

MAY 13, 2025, TUESDAY, TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM, CROW WING TOWN HALL

Board Members Present: Chairman Nathan Hulinsky, Supervisor Doug Kern, Supervisor Paul Stephany, Treasurer Lori Thramer, and Clerk 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 49 gopher bounties, and the resident was paid \$2 per gopher.

Approve Agenda: Doug made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Paul. Passed 3-0.

Public Comments: There was an inquiry regarding a porta-potty being placed in the park. The clerk will call and get one. A resident requested Class 5 be placed on Roscoe Road, Craig Road, 40th and Sweet Road. These roads are all low and slow traffic as they have not been done for years. Doug will get bids and see if it can fit in with the budget.

New Business: Graffiti at Town Hall: Someone graffitied the town hall on the East end and the cement at the pavilion sometime between May 1st – May 7th. The Sheriff's department was contacted, and a complaint was filed. The entire wall of the Town Hall will need to be painted. **Carpet:** It was noted the town hall carpet was significantly stained and Doug has shampooed the carpet. **Safety Meeting Report with Homeland Security:** Paul reported it was basic. Ryan Olson went over an outline of how local, county and state offices are set up. It was the 1st of 4 meetings.

Unfinished Business: Fire Extinguisher Servicing: Paul checked into the service of the extinguishers. Doug made a motion to have Northland Fire come out to the town hall \$60 and service all extinguishers \$9.50 each not to exceed a total of \$150. Nathan seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Each one will be tagged accordingly. **AED:** Nathan presented specifications on an exterior AED which possibly could be financed through opioid grant money as preventive medicine. There would be an annual \$500 maintenance fee. It was decided that an interior AED would be more affordable. Nathan will follow up and possibly get some grant money to get one for the interior of the building.

Planning Commission Report: Brad was not present at the Planning and Zoning Meeting but reported from the minutes that the Crow Wing County Ordinance will be coming forward for approval, a business sign on 371 was discussed, a 20-acre parcel was discussed, violations were reviewed but no action was taken at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Payroll was reviewed and approved. Claims #2596 to #2625 were reviewed and approved.

Road Report: The Brandon Way project will be started in about 3 weeks and an estimate for the garage pad is forthcoming. Brushes for the sweeper are on order. The road tour and 5-year plan were reported, discussed and revised. Crack-sealing bids will be obtained for township roads excluding the Brandon Way project roads, Estate Circle Roads and possibly Barrows as they look good. Because of the time constraints, Doug made a motion to get bids and accept the best BID up to \$60,000 with whoever has the best bid and/or without Barrows. Paul seconded the motion. No discussion. Passed 3-0. The 5-year road plan will be adjusted and move smaller projects up sooner. Estimates/bids will be acquired from multiple contractors for culvert repair, sink holes on 50th and cut out and patch areas on Lone Oak. Curve road signs have been ordered. **Noxious Weeds:** The road right of way has not been sprayed for weeds for 15+ years. It was decided that 50th, 70th, 75th, 80th, Wetherbee, Cook, Gorrion and Town Hall roads were in the most need. Because this is time sensitive, Nathan will get bids from at least two companies and go with the best bid. The best time to spray weeds is when they have leafed out but not seeded out.

Cemetery Report: There were 3 burials. Because of poorly kept records, Doug had to do a swap of lots so families could be buried together. The cemetery sign is not yet made but Gerry has moved the old sign to a better location.

Fire Administration: Nathan gave an extensive Fire administration report and showed multiple-colored maps and graphs and guidelines. It was reported that 88% of calls are reached in less than 14 minutes and most calls in less than 8.5 minutes, which was good.

Administrative Business: The MATIT Consolidated Insurance plan was reviewed. The 2005 JD lawn mower will be removed from the plan. **MAP sale email:** There was an email regarding getting another map for use at the town hall. The Clerk will get more specific information and see if it is something the Board has need of.

Communications: Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Announcements: None.

Approval of Minutes: The Board of Equalization minutes for April 24, 2025, were reviewed. Doug made the motion to approve as written. Paul seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The minutes for April 8, 2025, were reviewed. Doug made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Paul seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

Adjournment: With no further business; meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.