

Credit River Township Meeting Minutes April 5, 2004

Call to Order

Chairman Dan Casey called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Members Present:

Dan Casey, Leroy Schommer, Bruce Nilsen

Others Present:

Treasurer Holly Batton, Township Engineer Greg Halling, Township Attorney John Roach

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the March 1 2004 were read.

Leroy Schommer moved to accept the minutes as read. Bruce Nilsen seconded, all in favor, motion carried 3 - 0.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's report was read.

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

Agenda Items

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Dave Menden presented the Sheriff's report for March 2004. It was noted that there were 94 calls, 19 alarms and 9 accidents.

Resident's Group Report

No report tonight

Open Forum

Al Aspengren, a resident of Towering Oaks Trail, noted that his yard had been severely damaged by the snowplow. He asked if there was anything residents can do to prevent this in the future? Dan Casey noted that the area suffering the damage is the township right away, doesn't belong to the homeowner, and is designed to receive excess snow from the roads. Consequently, the plow will of necessity need to operate in that portion of the ditch..

Holly Jorgenson, a resident of 170th St. East asked about tree trimming mentioned at annual meeting. Is there a schedule for this activity? Dan Casey noted that some trimming is already complete and that the township will address as needs are observed and reported. Ms. Jorgenson observed that Dakota Electric is doing some trimming and wondered if Credit River should wait and save money by letting them do it first. She requested that the township be conservative in trimming – in part to calm traffic. Dan Casey stated that trimming is done to preserve sight lines as well as clearing space for snowfall deposit. Ms. Jorgenson further noted that a forester she spoke with about the last trimming claimed that it was done very poorly if preservation of tree health was a concern. She volunteered to research options of tree trimming companies.

Mike Robin, a resident of Nevada Ave, brought up the issue of speed limits on township

roads. Dan Casey stated that 170th Street between Texas Ave and the western border of the township was the specific road that was currently being addressed. The board has been working with Halling Engineering to determine the needs. Attorney John Roach will research the state speed limit law and forward to Greg Halling and Holly Batton via e-mail.

Greg Brown, a resident of Lynn Drive, noted that garbage in builders/developers construction site bins is overflowing and suggested that the township contact the offenders to request cleanup. It was noted that the Scott County building inspector usually takes care of this problem. The board indicated they would look into the matter.

Agenda Item # 1 – Credit River Development Corp. – Present petition for Subordinate Service District. (SSD) for Stonebridge Project

Joe Huber and Matt Froelich presented at petition to the board requesting the creation of a Subordinate Service District (SSD) for sewer services in the new Stonebridge project. The board accepted the petition and gave it to the clerk for verification as to accuracy.

Agenda Item # 2 – Laurent Development – Request recommendation for approval of Final Plat for The Territory – Phase 1

Gary Laurent and Paul Heuer of Laurent Development appeared with their engineering consultant, Roger Anderson appeared before the Board to request a recommendation to approve the Final Plat for “The Territory – Phase 1”.

There was a brief discussion of the project’s overall contribution to the Township turn/by-pass lane fund. In view of the complexity of this issue, Dan Casey stated that he was in favor of a special meeting to review all information.

It was discussed that right of way issues may be better handled by having the county highway department review appropriate problems. It is Credit River Township’s desire to work with county to achieve best solution.

The board decided to meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 13, at the town hall to discuss the developer’s agreement for Territory Phase I.

Agenda Item # 3 - Appoint Local Governmental Unit (LGU)

In view of the fact that John Kane is no longer a member of the board, it is necessary to appoint a new representative to serve as the LGU for wetland conservation. Engineer Greg Halling or Pete Beckius are options. In addition, John Kane has expressed an interest in continuing to serve in this capacity. Leroy Schommer would also be willing to accept this responsibility.

Final decision will be made as part of the reorganization meeting at the May board meeting. In the interim, John Kane will continue to serve as LGU until the reorganization meeting.

Agenda Item # 4 – Discuss street sweeping plans for 2004 spring season

Leroy Schommer contacted Scott County Highway Department to perform street sweeping operations as required. In general, the township streets will not be swept since we have had considerable rainfall.

Agenda Item # 5 – Discuss road closure on Lynn Court

We are continuing to experience a problem with garbage dumping on Lynn Court. The board decided to close Lynn Court with a rock barricade since fencing has been disregarded. Attorney Roach said that it is legal to use whatever material warranted as long as signage is present stating road is closed.

Other Business

1. Results of Bid Opening for France Blvd/France Court

The township advertised for bids for the reconstruction of France Blvd./France Court. Nine bids were received.

Art Johnson Trucking	\$ 122,444.85	
Mueller & Sons	\$ 113,600.00	(Low bid)
GMH	\$ 121,074.00	
Bituminous	\$ 133,870.00	
Chard Tiling	\$ 114,237.00	
NW Asphalt	\$ 114,119.50	
Harddrive	\$ 135,049.50	
McNamara	\$ 122,725.05	
Valley Paving	\$ 127,122.00	

Engineers est. \$ 133,000.00

Specs called for work to commence after June 15

Prices are locked in whether petroleum prices changes or not.

Board action: Leroy Schommer recommends Mueller and consequently made a motion to accept bid from Mueller & Sons. Bruce Nilsen seconded, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

2. Casey Parkway – Eastern Section

There have been problems with this section of road and the Board will work with Halling Engineering to identify specific areas. Where work hasn't been done yet, the township will request warranty work be done by Valley Paving. Otherwise approach the bid bond to correct the problem areas.

3. Resident Todd Duvick driveway

Todd Duvick, resident of 195th street, called and asked as to the status of the final decision to have his driveway replaced properly. This is related to the issue the township has with Koestering Homes on the drainage problems at 195th and Towering Oaks.

No action taken. A meeting with Mr. Koestering is planned

4. Status of request to post 170th street at a lower speed

At the last meeting, Jeff Wendt, resident of 170th Street, asked if the Board would consider lowering the speed limit on 170th street in view of the higher density housing in the area.

State Statute states that a 30 mph sign would be proper for that road. The board authorized Mr. Halling to order signs and have them posted on 170th Street.

5. Status of Town Hall Maintenance Project

At the last meeting, the board discussed some routine maintenance required at the town hall. The new windows have arrived and we are in the process of making arrangements with Val Zweber to do some required painting. No action to date on contacting an electrician to move the wall heat units.

6. Ditch Mowing Proposal for 2004 from Dale Kucinka

Dale Kuchinka has submitted a proposal for Ditch Mowing for 2004. He is quoting \$25.00 per mile for 35 township road miles for a total of \$875 per mowing occasion.

Leroy Schommer moved to accept the bid, Bruce Nilsen seconded all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

7. Discuss Steven Meyer request for Interim Use Permit

Last month resident Steven Meyer appeared and presented a plan to operate a woodworking/cabinet shop in an existing accessory building as a home extended business. He was told at that time that the board would review the county planning report and be prepared to offer a recommendation at that time. That board has received that report.

Bruce Nilsen asked about fire extinguishers. Flammable material will be stored in a cabinet designed for that purpose.

The board unanimously agreed to provide a favorable recommendation to the county with no conditions attached. Mr. Meyer is scheduled to appear before the County Planning Commission on April 12th.

8. Discuss Public Hearing scheduled for Robert and Linda Haugen on variance request

Robert and Linda Haugen appeared several months ago requesting the board approve a variance to classify a 2 acre lot as a buildable site instead of the required 2.5 acre lot size. It was noted that they are scheduled to appear before the County Planning Commission on April 12th.

The Haugens were not present this evening. As a result no action was taken by the board. The board agreed that they would not be inclined to recommend approval of the request at the Planning Commission meeting.

9. Road Grading Bid

The township received one grading bid from Art Johnson Trucking for road grading at a rate of \$58.00 per hour.

Leroy Schommer moved to accept this bid. Bruce Nilsen seconded, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

10. Rock Hauling Bid.

The township received a bid from Art Johnson Trucking for miscellaneous rock hauling.

Bruce Nilsen moved to accept this bid, Leroy Schommer seconded, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

11. Road Gravel Requirements

Roads in need of gravel are Webster Court, France Circle, Lucerne Trail, Flag Trail, 210th St., Nevada Ave. and Bridle Path

12. Bids on Lab Testing for Monitoring Wells

Greg Halling presented two bids that would meet all the township requirements. One bid was from Minnesota Valley Testing and the other was from NTS.

Mr. Halling wants labs to take the samples to maintain uniformity. Minnesota Valley Testing is currently doing it. Dan asked if references were available. Mr. Halling says MVL is used a lot in the area.

Bruce Nilsen moved to accept the bid from NTS. Leroy Schommer seconded, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

13. Septic Tank Inspection Fees – OSD Developments

Attorney John Roach stated that he talked to Al Frechette in the county Environmental Health about tank fees. It was decided that when the county stops charging inspection fees, the township can start charging \$350 for tank inspections.

14. NPDES Inspections

The issue of transferring the responsibility for Erosion control from the builder to the homeowner until stabilization was discussed. It was thought that the builder needs to handle the transfer of escrow at closing. John Roach will look into the matter and report next month. A suggestion was made to make the fee assignable or keep the responsibility with the builder. Dan Casey suggested that it be assignable, Bruce Nilsen concurred. Greg recommends reducing inspections in winter to once a month. John Roach will work with Jerry Maas to develop a solution.

15. Integra Phone Rates

There is a question of whether we are receiving the best rates possible from Integra Communications. Holly Batton will investigate this and report back to the board. It was noted that the township will need additional phone lines for monitoring service at SSD's.

16. Creekwood Well

Creekwood well has still not been capped. Jerry Maas will once again contact Hartman and expedite.

17. Fuel Oil Tank Removal

Holly Batton will contact Determan Brown for information and Al Frechette for advice for testing company.

Review and Pay Bills

The Town Board approved the following claims for payment:

4/5/2004	9285	Jerald Mortenson	Election Judge Fee	\$	138.00
4/5/2004	9286	Robert Dahl	Election Judge Fee	\$	150.00
4/5/2004	9287	Daralene Lein	Election Judge Fee	\$	150.00
4/5/2004	9288	Jeneann Beyl	Election Judge Fee	\$	84.00
4/5/2004	9289	Jan Penney	Election Judge Fee	\$	126.00
4/5/2004	9290	John O'Keefe	Annual Mtg Moderator Fee	\$	60.00
4/5/2004	9291	Richard Schmitz	Election Judge Fee	\$	150.00
4/5/2004	9292	Void		\$	-
4/5/2004	9293	Reed Business Information	Advertise Construction Bids	\$	105.05
4/5/2004	9294	CenterPoint Energy	Town Hall Gas Bill	\$	109.40
4/5/2004	9295	Xcell Energy	St Francis Street Lite	\$	11.18
4/5/2004	9296	Edward Kraemer & Sons	Screenclean	\$	240.93
4/5/2004	9297	MPCA	S Pass/Mont Hgts SSD Permit 2003	\$	505.00
4/5/2004	9298	MPCA	Territory 2003 SSD Permit	\$	505.00
4/5/2004	9299	City of Prior Lake	1/2 2004 Fire Contract	\$	48,831.50
4/5/2004	9300	Integra Telecom	Town Hall Phone/SSD Charges	\$	242.81
4/5/2004	9301	Minnesota Valley Electric	Town Hall Electric Bill	\$	16.00
4/5/2004	9302	ECM Publishers	Legal Advertising	\$	30.94
4/5/2004	9303	Bruce Nilsen	Expenses-Town Hall Furniture	\$	37.00
4/5/2004	9204	Bruce Nilsen	Mileage Reimbursement-Seminar	\$	24.48
4/5/2004	9305	Jerry Maas	Expense Reim-	\$	168.95
4/5/2004	9306	Eide Bailly	Audit-Final Payment	\$	1,500.00

4/5/2004	9307	Leroy Schommer	Expenses- Seminar	\$	88.80
4/5/2004	9308	S John Roach & Associates	Legal Fees	\$	3,153.50
4/5/2004	9309	Dan Casey	Services as Supervisor	\$	360.16
4/5/2004	9310	Jerald R Maas	Services as Clerk	\$	2,539.62
4/5/2004	9311	Bruce Nilsen	Service As Supervisor	\$	415.57
4/5/2004	9312	Doug Scheurenbrand	Misc Labor	\$	606.04
4/5/2004	9313	Holly Batton	Service as Treasurer	\$	838.53
4/5/2004	9314	Leroy Schommer	Service as Supervisor	\$	470.98

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Town Board, Dan Casey moved to adjourn. Leroy Schommer offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11.03 pm

Submitted By: (s/) Jerald R. Maas

Township Clerk
Credit River Township

Approved By :(s/) Dan Casey

Chairman – Board of Supervisors
Credit River Township