

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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 to add a discussion about speeding traffic on Arielle and Brad wanted to add comments about the road work. Tucker made to motion to approve the agenda as amended. Doug seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business: The Traxler citizen complaint on 7792 Joshua Lane was discussed. The complaint was that there was burning of rubbish in a pit. Amanda Peterson, the Planning & Zoning Administrator, called and did a site visit with them and received a prompt and favorable response from the owner indicating that they would cease to do any disposal of that type and would clean it up promptly. There was no evidence of foul or suspicious activity. Amanda will follow up.

The citizen complaint for right of way on 10164 Town Hall Street was discussed. It was noted that the owner has passed away and Dustin Jensen has been deeded the property. Because many of the lots in Barrows have been plotted in error, the landowner owns the ditch and into the street. The parked truck and trailer are on his property and not in the right of way and the neatly stacked wood is on the edge. No action is needed.

The SSTS violation for 9413 CR #45 will be reviewed by the Planning Commission next month as a letter has been sent. The matter will be followed up later.

Brad said he talked with Jim Guida from St. Mathias Township. Jim wanted to know when gravel was last applied to 60th Street. Resurfacing the road is a shared expense. The road has been graded. Doug will follow up with Jim.

There was a citizen complaint of speeding cars on Arielle Drive coming off the overpass and questions of the actual speed limit. Also, there is no signage in one direction. There had been a complaint previously and Doug had put up a 30-mph sign, however, he has since learned that a speed study would have to be done and the Township cannot alter the speed on their own. Currently the 30-mph cannot be enforced as it states. Brad stated that the State had determined the speed to be 40-mph (on the dark black pavement area) and to be 50-mph after that. Further, the speed limit has to do with the density of number of driveways/residents in a certain number of miles. It was stated there is not a lot of policing of the speeding traffic and there is a long list to wait for a speed study to be done. The resident who made the complaint was present and wants orange flags placed on the 30-mph sign.

Unfinished Business: The road maintenance contractor situation is still unresolved. Multiple phone calls have been made to find a replacement and it has been published twice in the Brainerd Dispatch. Blake Christopherson, DeChantel's, Dale's Excavating, Dave Keehr, Holmwig's Excavating and Northland Excavating have been called. To date, no one has put in a bid. The Township will continue to look for someone to do the road maintenance. The work is difficult and requires odd hours in winter weather and other cities are also having trouble finding people to do the work. The search for a road maintenance contractor will continue.

Public Comments: Gerry brought up the need for a stop sign at Wild Rice Depot. Gerry also questioned when the playground equipment in the shed would be put up in the park. Everyone is busy at their full-time jobs and will try to get both matters taken care of.

Planning and Zoning Report: The Owned Storage 371 landscaping plan was presented as required for the Plat. Cedar fencing stained a natural color, deciduous and coniferous trees were added along Carol England's property as a buffer. Additionally, the applicant is offering an easement to Carol. Errors were made in a previous sale and her driveway will

need to have an easement for access for Carol and any future homeowner. The applicant has graciously included that in the agreement. Doug made a motion to approve the landscaping plan as modified. Paul seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0. The plat agreement was signed by Chairman Schuety and notarized by the clerk. They will bring the paperwork to the recorder's office.

The Anderson Schuety noncompliance septic violation has been ongoing for two years. They do not have a functioning septic system. They quit responding about six months ago. The attorney, Ginny Knutson, was consulted, and she has advised not to do cease and desist but to initiate a civil suit. The initial notification to them will be from the attorney representing the Township. They will either vacate the property, fulfill the septic requirements or the Township will continue with the civil action suit which will be very costly to both parties. Tucker made the motion for the attorney to proceed with said letter and civil suit. Doug seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's report and claims #1781 to #1806 were reviewed and approved. Payroll was reviewed and approved.

Road Report: Brad stated he was dissatisfied with the Jet Black crack and seal repair. He stated the cul-de-sacs looked good, but several spots were missed on Wetherbee. He felt the workmanship in general was not good. Tucker added their equipment was not really made for big jobs. Brad further stated he felt the record keeping of the road history needed improvement and has been not good for the last 6-8+ years. He stated the Township should decide what they can do and hire out for the rest for a full-time position. Brad stated the roadway maintenance has gone downhill since the Township purchased their own tractor. He stated he realized the Supervisors have full time other employment and they are doing the best they can with the time limitations. Brad stated when they hired out years ago it cost about \$68,000 but now the cost would probably be doubled. Unfortunately, no one is responding to the Township requests for roadway maintenance. Brad suggested to hire out for the work if they can find someone to do the work. It was stated that the culvert done by Anderson's on Lone Oak needs repair.

Doug stated he has done sweeping but not completed it. He had filled potholes with Class 5 and now that the temperature is warming up, he can start on the potholes. He thanked Gerry for the work he has done with all the downed trees from the storm. The tractor needs maintenance and then ditch mowing can start after that.

Cemetery Report: Doug reported that there have been a lot of activity with burials, marking of graves, stones being placed and requests for old records. The records have been poorly kept for years. Gerry suggested a new sign be put up at the cemetery stating what can and cannot be done.

Administrative Business: The annual MAT cards were distributed to the Town Board members. A resolution to approve election judges for the upcoming Primary and Mid Term elections. Debbie Erickson stated to just put election judge "names are on file" and adjust the dates. Tucker made the motion to approve the resolution. Doug seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

The situation of the water accumulation on Dr. Bengtson property was discussed. The water has gone down and not an issue. Doug stated he has a guy setting beaver traps to help with the situation.

Communications: Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Announcements: None.

Approve Minutes: The minutes from the May 10, 2022, were reviewed. Doug had the motion to approve as written. Tucker seconded. No 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.

