is a beaver dam between Wetherbee and 70th. Ditch Law was discussed, and it was determined that the Bengtson property culvert needed to be fixed near 80th. This could cause problems for others if not dealt with. This is the responsibility of the property owner and not the township. Doug will contact him.

No one has responded to the Road Maintenance Contract which was published in the Dispatch. Brad Gorrion says he is done with our township roads. Doug made the motion to re-run the add. Tucker seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Doug or the Clerk will try calling other contractors. Our current contract with Northland Excavating expires this month. Brad said he would help over the summer but only if necessary. The contractors that do this type of work are few and far between. There are great demands put on them 24/7 and difficulty dealing with complaints.

Cemetery Report: There have been stones being placed. Randy asked if there were any new Veterans as he puts flags on those sites. Gerry will be maintaining the mower with new blades and get the cemetery ready for Memorial Day.

Fire Administration: None.

Administrative Business: None.

Communications: A letter from Debbie Erickson was reviewed regarding the upcoming elections and a notification from the state regarding Mineral Hearing meeting interested parties could attend virtually.

Announcements: None.

Approve Minutes: The Town Board Regular minutes for April 12, 2022, were reviewed. Doug made the motion to approve as written. Tucker seconded. No discussion. Motion pass 3-0. The Board of Equalization and Appeals were reviewed. Doug made the motion to approve as written. Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0. Tucker abstained as he was not in attendance at that meeting.

Adjourn Meeting: Tucker made a motion to adjourn. Paul seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.