

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 12, 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. Addition of the Enforcement Ordinance Amendment was added to New Business. Tucker made to motion to approve the agenda as amended. Doug seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business: Brad informed the Board the Planning Commission is working on verbiage regarding camping on the ordinance. It will be brought forward after a public hearing. Brad mentioned that Owned Storage complex project was going forward, and the landowner was granted a perpetual easement on the driveway and a fence was placed and trees are being planted. Tucker stated Ginny Knutson and Amanda were requesting permission to do an Enforcement Ordinance Amendment. The change would be so attorney fees will be charged to the persons committing violations. There will be a charge from attorney involved. Paul made the motion to approve. Tucker seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

George Burton was present requesting permission for his neighborhood party and to employ Zone One Responders from 9:20 to 9:50. pm approximately on August 13th. Doug made the motion to approve. Tucker seconded. No discussion. Motion approved 3-0.

Unfinished Business: The Anderson Schuety septic violation was discussed. Brad stated the facility has been vacated. It can not be occupied until the area is cleaned and there is proof of septic installation. Deeding of the property is in progress.

Public Comments: Randy complained a tree was leaning on Town Hall Street. It was pointed out that since the last storm multiple trees are leaning, and many trees fell on the roads. The clean up for this has been in process and has been extremely time consuming. Gerry inquired about the stop sign at Wild Rice Depot. The area hasn't been marked yet. Gerry mentioned he needed more of the heavy contractor bags. He was told to get them as needed but there are some in the township truck. Tom M. stated there were missing signs on Craig and 75th.

Planning and Zoning Report: The **Jackson** violation was discussed. There is excessive squatting between 80th and 70th. Law enforcement is aware of the situation. Civil suit was filed through the Planning Commission. This has become a life safety issue. Law enforcement has warned all to stay away from the area. The owner, Colleen Jackson, attended P&Z meeting last night. Her daughter, Krista, is to be removing temporary structures & campers. A site inspection is scheduled for July 19th if Law Enforcement approves. They will meet at the landowner's home and proceed with police escort to the property. Colleen was to notify the daughter to vacate the area. Arrests have been made. Minor ordinance violations including lack of entry permit and camping for greater than 14 days have occurred. The matter is being monitored by Law Enforcement and hopefully progress will happen in the next week.

The **Ream** complaint is not resolved. Progress is not documented due to inability to connect via phone. The **Jillson** complaint has made significant progress. Three more loads are to be removed this week and removal of the balance of a motor home. Chad attended P&Z meeting last night. He was thanked for the progress he has made. **Big Wood Enterprises** has gotten rid of rubbish, removed garbage, storage material has been consolidated and organized as much as possible. Vehicles have been moved. Brad has inspected the site. The **Traxler** complaint was reviewed. Amanda inspected the property, and the matter was cleaned up and taken care of. Regarding the **Deason** property, the trees have been replaced and they are on a semi-annual review. Amanda will create a list of removals from the violations.

Treasurers Report: Claims #1807 to #1827 were reviewed and approved. Payroll was reviewed and approved. Diane informed the board that the mileage rate from the state was increased to 62.5 cents per mile. Diane asked permission to move approximately \$163,000 to a new account to ensure security of funds since we recently received property taxes. Doug made the motion to approve moving funds from Wings to a new account set up by the Treasurer. Paul seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Road Report: Lori Thramer was in attendance and requested a traffic speed study on Arielle Drive. She has contacted Ken Hanson @ MN Dot, and they stated a Resolution was needed. Doug made the motion to do a Resolution requesting MN DOT to do a speed study on Arielle Drive from the interchange with MN Trunk Highway 371 to Brandon Way to determine a safe and appropriate speed. Tucker seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Doug stated he has been in contact with the Sheriff's Department regarding the significant storm damage that occurred June 20-24th. He has been taking pictures and Paul has been attempting to find some to help with the trees and get prices. Some roads have had wash outs. If the cleanup damage costs exceed \$3500, we could get reimbursement funding. Doug and/or any Supervisor will attend a meeting on July 19th. There are still multiple trees down and significant water damage and repairs that need to be completed. The Township will have to hire out to complete the work including some of the ditch mowing. The grass cannot be cut when it is wet. The equipment for ditch mowing is broken down and parts have been on order for weeks. Brad Gorrion is willing to help with ditch mowing @ \$125/mile. After considerable discussion, it was decided to have Brad Gorrion do 13 miles. Doug made the motion to hire Brad G. to do ditch mowing for approximately 13 miles. Tucker seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Doug inquired the history of culverts in the Burr Rd and Ravenswood Rd area. There was never a culvert just ditches. There was discussion to sell the ditch mowing 'wing'. Paul inquired about the proper right of way measurements and is looking to find someone to help with the trees. All the damages from the storms cannot be done by 4 people. Doug will train Paul in on use of tractor and ditch mowing. Brad G. may do the road maintenance contract if someone will be the Supervisor of the project as he will be taking two months off over the winter. Paul talked to Bodell regarding possibly doing snow removal and possibly put in a bid.

The contract between St. Mathias and Crow Wing Township was reviewed. Doug has talked to the Clerk at St. Mathias and a search will be done regarding who has paid for what in the past when she returns from vacation. The road needs gravel. Doug will be talking to Cassey and Jim Guida.

Cemetery Report: Doug reported there has been one burial. There are multiple trees and stumps that need to be cleaned up.

Fire Administration: The 2nd quarter incident report was reviewed.

Administrative Business: None.

Communications: Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Announcements: Chairman Tucker Schuety will attend the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on August 10th at Grand View from 6:30 – 8:30 am. The PRIMARY ELECTION is AUGUST 9, 2022. Due to the election on the 2nd Tuesday, the next Regular Township Board Meeting will be the THIRD TUESDAY on August 16, 2022.

Approve Minutes: The minutes from the June 14, 2022, were reviewed. Doug made the motion to approve as written. Tucker seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Paul mentioned a need for additional lighting in the garage. Doug made the motion for 4 strip lights to be added. Tucker seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourn Meeting: Tucker made a motion to adjourn. Doug seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

