

## **JULY 9, 2024, TUESDAY, TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00 PM, CROW WING TOWN HALL**

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

**The Regular Town Board Meeting** was called to order at 6 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Residents were reminded to sign the roster. There were no gopher bounties. Paul made the motion to approve the agenda as written. Nathan seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

**New Business: Tree Trimming BIDS:** The BID was advertised in the Brainerd Dispatch and Pine and Lakes Echo newspapers. The clerk googled area tree services companies and inquired if they wanted to propose a bid. Doug read the specifications. JM Operations, Carr's Tree Service and S&K Outdoor Services presented a BID. JM's proposal was \$370/hour with approximately 50-80 hours for each of the three roads with a range of \$55,500 to \$88,800. Carr's proposal was \$295/hour for 130 hours for 50<sup>th</sup> not to exceed \$38,350, 160 hours for Wetherbee not to exceed \$47,200 and 230 hours for 80<sup>th</sup> not to exceed \$67,850 for a total of \$153,400. S&K Outdoor Services proposed \$325/hour for 45 hours not to exceed \$14,500 on 50<sup>th</sup>, 47 hours on Wetherbee not to exceed \$15,500, and 61 hours on 80<sup>th</sup> not to exceed \$20,000 for a total BID not to exceed \$50,000. The work specifications were discussed. Doug made the motion to accept S&K Outdoor Services BID not to exceed \$50,000 for 50<sup>th</sup>, Wetherbee and 80<sup>th</sup> as specified in the contract as it was the lowest bid. Paul seconded the motion. No further discussion. Passed 3-0. Traditionally the wood is removed, and the Township is not required to contact residents, but a notecard will be sent. The project will begin at the end of August.

**Resolution to Approve Election Judges:** A blanket resolution to approve the judges pending training for the Primary and General election was made by Doug. Nathan seconded the motion. No discussion. Passed 3-0. **Minn. Assoc. Township Insurance Trust Policy:** The MATIT Insurance on equipment/building was reviewed. Nathan made the motion to approve paying the rate of \$3,508 through MATIT. Doug seconded the motion. No further discussion. Passed 3-0. **Sourcewell lottery-Garage project:** Paul reported Crow Wing Township won Sourcewell's lottery to receive the \$50,000 grant to be used for an addition to the garage. The remaining cost, which is estimated to be about \$14,000, will be paid for by the Township. The addition provides adequate storage of equipment. The project will begin once the funds have been received in about 3 weeks. The project will be tax exempt. Brad will bring a more transparent itemized BID to the next meeting. The project will be completed this Fall.

**Unfinished Business: Lawnmower update:** Doug reported the riding lawnmower hydrostatic was loose and it was under warranty.

**Public comments:** A porta-potty is needed at the park. The signs on Wetherbee and ditch mowing were discussed.

**Planning Commission Report:** Brad reported the Jackson property is no longer on the violation list. The large commercial property is on hold. There remain 5 properties on the violation list. There is a fair amount of permit activity, down from last year but above average.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Supervisors reviewed the duties of a Treasurer. No action was taken to appoint a Deputy. Time sheets were reviewed and approved. Claims #2352 to #2379 were reviewed and approved. \$214,146.61 in property taxes were received in June with an additional \$115,119.57 on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sourcewell paid ½ of the PZ consultant fees at the rate of \$2,515.34.

**Road Report: Paint Striping completed** at the town hall and park parking lot and the intersection at Wild Rice Depot. **6758 & 6749 Wetherbee Road:** The wash-out at the end of the #6758 driveway was discussed. There was a question of whether a culvert was in place. Possible solutions were discussed. The pavement breaking off #6749 driveway needs shouldering.

The 60th Road Agreement between St. Mathias and Crow Wing Townships and the gravel work that was recently done was discussed. The road has been graded and it should not have been done. The Agreement states "**St. Mathias Township shall maintain by routine maintenance the entire gravel surface roadway and ditches per state law**

**described above during the odd numbered calendar year commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Routine maintenance will include sufficient grading of improved surface and snow removal as reasonably necessary.”**

Anderson Brother’s needs to do some shoulder repair on Gorrion due to the heavy rains.

**Cemetery Report:** Doug reported he has done paperwork for the cemetery and showed lots for some residents. No plots were sold. Gerry is keeping the cemetery grounds looking good. The sign of rules in the cemetery has been ordered.

**Fire Administration:** No report.

**Administrative Business:** Daryl Rubbelke, President of Zone One requested the Clerk send him a letter acknowledging the merger of Lakes Area Rescue and Zone One. The Clerk drafted a letter for the Chair to sign. Doug made the motion to send Mr. Rubbelke a letter acknowledging the merger. Nathan seconded. Passed 3-0.

**Communications:** Miscellaneous communications were reviewed.

**Approve Minutes:** The June 11, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed. Doug made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Paul seconded. No discussion. Passed 2-0.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Nathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.