

La Crescent Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 8, 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 December 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: **Tom Wright made a motion to amend the agenda with the addition of Hockey Group under visitors to address the board, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

5. Minutes of November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting: **Bill Beckman made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction under number 6 the word property to proper permits, Tom Wright seconded, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: Dan Krueger 1384 Valley Lane addressed the board on behalf of all hockey players and ice skaters in general. A group of volunteers would like to put in a request to install and put up the Lancer Youth Hockey boards in Crescent Park behind the swing set. The group would like to leave the boards up so they don't have to haul them back and forth from the city shop. Following discussion and concerns over liability; **Bill Beckman made a motion to have the open ice rink contingent upon legal advice and to allow the boards to stay up for one summer, Bob Cummings seconded, motion carried.**

Derek Kasten 8675 Selke Road addressed the board that he was given a stop work order and was looking for an ordinance so that he can comply. Chairman Severson advised Mr. Kasten that he needs to have an erosion control plan in place as to how he plans on controlling the water. Mr. Kasten will work with Larry.

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

8. Zoning Report: Larry presented copies of the PC minutes and reported no permits were issued. Larry advised he has been watching the area at Readys with the fill and had some concerns if widening the driveway was included in the plan and after review it was.

Bob reported the Planning Commission met on December 1st. No visitors were present. Mark Inglett, Sheriff elect question if his membership on PC would be a conflict of interest, the consensus of the PC is that since the PC is appointment, not elected, there would be no conflict. Brief discussions were held on the status of the annexation, Derek Kasten hauling fill, review for possible adoption into the township ordinance the changes

that the county is making and the possibility of proactively rezoning some areas in the Township to residential to encourage residential development.

9. Clerks Report: Karen reported filing for the March Township Election is Tuesday December 30th through Tuesday January 13, 2015. Offices to be filled at the March 10th Election are Supervisor D, E which are 3 year terms and Treasurer which is a 2 year term. Brian Pogodzinski, Houston County Engineer sent a letter to the board reference Houston County Five-Year Bridge Replacement Program. On the list is the bridge on Bush Valley Road with a construction year of 2018. Township costs associated with the project is typically limited to a total of \$20,000 for design and construction and the remaining costs are typically covered through the MnDOT State Aid Town Bridge Account. The Township also received a draft of the Mineral Extraction Ordinance for review from Bob Scanlan, Zoning Administrator for Houston County.

10. Supervisor's Report: Bob reported his received a complaint on the snowplow damaging some sod on West Point Drive, Dewey added he also received that call and it is in the Township right of way. Dewey reported he received a couple of other calls on snowplowing. Bill, Tom and Dan no report this month.

11. Other/Old Business: A. Annexation Discussion: The Township received notice from the State of Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings that a public hearing will be held on January 5, 2015 at 1:30 pm in the Council Chambers, City of La Crescent before Administrative Law Judge James E. La Fave. The properties proposed for annexation are Luce, Mahlke, Utke, Michaels, Zenke, Demorest, Kuphal, Schwarz, Horn, St. Mary, Walter, Fischer and Christopherson. Also, The City of La Crescent will hold a public hearing on the adoption of an annexation ordinance on January 12, 2015 at 5:35pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The annexation will be for consideration of certain properties located in the Township which are owned by John and Gwen Brennan, 32 Crescent Ave and 100 Kinder Road and 1415 Valley Lane.

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

13. Adjournment: **Bill Beckman made a motion to adjourn at 7:54pm, Tom Wright, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk