

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, August 10, 2021 6:00 PM, CROW WING TOWN HALL

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

Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Doug had 10 Cemetery Deeds to be signed and notarized.

Brad asked that a discussion about speed signs be added to the agenda. Tucker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Paul seconded, motion passed 3-0.

There were no gopher bounties.

Under New Business the Town Hall toilet issues and septic tank pumping were discussed. Gerry said that the ladies toilet has had issues of not flushing for a few years and the men's toilet is starting to do the same thing. It may have something to do with the line and septic tank. Gerry will also look into changing the toilets to regular floats. Brad mentioned that Fyle's has a camera that can check the sewer line. After discussion, Doug made a motion to have Gerry take care of getting the Town Hall septic tank pumped out. Paul seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Under Unfinished Business no new information has been received from KLD or Tom Feierabend on the township taking over Lone Oak Circle. Brad Miller from BAMSites.com was in attendance to discuss the new website. The clerk will send minutes and other items to Brad as they are approved. The test website is available for review by the township and any changes or comments can be sent to Brad Miller.

Brad Arnold talked about the current violations and what was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting Monday night. Amanda was not able to attend the Planning Commission meeting because of a scheduling conflict so discussion about procedure and policy changes regarding property violations will be discussed at the next meeting. Amanda has examples of other local jurisdictions handling of property violations. Amanda has been in contact with the residents on Estate Circle where a complaint was received. The Town Hall Street violation will be cleaned up and the owner purchased another property to be used for his business. The complaint on Wetherbee Road has been addressed. The owners are working to clean it up and have moved items that were over the property line. An inspection will be done within 6 weeks to ensure progress is being made. A flagpole ordinance was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting because of a request to put up a 75 foot flagpole at the new storage buildings site on Business 371. The owners were told to submit a variance request so a public hearing would be required to hear any resident concerns. A question about who does the SSTS inspections in the township will also be addressed at the next Planning Commission meeting. There is nothing new on the other violations.

The additional speed limit signs have not been put up yet on Catherine's Way. The Sheriff Radar Sign will be scheduled after the speed limit signs are installed. The new Comprehensive Plan booklets have been distributed and a copy is in the office at the Town Hall. The donated playground equipment will be installed when the weather cools down.

There were no Public Comments.

Payroll was reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report and claim numbers 1570-1569 were reviewed and approved.

Doug gave the Road Report. Doug finished up the ditch mowing. Patching on Estate Circle has been done. The second round of ditch mowing will start after the middle of August. Brad talked to Scott from Anderson Brothers about the sinkholes on 50th Avenue. Chris Larson from Anderson Brothers will look at it and talk to the township. An estimate was received from Anderson Brothers for repairs to Gorrion Road. The culvert is good but the two bad portions of the road (approximately ½ mile) should be raised. Repairing the areas with fabric and mix would only last 3-5 years. Mobilization costs of a reclaimer are way down so the best solution is to reclaim the existing pavement and put down geotextile

fabric and add either 1' of fill (cost \$177,278.74) or ½' foot of fill (cost \$158,347.86). A less expensive option is to just reclaim the existing pavement and add 4" of Class 5 and pave over that (cost \$117,208.44). Brad suggested the reclaiming and adding ½' of fill would be a good way to increase the life of the road. The area over the culvert should have more material over it to reduce the bump. Tucker asked if Brad could get a price to put down the geotextile fabric and then do the reclaiming without adding any fill. Brad will contact Scott about that option.

There was discussion about crackfilling the newly paved roads. Doug said that they look good now and crackfilling could wait until next year. The clerk brought up the question about doing the planned 2022 road projects as a part of Crow Wing County's projects. If the township wants to do that the County Highway Department should be contacted to let them know about the township's plans. Doug will contact the Crow Wing County Highway Department about adding the township roads to their 2022 construction schedule.

Under Communications the notice about the MAT District 8 Election and Meeting on August 18, 2021 was reviewed.

Sue brought up that there are ongoing problems with the Treasurer's laptop. It is very slow and nothing seems to help with speeding it up. It is five years old and should be replaced. Tucker made a motion to replace the Treasurer's laptop. Doug seconded, motion passed 3-0.

The clerk contacted Clayton Caird with the BMX Track about the \$1.00 yearly lease payment that is past due. Mr. Caird said he would attend the September 14, 2021 Town Board meeting to discuss the lease. They are also going to install a gate between the BMX Track and the Township Park.

Gerry said he can get fencing and a gate from Menard's to install behind the town hall and corner of the park. He also got prices from Blakeman and Fyles about replacing the current Porta Potty at the park. Both cost \$125/month for a Porta Potty and Fyles will get rid of the old one for no charge. Blakeman will not take out the old one. Tucker made a motion to have Fyles take out the old Porta Potty and place a new one. Doug seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Clerk Duane Ruona submitted a letter of resignation stating his last day would be September 30, 2021. After discussion Tucker made a motion to appoint Sue Kern to fill out the term of Township Clerk. Paul seconded, motion passed 2-0 with Doug abstaining. Sue said that she had talked to Diane Stephany about taking over the Treasurer's position. After discussion Tucker made a motion to appoint Diane Stephany to fill out the term of Township Treasurer. Doug seconded, motion passed 2-0 with Paul abstaining. Doug made a motion to pay Diane Stephany \$20.00 per hour for training to become the Township Treasurer

A motion was made by Doug to approve the July 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written, seconded by Paul. Motion passed 3-0.

Tucker made a motion to adjourn. Doug seconded, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.