

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 a motion to accept the agenda as written. Doug seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business: The Sourcewell termination letter was reviewed. Sourcewell has given a 60-day notice and the contract will end on September 30, 2022. Sourcewell will no longer be working with any townships but working only with cities due to lack of enough qualified staff. Brad Arnold is looking into options to replace the P&Z administrator.

Unfinished Business: The 60th Street Agreement with St. Mathias was reviewed and discussed. Gravel is needed to be added. Due to the vacation of the Clerk in St. Mathias, Doug has been unable to connect with her regarding the costs and who paid for what. Regular maintenance is shared biannually. Major items like new gravel are shared costs. Doug will be looking into it. The **Arielle Speed study** has been submitted.

Public Comments: Gerry had several comments regarding the cemetery. When one grave site was placed the company caused several ruts in the ground in two areas. Doug will check into it. Further, there is a shrub planted in a poor location and Doug said he would move it. Gerry wants a new sign posted on the gate at the cemetery telling people what they can and cannot do. Randy suggested they change the rule about use of artificial foliage as people do not remove it in a timely fashion. Gerry will compare the old sign to the new one he is proposing to have made.

Planning and Zoning Report: Brad Arnold was not present. Sue stated that there would be public hearings coming up in the September P&Z meeting and ordinance language changes to consider.

Treasurers Report: Diane requested permission to consult with a CPA regarding quarterly tax forms. After a discussion, Tucker made the motion for her to contact a local CPA to get advice on completion of IRS Federal tax forms. Doug seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Diane stated on her quest to find a new bank, she has found one that can hold all our funds securely at First National Bank. This bank can hold all our funds securely and not be limited to the \$250,000 maximum FDIC requirements that our current banks require. The interest rate is better at First National Bank than at our current three banks. Tucker made the motion to open a public account investors' money market account at First National Bank. The First National Bank would be the insurer and Diane would get letters stating that agreement. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tucker made a motion to open a checking account at First National Bank. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tucker made the motion to transfer funds to the First National Bank. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tucker made the motion to close the existing accounts once funds have been transferred. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tucker made a motion for Diane to buy new checks and open online banking at First National Bank. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Claims #1828 to #1857 were reviewed and approved. Payroll was reviewed and approved.

Road Report: Road Maintenance Contract: Ryan Bodell attended the meeting and asked questions about what was needed to do the job. He is from the Pillager area and can plow snow and grade the roads. He was given a map of the township roads. He will bring a bid to the next meeting or submit it with the Clerk. Brad Gorrion of Northland Excavating had submitted a bid for tonight's meeting. Both will be reviewed at the next meeting. Doug reported the belts finally came in at Midwest to do the 2nd cutting in the ditches. Doug had Brad Gorrion do additional ditch mowing as the belts were taking so long to come in and he completed the work.

Doug reported on the storm damage meeting he attended with John Bowan. There is emergency funding available for the storms June 20-24. It was estimated that our township's cost would be \$5000 or higher to include the wash outs and trees in the ditches that needed cleaning up. He said we should get the work done and apply for reimbursement. Paul and Doug have been inquiring tree trimming businesses for do the tree trimming. They will push to have 3 bids presented at the next meeting. Doug stated the stop sign at Wild Rice Depot is in place.

Cemetery Report: Doug said he has been working on name transfers from parents' on to children. He thanked Gerry for the work he has done on the trees.

Fire Administration: The next meeting is August 22, 2022.

Administrative Business: The Sourcewell Community Match Funds Final Report was reviewed and approved. Centerpoint Utility Permit to do a boring on Wild Rice Road was reviewed. Tucker made the motion to approve. Doug seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Tucker signed the paperwork. A letter including a charge will accompany the paperwork. There is a Legal Seminar coming up and interested parties should attend.

Communications: Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Announcements: None.

Approve Minutes: The minutes from the July 12, 2022, were reviewed. Doug made the motion to approve as written. Paul seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Paul inquired about the power lights outside. He will check with the power company.

Gerry asked permission to shampoo the carpet at the town hall. Doug made the motion for Gerry to go ahead and shampoo the carpet. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourn Meeting: Tucker made a motion to adjourn. Doug seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.