

# **MARCH 7, 2024, THURSDAY, TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING @ 7:00 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 7 pm by Doug and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Residents were reminded to sign the roster. There were no gopher bounties. This meeting was held on a Thursday due to the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The clerk added items to the agenda. Doug made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Nathan seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

**New Business: Sourcewell:** Amanda Peterson and Brittney from Sourcewell presented the Community Impact Funding and the Match Fund programs and answered several questions. **LEVY:** The Supervisors revisited the levy after reviewing the 2025 Fire Assessment Calculation increases. To cover that increase, Doug made the motion to increase the Levy \$1000 for the Fire Fund. Nathan seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0. The Levy that will be presented to the residents at the annual meeting:

General Fund: \$61,000

Road and Bridge Fund: \$440,000

Fire Fund: \$65,000 (increase of \$1000)

**Board of Canvass:** Options were discussed. **Crow Wing County Ordinance Changes:** Information was reviewed. Brad will pursue it.

**Unfinished Business: Garage update:** Two options were discussed. Doug made a motion for a Resolution to submit a \$50,000 application for Acquisition of Public Property toward a Community Impact Funding grant through Sourcewell for financial support for the Garage Addition to service township residents. Nathan seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

**AWAIR MEETING:** Doug made the motion to set the AWAIR meeting for May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm prior to the Regular Meeting. Nathan seconded. Passed 3-0. The **Annual Road Tour** was set for April 20, 2024, 9 am to Noon.

**Public comments:** Changing voting hours from 2:00 – 8:00 pm to 5:00 to 8:00 pm for the annual township election was discussed. No action was taken. An annual newsletter was discussed.

**Planning Commission Report:** The Planning Commission did not meet in March. They are working on a violation procedure and fees.

**Treasurers Report:** Diane reported that the gas tax revenue was \$33,469.37 and we received \$2,038 from Community Impact Match funding to go towards the Firesafe file cabinet. Payroll checks were distributed. Time sheets are due on March 19, 2024. Claims #2259 to #2275 were reviewed and approved.

**Road Report:** Doug did the road report. Doug has the S&K Outdoor Services working on the trees hanging over the road on 50th.

**Cemetery Report:** No report.

**Fire Administration:** Nathan gave the quarterly report and the 2025 Fire Assessment report, and our township expenses have increased.

**Administrative Business:** The DOT speed study for Hwy 371B was reviewed and signed.

**Communications:** The Flock study from the Sheriff's department was reviewed.

**Announcements:** The Annual Township election and meeting are March 12<sup>th</sup> with absentee voting Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to Noon.

**Approve Minutes:** The February 13, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed. Doug made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Nathan seconded the motion. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nathan seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.