

DECEMBER 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 41 gopher bounties. Paul added items to the P&Z portion of the agenda. Paul made the motion to approve the agenda with additions. Doug seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

New Business: The Election Contract with Crow Wing County was reviewed. Doug made a motion to approve the contract agreement. Paul seconded. It was noted the contract only goes to June 30, 2024. Passed 3-0. **The Resolution Appointing Election Judges** was reviewed. Nathan made the motion to approve the resolution with a date correction. Doug seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

Unfinished Business: Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST): The Legislature has required an ESST policy, and three options were discussed. Doug made the motion to use the first option which reads "Permit Employees to carryover accrued but unused sick and safe time into the following year, except that such accrued but unused time shall not exceed 80 hours at any time". Paul seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

Public comments: 1-Comments were made regarding J Street. 2-Gerry stated the salt went bad in the garage. He has purchased more salt for the sidewalk. 3-The dripping faucet in the utility room was addressed and will be resolved. 4-Residents were in attendance raising concerns about the **Jackson Property** with suspicious activity. There are multiple tracks from traffic coming and going mostly at night. Property owners had agreed to clean up the area, keep the gate closed and to not have extended camping on the property. Findings of fact show the gate is open, there appears to be extended camping, and there is traffic in/out of the property during the nighttime hours. Sherriff Klang will be consulted for an inspection of the property.

Planning Commission Report: The permits have slowed down. Brad will meet with Scott Saehr to go over procedures and processes. The P&Z meeting dates were reviewed. The violation list of people will be sent letters starting at the end of the winter regarding property cleaning-ups. The Road Right of Way Ordinance was reviewed.

Treasurers Report: Payroll was reviewed and approved. Claims #2201 to #2221 were reviewed and approved. Check #12619 was voided and a new check #12647 was submitted. Receipt #1027 was not used.

Road Report: Doug gave the road report. He has been cleaning up trees, and answering complaints regarding mailboxes, icy roads, and requests for additional sanding of roads. He has additional final paperwork regarding the UEI# from the storm damage from a year and a half ago. Ten mailbox supports were picked up. He contacted multiple companies in doing tree work for 2024.

Cemetery Report: There was one burial. Doug has been given permission to remove trees from the fence line and he has started removing trees.

Fire Administration: No new report.

Administrative Business: MATIT Work Comp coverage was reviewed.

Communications: Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Announcements: The Clerk and one Supervisor are up for reelection, and this has been published and posted. Individuals wanting to run for office will file from January 2nd to the 16th with the Clerk. The Annual Town Hall Meeting and Election are scheduled for March 12, 2024, and a notice has been published and posted.

Approve Minutes: The November 14, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed. Doug made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Paul seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

Adjourn Meeting: Nathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.