

Credit River Township Meeting Minutes January 6, 2003

Call to Order

Chairman John Kane called the meeting to order at 7:05

Members Present:

John Kane, Leroy Schommer, Dan Casey, Clerk Jerry Maas, Township Engineer Greg Halling

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the December 2, 2002 meeting were read. Leroy Schommer made a motion to accept as read, Dan Casey seconded, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers report was read. Dan Casey moved to accept the Treasurers report as read. Leroy Schommer seconded, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

The Town Board set February 18th at the date for the Board of Audit.

Agenda Items

Open Forum

Grant Cassem resident of 6127 170th St East stated that he wanted to ask what was going on with the large pile of dirt on the Whitney property on 170th Street. A number of residents were also present who stated that they were objecting to the operation of a business on that property. They are concerned as to the impact on property values and the apparent lack of enforcement as to the current zoning restrictions. Mr. Cassem stated that he is not interested in any commercial development in that area.

Joe Whitney, owner of the property at 6025 170th St, stated that he had not heard of any objections to the way he has been using the property. He mentioned that Great River Energy approached him about using the property and that the current use of the property is very limited.

John Kane stated that he understands the reason a large number of residents have come to the meeting tonight because the property is in quite a state of disarray

Mr. Cassem also asked if Mr. Whitney plans to fulfill the requirements of the conditional use permit by building a residence on the property. Mr. Whitney says he had plans to build a home, but since his wife found out there was a dog kennel next door, she declined.

Mr. Kane recalled that he visited Mr. Cassem's property several years ago and remembers following the process that entitled Mr. Cassem to a home-extended business permit to operate a small dog kennel on the Cassem property.

Paul Berscheit, resident of 6835 E 170th Street asked what could be done about the pile

of dirt right now.

Jerry Wersal, resident of 6351 170th St East pointed out that it has been his experience that a pile of dirt could be left for a period of time, but this pile has been sitting too long.

Greg Halling pointed out that the original intent of the pile was to fill in some low areas on the property and that has been a major reason for the delay. Greg Halling didn't feel a grading permit would have been required because the original intent was specified before the permit process was defined.

John Kane asked Mr. Whitney when the pile of dirt could be moved. Joe felt it might be 2 years. Mr. Kane stated that this would not be acceptable.

Mr. Kane reminded Mr. Whitney that he had previously requested that Prior Lake look at annexing his property to enable him to make it commercial. Carol Michaels, Birch Road, expressed a concern that talk of annexation is contrary to the feelings of the residents.

Ron Bertel, resident of 6805 170th St noted that the road has too much traffic and asked if it could be returned to a county road status. A show of hands indicated several people would be in favor of this. Mr. Kane suggested that traffic count be taken to see what the flows are.

Mr. Kane suggested that we continue this discussion as an agenda item at next month's meeting so we could invite the county planning and zoning staff who are responsible for these rules.

Pat Simon – Request Recommendation on rezoning parcel on Southfork Drive

The Board approved Mr. Simon's project and indicated it would give a recommendation of approval for preliminary and final plat at the February meeting.

Dave Berens – Discussion of parcel in Section 6. Review development possibilities.

Mr. Berens presented a rough plan to develop 3 parcels totaling 40 acres in the County Court area of the Township and the Prior Lake boundary with the Township. They are proposing 60 residential sites on this property.

Carol Michels, resident of Birch Road again expressed her concerns that it is her opinion that Credit River residents are not interested in high-density residential projects.

The possibility of developing an OSD with a community septic system was suggested.

Jay Saterbak, a resident of the neighborhood proposed that an effort be made to handle the water and avoid annexation and he was confident the neighborhood would support the effort.

Merritt Cody, resident of 160th Street, reminded everyone that the extra traffic would cause more problems for County Road 44.

The Board felt that Mr. Berens plans were very preliminary in nature and suggested that the Board would need more concrete plans in order to arrive at any decisions.

Town Board of New Market – Request consideration for establishing a Joint Fire District.

New Market Town Board appeared to inform us that they are planning on splitting from the City Of New Market and forming a new Fire District. They would like to ask if Credit River Township is interested in participating.

Mr. Quast observed that geographically it would seem to make sense.

John Kane noted that the City of Lakeville is proposing a fire station at the McStop intersection with 35W and that it might make sense for the Township to contract with Lakeville for Fire protection in the south part of the Township.

The Credit River Town Board isn't prepared at this time to give a positive answer regarding a joint fire district. John Kane suggests that we work together to determine what is the best plan for the area with all governmental units working together to develop the best plan for the region.

Bruce Solomonson of the Prior Lake Fire Dept cautioned that thought be given to the expenses involved. Equipment costs are high because of liability expense. Personnel turnover is high. A study done for Prior Lake 10 years ago suggested that by this time they should have had 4 stations. As of this time the actually have only 1 station with another very close to be completed.

It was pointed out that the City of Prior Lake bills insurance companies for fire calls and that the Township might want to investigate this.

Discussion of possible resolution regarding (a) trenching silt fences and (b) installing silt fences behind curbs on construction sites.

With the new NPDES construction site requirements coming, it was suggested that this item be discussed at a later date.

Other Business

No other items to discuss.

Review and Pay Bills

The Board authorized the following orders to be paid.

1/6/2003	8805	Prior Lake State Bank	Levy Amounts	\$	8,101.70
1/6/2003	8806	Genevieve Dahl	Services as Treasurer	\$	576.51
1/6/2003	8807	Minnesota Valley Electric	2010 Acct	\$	16.00
1/6/2003	8808	PERA	Employee Benefits	\$	66.00
1/6/2003	8809	Center Point Energy	Light Bill	\$	22.48
1/6/2003	8810	X Cel Energy	Gas Bill	\$	10.77
1/6/2003	8811	City of Prior Lake	Fire Contract	\$	44,351.50
1/6/2003	8812	Halling Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$	3,986.00
1/6/2003	8813	Art Johnson Trucking	Road Work	\$	984.84
1/6/2003	8814	Bryan Rock Products	Rock	\$	462.90
1/6/2003	8815	Integra Telecom	Phone Bill	\$	51.11
1/6/2003	8816	Minnesota Valley Electric	Electric Bill	\$	127.00
1/6/2003	8817	ECM Publishing	Legal Publishing	\$	457.51
1/6/2003	8818	Scott County	NPDES Project	\$	2,500.00
1/6/2003	8819	Dan Casey	Services as Supervisor	\$	360.16
1/6/2003	8820	Dan Casey	Road Repair-Grey Fox	\$	80.00
1/6/2003	8821	Leroy Schommer	Services as Supervisor	\$	249.34

1/6/2003	8822	John Kane	Services as Supervisor	\$	772.62
1/6/2003	8823	Halling Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$	4,305.30
1/6/2003	8824	Jerry Maas	Services as Clerk	\$	2,089.87
1/6/2003	8825	Northstar Marketing	Office Supplies	\$	56.44

Adjourn

There being no additional business before the Board, Supervisor Schommer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Casey seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm

Submitted By: _____ Approved By: _____

Jerald R. Maas
Township Clerk
Credit River Township

John T. Kane
Chairman – Board of Supervisors
Credit River Township