

Credit River Township Monthly Meeting Minutes May 6, 2002

Call to Order

Chairman John Kane called to order at 7:03 pm

Members Present:

John Kane, Leroy Schommer, Dan Casey, Clerk Jerry Maas, Treasurer Ginny Dahl, Township Engineer Greg Haling

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the April 1, 2002 Meeting were read. Leroy Schommer made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Dan Casey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0

Treasurers Report:

Treasurers report was read. Dan Casey made a motion to accept as read. Leroy Schommer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0

Agenda Items

Open Forum:

Noting that once again, we had 4 students present from the Lakeville school district, John Kane introduced the Board Members, the Township attorney, John Roach and Township Treasurer Ginny Dahl.

John Kane announced that he had located an old road grader that he was donating to the Township to be displayed in front of the Township Hall as a reminder of our rural life style.

Leon Sternberg appeared to discuss expenses incurred in repairing his property on 210th street following the rebuilding of the road. After considerable discussion, Dan Casey made a motion to pay Mr. Sternberg \$725.00 to settle his claim for expenses incurred as a result of the rebuilding of the road. Leroy Schommer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

William Feldman

Request to vacate Utility and Drainage Easements on Lots 7 and 8 of Block 1, Phase 2 of Greyfox Estates.

Mr. Feldman desires to re-direct the lot line between the above-mentioned lots to be able to put a driveway in on one of the lots. It is necessary to first vacate the easements as defined and re-establish the easements once the new lot lines are officially established. Leroy Schommer made a motion to vacate the Utility and Drainage easements as requested, Dan Casey seconded. All in Favor, Motion carried 3-0.

David Pinke – 16506 Whitewood Ave.

Request a Variance from the required 150' Ordinary High Water (OHW) level of Markey Lake to 35' to locate and install an independent sewage treatment system in the RR-2 District.

John Kane noted that he was not of a mind to offer a positive recommendation to this request in that the Township had previously been a party to a lawsuit regarding this property due what was alleged to be a dereliction of duty in managing the water levels. Mr. Kane noted that it was his opinion that this home should not be there and that the county ought not to have approved the sale to a third party. He noted that he was not interested in becoming a party to a lawsuit again and therefore he was against approving this request. After a brief discussion, Chairman Kane called for a motion on this matter.

Leroy Schommer made a motion to deny the request, Dan Casey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0. The Board issued a formal recommendation of denial.

Jim/Jan Williams – 16991 Westside Drive (with adjacent lot to north)

Request for Ditch Maintenance on Westside Drive

Jan Williams appeared to bring to the Boards attention that the ditch on their immediate property as well as the adjacent lot that they also own has become quite clogged and is in need of cleaning. Leroy Schommer noted that there was a large tree in the ditch that probability needed to be taken down as a part of the solution to this problem. Mrs. Williams stated that they would have no problem with the removal of the tree. John Kane further noted that this area is in a natural high water area a fact that further complicates the problem.

The Board suggested that a major overhaul of the road might be in order and that it might be appropriate Mr. Halling to do a complete evaluation of the road to develop a plan of action. Mr. Kane noted that while the Board had Section 429 authority and could assess the property for improvements, but suggested that Mrs. Williams try to get a consensus of the neighbors as to their feelings on re-paving the street.

Mr. Kane felt that a benefit could be shown and also that in the case of an assessment, the Township in all probability would agree to pay a portion of the cost.

Engineer Halling was directed to prepare a preliminary estimate of what rebuilding the road might cost and also to prepare a plan to clean the ditch in the short term before the next meeting.

John Kane –

Request Approval on Final Plat – Century Hills Sub-Division

Leroy Schommer assumed the position of chairman of the meeting. Following a review of the final plans, Dan Casey made a motion to approve the Final Plat for the Century Hills Sub-Division. Leroy Schommer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 2-0 (John Kane not voting).

Re-Organization of Town Board

John Kane re-assumed duties as Chairman and called for nominations for Chairman.

Leroy Schommer nominated John Kane for Chairman, Dan Casey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Dan Casey nominated Leroy Schommer for the position of Vice Chairman. John Kane seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

All Township supervisors are appointed Road Overseers

Leroy Schommer is appointed to the position of Chief Weed Inspector.

Dan Casey is appointed Parks Supervisor.

John Kane made a motion to set the clerk's salary at \$950.00 per month and to continue the \$12.00 per hour for office time on Tuesday morning. Leroy Schommer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Dan Casey made a motion to set the Chairman's salary at \$125.00 per month Leroy Schommer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 2-0 (Kane abstained).

Leroy Schommer made a motion to set the Treasurers salary at \$600.00 per month plus the monthly meeting. Dan Casey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

John Kane made a motion to set the meeting fee at \$60.00 per meeting. Leroy Schommer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Leroy Schommer made a motion to set the rate of pay for all other labor at \$12.50. Dan Casey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Leroy Schommer made a motion to set the rate of pay for a man in pickup at \$17.00. John Kane seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Dan Casey made a motion to set the rate of pay for election judges at \$10.00 per hour. Leroy Schommer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

John Kane made a motion to pay \$0.345 per mile for trips to courthouse or state conventions. Leroy Schommer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion of Bids for Crack Sealing, Chip Sealing, Seal Coating, Gravel Hauling and Road Grading

Chip Sealing/Seal Coating

Jim Johnson appeared before the Board on behalf of Bargaen Inc. to discuss Chip sealing of some roads. The Board took Mr. Johnson proposal and agreed to continue to evaluate this requirement. Mr. Kane suggested a meeting with Mr. Johnson, the Board, and Township Engineer Halling to review the numbers and develop a plan.

Gravel Hauling

Dan Casey made a motion to accept the bid from Malacha Trucking to haul class 5 gravel from Kramer Rock for \$2.40 per ton. Leroy Schommer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0. Certificate of insurance submitted with bid.

Road Grading

Vice Chairman, Leroy Schommer assumed duties as Chairman.

Dan Casey made a motion to accept the bid of \$52.50 per hour for road grading from 4/1/02 to 4/1/03 submitted by Art Johnson Trucking of Prior Lake. Leroy Schommer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 2-0 (Kane abstaining)

Dan Casey made a motion to accept the bid for miscellaneous rock hauling at \$3.30 per ton for tandem truck and \$2.80 for trailer rate submitted by Art Johnson Trucking of Prior Lake. Leroy Schommer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 2-0 (Kane abstaining).

Other Business

Harold Jensen, resident of Casey's Addition appeared to register a complaint regarding motorized vehicles riding in the ditches in his neighborhood. Leroy Schommer commented that the Township has requested that the Township attorney develop language for signs to be posted regarding this problem and that we would follow-up on this problem.

Review and Pay Bills

Adjourn

Leroy Schommer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Casey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Submitted By : _____

Jerald R Maas
Clerk
Credit River Township

Approved By : _____

John Kane
Chairman, Town Board
Credit River Township