

La Crescent Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2016

Final Approved

Township Board Members Present:

Bob Cummings	Bob Schuldt	Larry Hafner
Dan Brodigan	William Beckman	Tom Tornstrom
Larry Jankowski	Karen Schuldt	

Chairman Bob Cummings called the December monthly meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Chairman Cummings took the roll call.

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

5. Minutes of November 14, 2016 Regular meeting: **Dan Brodigan made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; their quarry in complaint instead of quarried, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: Dewey Severson addressed the board that he has some come into some material and was wondering if the Township wanted any for fill for North Pine Creek Road or any other areas. He'll have about 30-40 loads that consist of clay, sand and rip raft. It would 15-16 yards for \$40.00. The feeling of the board was to wait till spring and do a survey of the roads and get in contact with Dewey at that time.

Colleen Stender addressed the board that they have applied for a conditional use permit for a farm winery. Colleen added they have been making wine as a hobby and have been approached by some people to sell their wine to their establishments. They looked into the MN Winery and 51% of your product needs to come from MN. All of their products are fresh and a lot of the berries have come from Kathan berries. Colleen stated it will be a small organization and they won't have a sign at the end of their driveway or have any visitors. Larry reported the Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 5th and the purpose of the meeting was a conditional use permit request for Art & Colleen Stender to operate a level two home occupation for making wine at their property at 4721 County Road 25 in La Crescent. The business would strictly be a whole sale operation with no retail sales at their location. Larry added he did do a site visit. The planning commission went through the findings and added under the special conditions that all federal and state permits are to be maintained. The planning commission recommendation was for the board to grant the conditional use permit. **Tom Tornstrom made a motion to approve the conditional use permit, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

7. Treasurers Report: **Bob Schuldt made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

8. Zoning Report: Permits issued: Number 1302 was issued to Allen Scheer at 1640 Crescent Hills Drive to replace the septic with a mound system. Number 1304 was issued to Paul Fuchsel at 4725 County 25 to build a storage garage. Number 1305 was issued to Colleen Stender at 4721 County 25 to a public hearing to operate a level 2 home occupation making wine. Larry presented a copy of the Zenke agreement to the board. Following discussion the board directed Larry to get with the township attorney so he can review it. Planning Commission met December 5th and discussion was held on a stop work order that the Larry put on a project. Bob C. added Wayne Oliver questioned whether a property on Bluff Drive was conducting a business out of their home. The property also has multiple sheds that are now on that property. Larry advised he will look into it.

9. Clerk Report: Karen reported Township election is Tuesday March 7th. Filing starts Tuesday January 3rd thru Tuesday January 17th at 5pm. Offices to be filled are Supervisor A & Supervisor B which are 3 year terms and Treasurer which is a 2 year term. The filing fee is \$2.00. Brian Pogodzinski, Houston County Engineer mailed out the annual bridge inspection letter to the township. Skunk Hollow Road & North Pine Creek Road are the two listed that could use some maintenance. The township also received a letter from Shirley Johnson, President of the Houston County Historical Society thanking the township for their continued support.

10. Other or Old Business: Dan reported Charlie Hinders questioned him on where Larry is at with the Poellinger property. Larry advised he is working with them to get it cleaned up.

11. Supervisors Report: Tom reported he attended the Fire Co-op meeting this past Friday and the budget is going up about \$4,000. The fire department is looking at getting a new pumper truck and they received a grant to put the solar panels on the fire house. They also provided a chart on the renovations that were done on the Community Building and so far the savings they've experienced have been pretty significant. Tom also questioned an abandoned vehicle on Horse Thief. Tom will make contact with the owner and see he can get some progress there. Bob C reported the guard rail is done on Crescent Hills Drive and the electrical is also done at Town Hall. Also, the truck is at the shop getting the right back brake fixed and it should be done tomorrow. Bob reported receiving the plans for the bridge replacement on Bush Valley Road for 2017 and our share will be \$20,000. The chairman and the clerk will need to sign the plans tonight so they can be sent back to the county. Dan, Bill and Bob no report this month.

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

13. Adjournment: **Bill Beckman made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:06 pm, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk