

AUGUST 12, 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 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Residents were reminded to sign the roster. There were no gopher bounties.

Approval of Agenda: Paul added a discussion of gravel for roads and repair of the garage. Doug made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Paul seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Public Comments: Residents from 40th and Sweet Roads were present requesting gravel be put on their roads. 40th Road is a shared road with Fort Ripley meaning any work done on it should be at a shared cost between both townships. Further, the shared road agreement states that care of the road is alternated between Fort Ripley and Crow Wing Township and this year is Fort Ripley's year to care for the road.

New Business: Funding Opportunities with Sourcewell: Amanda Peterson and Marlee Morrison from Sourcewell were present at the meeting and talked about various funding opportunities. None of these funding mechanisms can be used for gravel and road repairs or Planning & Zoning. The funding sources are to empower or support but not fund annually.

Porta-potty: The porta-potty in the park has been tipped over twice causing quite a mess. It was decided that it should be staked down. **Garage Damage Repair:** Paul presented a bid from Hytec for \$880 to repair the garage. Paul made a motion to accept the \$880 bid to repair the garage with the condition of getting Boost Funding from Sourcewell. Nathan seconded the motion. No discussion. Passed 3-0. A resident presented the need for a **baby-changing table** to be installed in one or both bathrooms as the town hall is rented out frequently. The matter will be investigated and possible funding sources considered.

Unfinished Business: Township Sick and Safe Policy: One hour of sick/safe time can be accrued for every 30 hours worked up to a maximum of 48 hours. Doug made the motion to approve the resolution of ESST, checking the 1st box on the form but to pay the accrued amount at the end of the year. The first box indicates carryover of accrued unused sick and safe time to the following year, except that such accrued but unused time shall not exceed 80 hours at any time. This pertains to one employee and currently it is about 7 hours. Paul seconded the motion. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

AED Update: The AED is in, and the storage box will be mounted in an accessible space.

Planning Commission Report: Brad reported permitting has been busy. There is a public hearing on Tuesday, September 2nd (the day after Labor Day) for a rezone and a conditional use permit. The Mississippi River erosion project is anticipated for September. There were 3 new violation complaints. Letters will be sent. The previous violations will be getting the 2nd letter requesting action and/or communication before penalties occur.

Treasurer's Report: Payroll was reviewed and approved. Claims #2672 to #2693 were reviewed and approved.

Road Report: Brandon Way Project: There is still a slight discrepancy of the length of Arielle Drive, and the board of Supervisor's had an emergency meeting to discuss the matter. It was decided to have Anderson Brothers do a 1 ½ inch overlay from Catherine's Way to Sweet Road costing an additional \$35,000. A portion of Arielle will be striped. Carr's sprayed weeds on about 1/3 of the roads. The Certificate of Liability has not yet been received, and their check will be held until it is received. The culvert on 70th is completed. Crack-sealing has not yet started, and it was supposed to be done in early July and was pushed out until September. The Board decided to cancel the work until next spring as that is when it should be completed for maximum results.

Cemetery Report: There were no new burials.

Fire Administration: Nathan reported record number of calls due to CO2 alarms going off due to smoke in the air. He stated they did not get FEMA money but got \$20,000 back for helping with the fire in Brimstone. They plan to hire four more employees and hoping to get a new water truck in early 2026.

Administrative Business: Communications: Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Announcements: The Prayer breakfast is Wednesday, August 13th, and the District 8 meeting is August 20th in Isle.

Approval of Minutes: The July 8th meeting minutes were reviewed. Doug made a motion to approve them as written. Paul seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0. The emergency meeting minutes were reviewed. Paul made a motion to approve them as written. Doug seconded. No discussion. Passed 3-0.

Adjournment: With no further business; meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.