

La Crescent Township  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2014

**Final Approved**

Township Board Members Present:

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

Chairman DeWayne Severson called the July 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 with the correction of the spelling on superintendent, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

5. Minutes of June 9, 2014 Regular Meeting: **Bob Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tom Wright seconded, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: Superintendent of Schools Ron Wilke gave a brief overview of the history and the identified needs of the La Crescent-Hokah Schools along with the Elementary/High School options that are being considered.

Teresa Walter addressed the board that Shirley Johnson from the Houston County Historical Society was looking for their appropriation of the funds for 2014 and was wondering if she could get that tonight? Teresa also thanked the La Crescent Township for their knowledge and their input for their participation in the rewriting of the zoning ordinance for Houston County. Also Charlie Wieser is getting off the county planning commission in January and would like to see someone from the township fill that vacant position. Teresa reassured that all of the county meetings are open to the public but they do have a policy set up to allow individuals two minutes to speak and the meetings can not be video taped.

7. Treasurers Report: **Dan Brodigan made a motion to approve the Treasurers reports as presented, Bill Beckman, motion carried.**

8. Zoning Report: Bob reported the planning commission met on July 7<sup>th</sup> and read from the minutes. Discussion was held regarding current and potential future use of out lots. Mark commented that the weeds have grown up at the intersection of Bluff Drive and County 6 and block the view at the stop sign. Jason questioned the status of the Zenke subdivision and the large pile of concrete and questioned if there are any limitations.

Larry updated that the board of adjustment met to look at two variance requests. The first one was for the Thompsons as they wanted to build a garage closer to the road than what is allowed by the ordinance. The second was for Mr. Wolfe would like to build a home on his property out on County Road 6 but there is only .85 acres to build on. A

discrepancy was found in how the land is described and the meeting was continued to allow Mr. Wolf to come back with more information.

Permit number 1247 was issued to Tom Paulson, 2898 Kelly Road to install a mound sewer system.

9. Clerks Report: Karen reported the following election judges are set to take the required state training up at the county to be election judges; Shirley Rosendahl, Mary Ann Zadow, Anne Hendrickson, Kathy Wieser, Katy Denstad, Sandy Hinders and the clerk. Primary Election is August 12<sup>th</sup> and the voting hours are 7am to 8pm at Town Hall.

Karen advised the board that Char Meiners Houston County Auditor has mailed a letter to the board requesting authorization from the La Crescent Township to sell three parcels of land that were tax forfeited to the State of Minnesota to private sale to the adjoining landowners. The lots are landlocked and are located on a step hillside in Crescent Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> addition. The law allows the county auditor to offer tax forfeited parcels of property at private sale to adjacent owners under certain conditions. One of the conditions has to do with access to the property and since this property is landlocked, only adjoining property owners would have access. The second condition is that the city or township in which the property is located must agree to the sale of the land by private sale. A copy of the letter and map was given to the board members. Following discussion; **Bob made a motion to approve the sale of the three parcels, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

10. Supervisor's Report: Bob reported he received a request to the get sand off the road from Crescent Hills Drive to the beginning of Horse Thief. Dewey advised he has left a message with the gentleman Farhner as to when they will be here and as of tonight he hasn't heard back from him. Dewey updated the board that the crank shaft went on the tractor motor and the chance of finding a motor may take a while. Discussion was held on the cost of replacing the motor and looking at purchasing a replacement tractor. The board directed Dewey and Bill to get prices and ideas on a new used tractor and bring it back to the board. Bill, Dan and Tom no report this month.

11. Other/Old Business: none

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

13. Adjournment: **Bill Beckman made a motion to adjourn at 8:19pm, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk