

La Crescent Township  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2014

**Final Approved**

Township Board Members Present:

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

Chairman DeWayne Severson called the September 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: **Bill Beckman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Bob Cummings seconded, motion carried.**

5. Minutes of August 11, 2014 Regular Meeting: **Bill Beckman made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction changing Ford Tractor to Case International and with the addition under Zoning Report that the County Road 6 issue was discussed with attorney Chiglo and Larry was directed to share it with the attorney before it was mailed out, Tom Wright seconded, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: Jerry Baumgartner; 1322 Bush Valley Road advised that there is a piece of road at the top of Bush Valley that needs to be attended to. It's where the new culvert was put in a couple years back and the road is getting pot holes and the surface needs to be redone. Jerry added there is a tree down that needs to be tended to also. Dewey and Bill will take care of it.

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

8. Zoning Report: Larry reported that our internet web provider was down today and they were in the process of getting it back up. Larry added in regards to the problem out on County Road 6 he has sent our attorney the proposed letter and hasn't heard back from him. A copy of the letter was provided to the board. Dewey noted the ordinance numbers needed to be added and the date changed to October 30<sup>th</sup> on the letter. Following discussion: The board authorized implementation of the letter upon approval from the township attorney.

Bob reported the Planning Commission met on Tuesday and did not have a quorum so there was no meeting.

9. Clerks Report: Karen reported Richard Nelson sent a letter advising of the Houston County Township Association meeting that is being held Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Four Seasons in Caledonia and registration starts at 6pm and the dinner starts at 7. RSVP by September 9<sup>th</sup>. The township has received notice from the City of La Crescent that Gerald Jansky, lot 5 block 2 of Crescent Valley (1415 Valley Lane) first addition is

seeking annexation into the City of La Crescent.

10. Supervisor's Report: Tom updated the board that the Fire Commission met on August 20<sup>th</sup> and they received an update on the Department of Natural Resources Volunteer Assistance Grant and La Crescent received \$5,000 and it will be used for a slide in for their brush truck. The fire department received a donation from Mound Prairie Mutual Assistance as there was a golf outing which gave them \$2,500 which will be used for boots and a new piercing nozzle. The fire department is looking to hire three to five people and the application process is open till September 30<sup>th</sup>. Bob reported he received a visit from Merle Renau about a concern he had with trailers and a dumpster that are in the cul-de-sac on Horse Thief Ridge and have been there for over six months. Mr. Renau would like the township to enforce its township ordinance about commercial trailers being parked and left out on the road. Larry added he made contact with the contractor and they have two of them that they will be moving and they are pretty close to being done. Larry noted he spoke with Mr. Renau who questioned if they had an occupancy permit and Larry advised him that the township does not do that. Dewey reported the tractor motor that was purchased last month does not fit, he spoke with the gentlemen we purchased it from and he will take it back and may possibly be interested in purchasing the Case International as is. The mutual agreement by the board was to negotiate the sale of the tractor and Karen will take pictures of the tractor and email them to him. In the mean time Tim Davison was hired to mow the township ditches and his tractor broke down. He did get a few roads done; Crescent Hills, Town Hall East and West and Pine Creek Road and Burns Valley. Dewey advised he took care of a tree that was down last weekend on Evans Hills Road. Dewey questioned what should be done with the Hafner situation on County Road 25. Larry Hafner provided a copy of a letter dated May 9<sup>th</sup> from his attorney Kelly Iverson to our township attorney and indicated they have had no response. Erma Hafner spoke of her frustration that they have purchased the property in March and they are losing money on it and have people that want to rent it. Dewey will make contact with Mr. Chiglo and get some answers.

11. Other/Old Business: Dewey gave an update on the annexation letters that were mailed out August 21<sup>st</sup>. Twenty eight letters were mailed out and twenty four were returned, of those twenty four three said yes to the annexation and twenty one are against it. Following discussion: **Bill Beckman made a motion to represent our people and contest the annexations, Bob Cummings seconded, motion carried.**

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

13. Adjournment: **Bob Cummings made a motion to adjourn at 8:12pm, Bill Beckman seconded, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk