

La Crescent Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2015

Final Approved

Township Board Members Present:

Bob Cummings	DeWayne Severson	Tom Wright
Dan Brodigan	William Beckman	Larry Hafner
Larry Jankowski	Karen Schuldt-absent	

Chairman DeWayne Severson called the May monthly meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Following Roll Call Chairman Severson called for a moment of silence in honor of Charlie Wieser. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Supervisor Tom Wright took the roll call.

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

5. Minutes of April 11, 2015 Organizational Meeting Minutes: **Tom Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dewey Severson seconded, motion carried.** Minutes of April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting: **Bill Beckman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.** Minutes of April 20, 2015 Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting: **Tom Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Bill Beckman seconded, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: LAR Keith Petris 2865 Kelly Road addressed the board that they are not an animal control agency and they would only go out if a Township resident would call. LAR does have a list of volunteers who would go out and pickup the animals. After they are picked up they would put it out on social media/La Crosse Tribune and would check for a microchip. The animal would be held for 5 business days before they would start the adoption process and they would be spayed or neutered. The average bill for a cat is \$223 with vaccinations and spay/neuter. Average on a K9 small dog is \$229 with a large being \$249. The fee would be charged to the Township after the 5 days and the adoption process has begun. The City fee is \$25 less but they subsidize the shelter. Under 5 days there is no charge to the Township but the owner would be charged \$50.00. The Township addressed a concern that there is no written stipulation in the contract holding no liability against Township for the volunteers that pick up the animals. The board directed LAR to get it in writing and bring the contract back for approval.

Ed Heberlein 4490 County 6 addressed the board that his wife and sister in law inherited the farm 11 year ago on County 6. They would like to sell the property and are inquiring if the farm can be subdivided. He's looking at selling 51 acres. Board referred him to the Planning Commission.

Joe Van Aelstyn 318 S. Walnut Street inquired about receiving a copy of the zoning

book. Larry will get him one.

Don Luce 1322 County 25 asked if they are going to get a printed sheet of what was lost or gained in the annexation. Dewey advised they mediated that there will be no further forced annexation for a period of 6 years and you don't have to hook up to sewer or water unless there is a request for sale. Dewey indicated we will contact our legal to send out letters to the affected parties of what to expect and what was mediated.

7. Treasurers Report: **Bill Beckman made a motion to approve the Treasurers report, Tom Wright seconded, motion carried.**

8. Zoning Report: Larry reported he matched up the County and the Township zoning documents. The Planning Commission will make the changes and submit it to the board for approval. It will mirror what the County is doing plus the animal fees and construction materials on the roads. Larry questioned if Beacon has been updated with the new parcels from the annexation? Dewey directed him to contact the County.

Bob reported the Planning Commission met on May 4th at 7pm. Septic costs were reviewed and they are going to fail as it does not meet the new standards so it will be deemed non-compliant. It's captured at point of sale and the buyers and the banks are requiring it. MPCA changed the rules and 90% are non-compliant. The concern about the Kasten property below grade an agreement has been reached. Bob has received the proposed changes from the county to begin our Township plans. More discussion was held on licensing of cats and dogs. The issue on the Heeter property on County 6 has been completed and is closed. Discussion was held on construction material being on Township roads.

9. Clerk Report: Request from La Crescent Snowmobile Club for a On & Off Sale of 3.2 Beer. **Bob Cummings made a motion to approve the sale of 3.2 Beer for the Snowmobile Club, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

10. Other or Old Business: Bob questioned the status of the extension on Horse Thief Ridge. Dan indicated he spoke with Cindy Gerke and everything has a price and to make an offer regarding lot 17. If we could purchase it would save a lot of work on Crescent Hills Dr. Concerns are if we purchase the plot but the City may not approve the sale. Discussion on perhaps getting a document from the City approving us moving forward. The consensus was to have Dewey contact our attorney to get the preliminaries.

11. Supervisors Report: Dan reported he is working with Karen on getting the new equipment for the parks and the swings are in. Bruce Wieser contacted him and wants to plant a tree in Wieser Park in honor of Charlie. Dan will work with Bruce on placement of the tree. Bob reported he did some research since the discussion from last month on participating in the National Flood Insurance Rating System and those that do can get a better rate. Larry indicated he spoke with Bob Scanlan and was advised that the person who authorizes building permits has the authority. Larry will send the application in

tomorrow. Larry questioned if we don't do it can they still can't get flood insurance. Bob reported he has the website for the training for the Board of Appeal training and he will send it to the group. The training can now be taken online. Dewey reported he has a request from Morry Welsch that the La Crescent Little League Baseball would like to use the Wieser ball diamond. Leonard Wieser is willing to maintain it once it is brought up to shape. Dewey advised in the bills tonight there is a bill from Tom Sawyer for the new sign for Town Hall. Tom and Bill no report.

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

13. Adjournment: **Dan Brodigan made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Bill Beckman seconded, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk