

La Crescent Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2015

Final Approved

Township Board Members Present:

Bob Cummings	DeWayne Severson	Tom Wright
Dan Brodigan	William Beckman	Larry Hafner
Larry Jankowski	Karen Schuldt	Attorney Chiglo

Chairman DeWayne Severson called the March monthly meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Clerk Schuldt took the roll call.

4. Approval of Agenda: **Bob Cummings made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

5. Minutes of February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting: **Bill Beckman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tom Wright seconded, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: 8. Derek Kasten Soil Erosion: Attorney Mike Murphy addressed the board that he is here with Tom Weibel in reference to the soil erosion plan for Derek Kasten. Attorney Murphy indicated the Weibels have had the plan reviewed by G-Cubed Engineering and their report indicates the project violates several Township Zoning Ordinances and also MPCA requirements. A copy of the report was mailed to the board. Attorney Murphy advises they would like to request the Kastens have their engineer redraft their plan to comply. In the meantime they are looking for the Kastens to take some temporary protection measures to minimize the possibility of damage to the Weibels' property. Following discussion: The board directed Larry to send Mr. Kasten a letter directing him to add additional bales starting at the beginning of the west end of Kastens silt fence with bales continuing to the east end of Mr. Weibels silt fence as soon as possible without delay and a 100 feet of silt fencing to levitate any mud in the culverts. Board advised they would like an update at their April meeting.

7. Quotes for Seal Coating Roads: Seal Quote bids were sent out last month and one quote was received back from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. Single seal hard surface 1 mile 20ft. wide. 4,200 gallons liquid asphalt @ \$3.90 per gallon = \$16,380.00, 150 Tons 3/8" Washed 100% Fractured Granite Chip @ \$20.47 per ton = \$3,070.50. Cost per mile: \$19,450.50. Price includes pot hole patching and the work will be completed by August 1st. **Bill Beckman made a motion to accept Fahrners quote, Tom Wright seconded, motion carried.**

9. Zoning Report: Larry reported no permits were issued last month.

Bob reported the Planning Commission did not have quorum so no meeting was held this month. Discussion was held on having alternates.

10. Treasurers Report: **Bill Beckman made a motion to approve the Treasurers**

reports with the correction under receipts for Paul Fuschel \$1,000 should not be under road deposit, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.

11. Clerks Report: Karen reported Township election is tomorrow and voting hours are from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm with the Annual Meeting commencing at 8:15pm. The Election Canvassing Board will meet immediately after. The Houston County Township Officers Annual Meeting and Election will be held Thursday April 9th with social hour at 6 pm with the meeting starting at 7pm at Good Times in Caledonia. Karen requested that April expenditures be turned into her by April 7th. The Organizational meeting was set for April 11th at 9:00am at Town Hall.

12. Other or Old Business: A. La Crescent Animal Rescue Agreement discussion: Karla Ronnenberg and Keith Petris are present. Karla indicated the cost would be \$125.00 for animals brought in from the Township. The dog would be brought into the rescue for a stay and during that time if an owner didn't come forward it would be brought up to date on shots and it would be spayed or neutered. Once that is done it would be put up for adoption. Bob questioned who would pick up the stray and bring it to LAR. Karla advised she has been in discussion with the Sheriff and he would be willing to meet with LAR and the board to come with a plan. Following discussion the board requested it be tabled till next month to have LAR look at boundaries, fees and who's going to pick them up the animals.

B. Annexation discussion: Attorney Chiglo gave an outline of the mediation that occurred with the City. The terms of the tentative agreement are as follows: The taxes will continue to come to the township for three years. Any increase in taxes from the township rate to the city rate will be phased in equal amounts over three years. The City would not require mandatory connection to services for six years unless there is a public safety threat or the property is sold or otherwise conveyed then they would have one year to connect unless it's a public safety issue. The City of La Crescent would agree not to annex any other properties contiguous to any of these properties for six year. Following discussion: **Dan Brodigan made a motion to tentatively approve the settlement agreement between the City and the Township subject to publication, Bill Beckman seconded. Roll call vote: Bill-I, Tom-I, Dan-I, Bob-I, Dewey-abstained. Motion approved.**

13. Supervisors Report: Dewey reported there was a frozen pipe out at the septic system at Townhall and the water has been all cleaned up and should be dry by the morning. Dewey advised Jerry Schomers gave an estimate on painting the outside of Town Hall between \$1,500 - \$2,000. **Bill Beckman made a motion to paint the exterior of Town Hall, Tom Wright seconded, motion carried.** Dewey advised he has spoken with the guy from La Crosse Engineering and the paperwork is being completed reference the excess road to the north on Horse Thief Ridge. Dewey reported Prince of Peace are getting rid of some tables and questioned if town hall could use some. Bill, Tom, Dan and Bob no report this month.

14. Bills for Audit: **Bill Beckman made a motion to accept the bills as presented, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

15. Adjournment: **Tom Wright made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Bob Cummings seconded, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk