

Credit River Township Meeting Minutes October 6, 2003

Call to Order

Chairman John Kane called the meeting to order at 7:07

Members Present:

John Kane, Dan Casey, Leroy Schommer

Others Present:

Clerk Jerry Maas, Treasurer Holly Batton, Township Engineer Greg Halling, Township Attorney John Roach

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the September 9, 2003 were read,

Leroy Schommer made a motion to accept the minutes. Dan Casey seconded, all in favor, motion carried 3 - 0.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's report was read. Dan Casey moved to accept the Treasurer's report as read, Leroy Schommer offered a second, all in favor, and motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Items

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Dave Menden presented a report that showed 135 calls in September.

Resident Al Aspengren asked if there was adequate staff. Sheriff Menden indicated he felt he currently had sufficient staff and in the eventuality additional staff might be necessary, it would be very difficult to add at this time. Fortunately the Township faces minimum problems.

John Kane asked about mutual aid between the cities. Sheriff Menden indicated that all of the public safety jurisdictions worked well together.

Resident's Group Report

Co-Chairman Al Aspengren reviewed the most recent meeting with the Township Board and felt that there had been a good dialogue.

Open Forum

Resident Ruth McLeod mentioned that the County Parks and Trails Open House is scheduled for October 22 at the Prior Lake Library.

Resident Mike Rabin asked about the subject matter for the scheduled meeting with the Lakeville School Board on October 21st. Holly Batton mentioned that ISD #194 was interested in our demographics in the years ahead as well as taking an opportunity to

become acquainted with the Credit River Town Board.

Agenda Item # 1 – Legends Golf Club- Request approval for renewal of Liquor Permit.

The Legends Club presented a request for approval of combination liquor License/Sunday Liquor License. The Town Board adopted the following resolution;

Township Board Resolution

2003-08

Whereas, the Town Board of Supervisors of Credit River Township in the County of Scott, Minnesota have considered the matter of an application to Scott County by Legends Club Grill, LLC for a combination Liquor License/Sunday License;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Credit River Town Board of Supervisors that pursuant to MSA 340.11, the Board supports the granting of a Combination Liquor License / Sunday Liquor License by Scott County to Legends Club Grill, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is transmitted to the applicant and the Scott County Customer Service office.

Dan Casey moved that we adopt this resolution, Leroy Schommer offered a second, all in favor motion carried 3 – 0.

Agenda Item # 2 – Heritage Links Golf Club – Request approval for renewal of Liquor Permit.

Heritage Links Golf Club presented a request for approval of a liquor License. The Town Board adopted the following resolution;

Township Board Resolution

2003-07

Whereas, the Town Board of Supervisors of Credit River Township in the County of Scott, Minnesota have considered the matter of an application to Scott County by Heritage Links Golf Club for a On Sale Liquor License;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Credit River Town Board of Supervisors that pursuant to MSA 340.11, the Board supports the granting of an On Sale Liquor License by License by Scott County to Heritage Links Golf Club.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copy of this resolution is transmitted to the applicant and the Scott County Customer Service office.

Leroy Schommer made a motion to adopt this resolution, Dan Casey offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

Agenda Item # 3 – Township PAL Insurance Coverage

Holly Batton discussed the Township insurance program. We now have a policy covering errors and omissions thru the Minnesota Association of Townships or MAT.

We are proposing to combine our Property and Casualty (PAL) coverage through MAT also. We are currently paying \$1032 per year. We would like to convert to MAT at a cost of \$1480 per year. The increased cost being due to the replacement cost of the Town Hall building.

Leroy Schommer made a motion to authorize this change in coverage. Dan Casey offered a second, all in favor motion carried 3 – 0.

Agenda Item # 4 – Justin Saterbak – Eagle Scout Project

Justin Sarterbak a resident of the Township presented a proposal to build a sign rack to be installed in the front of the building. Cost will be \$600.00. This project will fulfill Justin's Eagle Scout requirement. He presented copies of his design to the Board for consideration.

Leroy Schommer made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$600, Dan Casey offered a second, motion carried 3 – 0.

Agenda Item # 5 – Bob Haugen – Request for variance on Outlot 13 – Lakeview Gardens development

The board reviewed the request by Mr. Haugen to gain access to his lot, but suggested that he work more with Scott County in addressing some of the issues regarding the size of the lot.

Agenda Item # 6 – Discuss Towering Oaks Drive alternatives – possible connection, name changes, etc.

Jerry Maas presented some information regarding good highway design principles to insure safety and traffic flow.

John Kane reviewed the 195th street connection project and noted that it was not popular at the time, but has proven to be a good connection

Al Aspengren presented a petition from the 13 residents in Judicial Estates. The request is to not connect the road. He asked that the Board consider changing the name of one of the roads as a preferred alternative.

A comment was made by one of the residents that the cul-de-sac provides a natural crime watch and safety precaution. A comment was made that a child in a wheelchair uses the street for periods of fresh air. Mr. Kane noted that we have had several cases of handicapped children in the Township and have been very willing to provide precautionary signs for the roadways.

Mark Gulbrandson noted that it was his opinion that the segment being considered for connection has a turn that would potentially cause sight line issues.

Dennis Daugherty asked why the road wasn't completed originally. John Kane answered that the Township lacked county support at that time and that we have learned more about the importance of making these connections in the years since.

John Barden asked if one safety issue might be replaced by another in view of additional traffic that might be expected. It is his view that there are several blind approaches. Also, as he understands it, another road coming from the south is planned to adjoin Towering Oaks on the east. Wouldn't this new road obviate the need for the connection?

Jean Hornnes stated that the developer told her that the connection would never be made.

A resident inquired as to the cost to remove the existing cul-de-sacs. Township Engineer Greg Halling estimates that the cost would be approximately \$3000 per cul-de-sac. The cost to remove the burm would be \$750. Sub cuts would be required at \$500.00. The road is 750 ft long and would need 15,000 tons of rock at a cost of \$15,000. Asphalt would cost \$15,000. Landscaping \$1250. In addition there would be costs for 500 feet of curb and gutter, tile, and spillways. Mr. Halling estimates the total cost would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$35,000 to \$40,000 with the Township paying the entire cost.

A resident referred to the letter from Deputy Groscllogs that offered several options and asked if this wasn't a drastic move. John Kane noted that this project is long overdue. He noted that half of the cost has been spent in terms of rough grading and preparation and that the township isn't receiving the benefit of efficiencies originally planned.

Mark Gulnbrandson noted the elevation differences and felt that the money might be spent more wisely in other areas.

Bob Masters noted that it was his opinion that traffic patterns would tend to flow east through the connection instead of west.

John Barden noted all of the practical reasons being given for making this connection, but asked the board to take into consideration the life style the residents have come to enjoy and not to be think totally about dollars saved and efficiencies gained.

In view of the comments made and the need to study the information more closely, Dan Casey made a motion to table the discussion until November 3rd. Leroy Schommer offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

Agenda Item # 7 – Continue discussion on rear setback requirements in OSD design configurations.

John Kane suggested that the Township submit a recommendation to Scott County to allow a change of the rear setback from property lines from the existing 50 feet to 10 feet in those OSD design configurations where the property adjoins open spaces to accommodate pools and decks.

He would suggest that we not recommend changing side yard setbacks.

With no discussion forthcoming, Mr. Kane made a motion to reduce the setback from 50 feet to 10 feet in OSD design. No second was offered and Mr. Kane again made the motion. Once again, no second was offered and the motion failed.

Dan Casey made a motion to recommend a reduction from 50 feet to 20 feet. Leroy seconded, motion carried 2-1 (Kane opposed)

Agenda Item # 8 – Discuss Dead Animal carcass removal contract.

Clerk Jerry Maas indicated that he was in the process of developing a Township agreement with 4-Paws Animal Control using the county agreement as a template. Leroy Schommer made a motion to authorize attorney Roach and Mr. Maas to negotiate an agreement with 4 Paws Animal Control.

Other Business

1. McNamara Construction

Greg Halling presented final pay estimates for West Side and Pebble Brook Court. The amount is an additional amount of \$6832.00. There is also a request for an interest payment. The board directed Greg Halling to contact the vendor and negotiate.

2. Cemstone Road Damage Issue

Mr. Roach suggested a meeting with Cemstone on Wednesday, October 15th, to discuss the road damage issue.

3 Koestering Clarification

The Board directed Clerk Maas to submit a clarification to the Prior Lake American regarding the recent comment concerning Koestering Homes.

4 Casey Addition Road Signs

The street signs seem to still be faded. Have they been replaced? John Kane will investigate.

5 Township Bridge Report

Clerk Maas reported that we need to submit a bridge report to the county detailing any bridges we may have in the township. It was indicated that to the best of our knowledge, the Township doesn't have any bridges.

6 Publishing the official minutes in the PL American.

It was decided at the annual meeting that we would publish the minutes of all regular township meetings in the Prior Lake American for a period of 3 months to see if it is an economically reasonable thing to do. We have now been doing this for 4 months and it in fact is quite expensive, The Board is of the opinion that not enough people are in fact reading the minutes to warrant continuing this practice and therefore decided not to continue.

The meeting notes will continue to be available on the Township website following their approval at each successive meeting.

Review and Pay Bills

The Town Board approved the following claims for payment:

9/11/2003	9080	New Market Bank	Loan Costs	\$	600.00
9/11/2003	9081	All Steel Products	Culvert-195th St	\$	915.90
9/11/2003	9082	Prior Lake Aggregate	Sand	\$	478.45
9/11/2003	9083	Ed Kraemer & Sons	Gravel	\$	16,576.81
9/11/2003	9084	McNamara Construction	Road Const West Side/Pebble Brook	\$	221,291.97
9/11/2003	9085	State of Min	CTAS Software-Accounting	\$	250.00
9/19/2003	9086	S J Roach & Associates	Legal Fees	\$	1,818.50
10/6/2003	9087	Jamie Michels Construction	Culvert Refunds	\$	600.00
10/6/2003	9088	Wooddale Builders	Culvert Refunds	\$	600.00
10/6/2003	9089	Gerold Builders	Culvert Refunds	\$	1,200.00
10/6/2003	9090	Sonata Homes	Culvert Refund	\$	600.00
10/6/2003	9091	McWilliams & Associates	Culvert Refund	\$	600.00
10/6/2003	9092	Pat Simon	Culvert Refund	\$	600.00
10/6/2003	9093	William Simon	Culvert Refund	\$	600.00
10/6/2003	9094	Terry Wangerin	Culvert Refund	\$	600.00
10/6/2003	9095	Jerry Maas	Expense Reimbursement	\$	15.20
10/6/2003	9096	Jerry Maas	Services as Clerk	\$	2,539.63
10/6/2003	9097	Holly Batton	Services as Treasurer	\$	794.21
10/6/2003	9098	Holly Batton	Expense Reimbursement	\$	27.65
10/6/2003	9099	Halling Engineering	September Engineering Work	\$	30,258.22
10/6/2003	9100	Scott Soil and Water District	NPDES Inspections	\$	1,669.50
10/6/2003	9101	Victor Lundeen Co	Township Cks & Window Envel	\$	309.66
10/6/2003	9102	Leroy Schommer	Services as Supervisor	\$	304.76
10/6/2003	9103	Cliff Nyland	Dispose of Park Refuse	\$	150.00
10/6/2003	9104	Minnesota Association of Townships	Property/Liability/Auto Liab Ins	\$	1,003.00
10/6/2003	9105	John Kane	Services as Supervisor	\$	858.86
10/6/2003	9106	John Kane	Expense Reimbursement-Mileage	\$	131.00
10/6/2003	9107	Dennis Karow	Park Lawn Care	\$	734.85
10/6/2003	9108	SW Suburban Publishing	Legal Advertising-Prior Lake Amer	\$	537.29
10/6/2003	9109	Tupy & Kubes Tree Service	Tree Removal-Monterey Ave.	\$	790.00
10/6/2003	9110	MVEC	Electric Bill-Town Hall	\$	43.00
10/6/2003	9111	Integra Telecom	Phone Service-Town Hall	\$	149.50
10/6/2003	9112	Art Johnson Trucking	Grade Roads/Road Repair	\$	902.00
10/6/2003	9113	Center Point Energy	Gas Bill Town Hall	\$	9.59
10/6/2003	9114	LaCanne Paving	Road Repair	\$	4,200.00
10/6/2003	9115	Xcel Energy	Nite Lite Service	\$	11.15
10/6/2003	9116	Tuff Cut Landscape	Repair Drainage Ditch	\$	500.00
10/6/2003	9117	Dale Kuchinka	Ditch Mowing	\$	875.00
10/6/2003	9118	MVEC	Electric Service-Creekwood Well	\$	16.00
10/6/2003	9119	McKinley Sewer Service	Septic System Pumping-Town Hall	\$	160.00
10/6/2003	9120	Scott County Treasurer	911 Signs	\$	159.75
10/6/2003	9121	Dan Casey	Service as Supr/Road Repair	\$	434.04

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Town Board, John Kane made a motion to adjourn. Dan Casey offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:04 pm

Submitted By: (s/) Jerald R. Maas`

Township Clerk
Credit River Township

Approved By : (s/) John T. Kane

Chairman – Board of Supervisors
Credit River Township