

JUNE 10, 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 21 gopher bounties, and the resident was paid \$2 per gopher.

Approval of Agenda: Paul added a discussion regarding Sourcewell. Paul made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Nathan seconded. Passed 2-0.

Public Comments: There were comments about the cemetery and 40th/Sweet Roads. Doug arrived at 6:06 pm.

New Business: Paul stated he set up a new portal with Sourcewell and new funding opportunities will be available after July 15th. No more paper forms. Representatives will attend the August meeting.

Unfinished Business: Fire Extinguisher Servicing: Paul stated the extinguishers have been updated. It was suggested to check them monthly and mark the tag. An invoice will be forthcoming. An extra extinguisher was placed in the garage back by the service door. **AED:** Nathan and Sue applied for a grant through Essentia Health for an AED. It has been approved. With that, CPR and AED training will take place prior to the July 8th Regular Meeting as required by the grant opportunity. Employees will be invited to attend. **Graffiti at Town Hall:** The building has been repainted. The cement at the pavilion will be cleaned up. **Spraying ditches for noxious weeds:** Carr's presented a bid to spray the weeds \$400/h on designated roads (13.711 miles) for a total of \$1,580. They are to turn in a Certificate of Liability and present licensure. Doug made a motion to accept Carr's bid at \$1,580 and turn in required paperwork to spray the weeds as soon as possible. Nathan seconded the motion. No discussion. Passed 3-0. Nathan will call them.

Planning Commission Report: Brad reported the first quarter was quiet, but permits have picked up. There will be two public hearings coming up. The first will be in July for the wash-out and erosion control problems along the Mississippi River. The second public hearing will be for the Crow Wing County Ordinance Amendments likely in August. There are several violations being addressed.

Treasurer's Report: Payroll was reviewed and approved. Claims #2626 to #2646 were reviewed and approved.

Road Report: Pad in front of the garage: Anderson Brothers gave a bid to place a pad in front of the new garage doors at the town hall as they will be doing the Brandon Way project this summer. The bid was \$25,822. The matter was discussed. Doug made the motion to approve the bid with Anderson Brothers \$25,822. Paul seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0. Doug was asked to get bids for Lone Oak and 50th.

The Clerk was told to advertise in the Dispatch for the **Road Maintenance contract** with the bids being presented at the July 8th meeting. **Crack-sealing:** Jet Black and MP Asphalt have turned in a bid. Jet Black's bid without Barrows and Estate Drive was \$116,015.90, cleaning out of cracks \$36,636.60 for a total of \$152,652.50. MP Asphalt's bid without Estate Drive was \$107,000, with Barrows & parking lots at \$11,200 for a total of \$118,200. MP Asphalt stated Erin Road was too rough to do, and Porcupine Path required Mastic for the wide crack-seal. This would include routing and crack cleaning of all foreign matter. The roads in the Brandon Way project will not be done by either company as they are being resurfaced this summer. Doug made the motion to accept MP Asphalt's bid at \$118,200 contingent on their ability to do the work by the first part of July or as soon as they can and present proper paperwork. Nathan seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0. Ditch mowing was discussed and should take place after the weeds have been sprayed. Fort Ripley Township needs to be contacted regarding 40th, the shared road. The budget was discussed at length.

Cemetery Report: A stone was placed backwards and inappropriately quite some time ago and was remedied. There were a few cremation burials. Gerry inquired about the sign for the cemetery. Someone had planted a tree without permission.

Fire Administration: None.

Administrative Business: The Minnesota Association of Townships sent Membership cards. They were distributed to the Board.

Communications: A letter from the Demographer states our population is 2,214 with 817 households.

Announcements: None.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for May 13, 2025, were reviewed. Paul made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Doug seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

Adjournment: With no further business; meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.