

**Credit River Township
Annual Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2004
Held at the Legends Club**

Call to Order

Clerk Jerry Maas called the meeting to order at 8:30 and called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Maas then introduced the members of the Town Board.

Order of Business:

Election of a Moderator:

Clerk Maas called for nominations for a moderator. Joe Miller made a motion to elect John O'Keefe as moderator. Craig Larson seconded motion. There were no other nominations presented. All in favor, motion carried by a voice vote.

John O'Keefe assumed the role as moderator.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Clerk Maas read the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on March 11, 2003. Moderator O'Keefe called for additions and/or corrections. There being none, a motion was made by Greg Brown to accept the minutes as read. Joe Skluzacek offered a second. All in favor, motion carried by voice vote.

Report on Financial Records:

Treasurer Holly Batton reported that the Town Board held the annual public Board of Audit meeting on February 25, 2004 at which time the records of the clerk and treasurer were reviewed and found to be in order. Proper checks and balances were found to be in place and the Board approved the report. Copies of the financial report are available by contacting the clerk.

A motion was made by Alden Starkey to accept the Clerk and Treasurers Financial Report. Diane Backer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried by a voice vote.

Road Report

Town Board Chairman Dan Casey reviewed the highlights of the activities regarding the township roads during the past 12 months. They were as follows:

The township looked into improving the eastern segment of 170th Street. After meeting with the residents, it was decided that a dust treatment method will be used.

During the year, we replaced two culverts on Flag Trail in a joint effort with Scott County.

The western portion of 170th Street was crack sealed. Also the speed limits on this road is being looked into this year as several residents feel that cars are traveling too fast.

We are considering an assessment project to improve France Blvd and France Court in the southern part of the township off County Road 8.

The Board has instituted 5-ton weight restrictions on all roads when only one lift is applied.

The township did two assessment projects on West Side Drive and Pebble Brook Court in 2003.

We are planning seasonal tree trimming this coming summer and we will be sweeping streets on an as needed basis.

Several faded street signs in Casey's Addition have been replaced.

The turn-back of Scott County 75 to the Township is in process and will have quite an impact on the Township financially.

Mike Robin asked about the county position on 75. Dan responded that they would like to give it back and the Township is negotiating terms.

Joe Miller asked about connecting Towering Oaks Trail between Scottview Estates and Judicial Estates. Dan Casey indicated no decision had been made and the issue is tabled for the time being pending a review of the impact the new 4 lane Highway 21 would have on the area.

Todd Shilling asked about the length of time the 185th Street project. Dan Casey responded that as far as he knew it would be two construction seasons

Legislative Update – Representative Mark Buesgens

Minnesota House Representative Mark Buesgens presented some information on current issues in the State House.

Election Report for 2004:

There were a total of 312 ballots cast. The results were as follows:

For Supervisor

Bruce Nilsen	281 votes
Kevin Casey	5 votes
Al Aspengren	2 votes
Robert Casey	2 votes
Jim Gallagher	1 vote
Dallas Blakeborough	1 vote
No Vote (Blank)	17
Spoiled Ballot	3

For Town Clerk

Jerry Maas	284 votes
Bryan Reicherl	5 votes
Dallas Blakeborough	3 votes
John Kane	3 votes
Robert Casey	2 votes
Kevin Casey	2 votes
Kevin Giles	1 vote
Al Aspengren	1 vote
Ray Loftus	1 Vote
No Vote (Blank)	7
Spoiled Ballot	3

Regarding the Town Question # 1

Should Credit River Township adopt Option A form of Government?

Yes	82 Votes
No	229 Votes
No Vote (Blank)	1

A motion was made by Dan Casey to accept the election report. A second was offered by Joe Skluzacek. All in favor, motion carried by voice vote

Discuss Levy Proposals for 2005

Clerk Maas pointed out that the final Levy numbers are not due until the early part of September and recommended that we simply discuss some financial issues this evening and continue this meeting until the August regular meeting. Between now and then, the

clerk and treasurer will assemble some budgets based on input we receive tonight and then be in a position to recommend Levy amounts at that time.

Clerk Maas called for a motion to delay submittal of the levy amounts until the August or September regular meetings.

Jay Saterbak made a motion to motion to postpone submittal of the Levy amounts until later in the year. Joe Skluzacek offered a second. All in favor. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Jay Saterbak noted that water and sewer issues will in all certainty be an issue for the Township in the future and subsequently made a motion that we recommend that the Township set aside some funds to pursue a professional evaluation of these issues. Corey Glab offered a second. Following some discussion on the subject, moderator O'Keefe called for a voice vote. All in favor, motion carried by a voice vote.

Jeanann Beyl noted that the township had achieved some success in improving communications with some recent newsletters and made a motion that we recommend that the township continue this practice of trying to publish at least 3 newsletters annually at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Jay Saterbak offered a second.

After some discussion, moderator O'Keefe called the question. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Jay Saterbak noted that fire and police protection is an issue that he feels is important to a number of residents in the Township. He further noted that providing firewells (water source) would improve fire insurance and effectiveness in fighting fires. It has also been noted that the County Sheriff has proposed substations and it might be possible to locate one in the township with the townships picking up some of the costs. Mr. Saterbak made a motion that we recommend setting aside some funds to look into improving fire and police protection in the township. Jim Nimsgger offered a second.

Doug Drews indicated that his experience with fire protection has been good, not sure of what is needed. It was his feeling that developers bringing in more homesites ought to be charged fees for improving these services along with schools, sewer and water, etc. Township Attorney, John Roach, noted that Credit River is already very aggressive when it comes to collecting fees from developers and that it might be difficult to require fees for these types of services.

Mr. Saterbak pointed out that would be one of the reasons for the study.

Joe Miller pointed out that 6 miles from a fire station is an important number used in calculating insurance rates

John McGibbon pointed out that it was his feeling that we have a responsibility to look at these issues.

There being no further discussion, moderator O'Keefe called for a vote. Motion carried by a voice vote

Bob Masters proposed that the township place an overlay on Scott County zoning that would require lot sizes to be at least 2 acres. Corey Glab seconded.

Jeananne Beyl asked if the township would be subject to lawsuit costs since this type of activity is currently permitted under the Counties Zoning Regulations. Mr. Roach felt that the possibility existed.

There being no further discussion, moderator O'Keefe called the question and it failed by a voice vote.

Select Legal Publishing Agent and Posting Location

John Mahoney made motion to designate the Prior Lake American as the legal publishing vehicle for the township, and the Lakeville Life and Times as the secondary publishing

vehicle. Jim Nimsger seconded this motion.

There being no discussion, moderator O'Keefe called the question and it passed by a voice vote.

Select Repository for Town Funds

Treasurer Holly Batton noted that she had done some investigation and found that Anchor Bank in Lakeville offered better interest rates

Jeanne Beyl made a motion to designate Anchor Bank of Lakeville as the Town repository. A second was offered by Bob Masters.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Select Time and Site for Next Years Meeting

A motion was made by Joe Skluzacek to meet at 8:30 pm on Tuesday March 8, 2004 at the Legends Club. A second was offered by Jay Saterbak. All in favor, motion carried by voice vote

Adjourn (Continue meeting)

There being no further business before the Township, Clerk Maas thanked all of the residents present for their participation in the meeting. And called for a motion to continue this meeting until September 7th. Joe Nimsger made a motion to continue the meeting until September 7th. Alden Starkey offered a second, motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 pm

Submitted By: _____

Jerald R. Maas
Township Clerk
Credit River Township

Approved By: _____

Dan Casey
Chairman – Board of Supervisors
Credit River Township