

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, TUESDAY, TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING, @ 6:00 PM, CROW WING TOWN HALL

Board Members Present: Chairman Doug Kern, Supervisor Nathan Hulinsky, Supervisor Paul Stephany, Treasurer Diane Stephany, and Clerk Sue Kern.

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Doug and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Residents were reminded to sign the roster. There were no gopher bounties. Doug asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none. Doug made the motion to approve the agenda as written. Paul seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business: Road Maintenance Contractor: No contractors presented a bid. The search for a road maintenance contractor to snowplow our roads will continue. A brief discussion regarding the rental of the **Pavilion** took place. It was decided to leave it as it has been with a \$30 rental fee for reservations of the pavilion as it costs the township extra clean up time. The **Election Agreement** with the county was discussed. The State legislation requires an agreement with each township. The average amount would be approximately \$76.89 per precinct out of the money that was allocated to Crow Wing County. The county wants to keep the full amount. Doug wanted to table the decisions to seek further information. There was no second and Doug withdrew the motion to table. After considerable discussion, Paul made the motion to sign the agreement giving the full amount to the county. Nathan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The **future highway Crow Wing County Projects** was reviewed. No action was taken.

Unfinished Business: The new lawn mower is here and tractor are in. Attachments for the tractor will be coming. The total cost was \$46,391.50 and the Community Impact Funds were \$41,000. Doug made a motion for the township to pay the additional \$5,391.50 for the improved lawn mower bucket/scoop for the John Deere 1025R tractor & attachments and the \$41,000 which we received from Sourcewell for a total invoice of \$46,391.50. Nathan seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. It was added that the old lawn mower should be sold to make room in the garage. The board agreed to sell the old lawnmower for \$500 or the best offer with the proceeds going to offset the cost of the bucket/scoop. The old mower needs a new starter. Doug made that motion. Nathan seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comments: Gerry stated the wiring for the lights for the township truck and trailer do not match up. The lack of space in the garage was discussed. The old office chairs were discussed as to what to do with them during public discussion. Doug made the motion to donate them to Habitat for Humanity. Nathan seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Regarding the long arm for ditch mowing, Doug will try to get it in working order and if it doesn't work properly, it may be sold.

Residents were in attendance regarding the **Jackson** violation. People are concerned for their safety as it looks like there could be drug activity in the woods. The area was to be gated and has been open most of the summer. The ordinance criteria were discussed. There is a structure present including campers and tents with much activity. Brad and Doug have talked to the Sheriff's office. The area was gated when the Sheriff checked the area. The Sheriff's department is fully aware and will be monitoring the situation. After considerable discussion, Doug made the motion to hand deliver letters previously sent to the owners and a letter given to the Sheriff requesting their assistance. Nathan seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

A complaint was made about the billboards on Business #371 needing to be repaired or removed. Discussion on the matter showed that there was really no way of contacting anyone and it is private property.

Paul added that he wanted extra keys made for the new fireproof cabinet. The company was going to charge \$225. Doug made a motion to type up a letter/resolution to have two keys made and Paul will bring it to Gull Lake Lock & Key to check into getting keys made at a more affordable price. Nathan seconded. Pass 3-0. Paul raised the question of having a security keypad inside of the garage. No action was taken.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission did not meet in September due to a lack of an agenda. The Jackson violation had been discussed during public comments. Brad asked Doug to talk to other residents regarding phone call complaints. Brad may be gone during the time of the next P&Z meeting.

Treasurers Report: Payroll was reviewed and approved. Claims #2131 to #2155 were reviewed and approved.

Road Report: Doug reported that BBB is trimming the trees and he has done road repairs as needed. He has put up multiple signs to replace those that were damaged or missing. On cutting branches he mentioned being whacked in the face with a branch. He mentioned barbed wire that is sticking out of the ground in the right of way. He will continue with sweeping roads and ditch mowing as time permits.

Cemetery Report: The large oak tree was discussed. Gerry will winch it for safety reasons.

Fire Administration: Nathan reported about the quarterly meeting and the budget is on par. He talked about the call list and the ARF training.

Administrative Business: Chris Pence's email was reviewed. The clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Pence of our online Comprehensive Plan. Board members were encouraged to attend the legal seminar.

Communications: Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Announcements: None.

Approve Minutes: The August 8, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed. Doug made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Paul seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

Adjourn Meeting: Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nathan seconded the motion. No discussion. Passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.