

# Credit River Township Meeting Minutes July 6, 2004

## Call to Order

Chairman Dan Casey called the meeting to order at 7:06.

## Members Present:

Dan Casey, Leroy Schommer, Bruce Nilsen

## Others Present:

Clerk Jerry Maas, Treasurer Holly Batton, Tim Gillette representing Township Engineer Greg Halling, Township Attorney Bob Ruppe

## Minutes of the previous meeting:

The Board reviewed the April 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Bruce Nilsen made a motion to approve the minutes, Leroy Schommer seconded, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

Minutes of the June 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting were read. Leroy Schommer made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Bruce Nilsen offered a second. Motion carried 3 – 0.

## Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's report was read.

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

## Agenda Items

### Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Dave Menden presented a copy of the monthly report. There were 130 calls in the month of June. (10 accident items, 4 with bodily injury, and 2 burglaries included).

Dan Casey asked if the sheriff had any comments on the newly installed 30 mph signs on 170<sup>th</sup> street. Sheriff Menden indicated that he had not heard of any.

### Resident's Group Report

Ruth McLeod, representing the Citizens Group, inquired as to the boards thoughts on a sign on anti-dumping on Murphy Harahan road at the entrance to the park

Attorney Ruppe noted that a "nuisance ordinance" would be in order. He indicated that he had obtained the townships files of ordinances and would check to see if we have an ordinance already. He further cautioned that the township needed to be prepared to enforce it and incur the associated expenses should a decision be made to implement such an ordinance.

Ms. McLeod also reported that the survey the Citizen's Group is preparing is still incomplete.

### Open Forum

Jim Backes, resident of Wagonwheel Trail, appeared to voice his concern on the draining of the pond behind his home. It was his view that the water level dropped by 3½ feet and that the property is now devalued in his view.

After considerable discussion regarding the need to remove the beaver dams from the adjacent property due to the damage caused by water backing up as a result, and upon a

review of the maps of the area, Mr. Gillette from Halling Engineering pointed out that the pond Mr. Backes was concerned about will in fact be restored soon.

### **Agenda Item # 1 – Eugene Karel – 18441 Valley Ridge Court – Request setback variance on home due to reconstruction of County Road 21 (185<sup>th</sup> Street)**

The Board received a report of the impact on the Karel property as a result of the reconstruction of County Road 21 and noted that a variance was certainly in order due to the fact that the non-compliance was not caused by the Karels.

Chairman Dan Casey moved to give a favorable recommendation to the county. Leroy Schommer offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

### **Agenda Item # 2 - Other Business**

1) Creekwood Park Well

Chairman Dan Casey reported that this well has now been capped in accordance with a request by the Minnesota Department of Public Health.

2) Casey Park Well

This well has not been capped as yet

3) Tree Trimming

Chairman Casey also reported that some tree trimming on St. Francis Lane has been done. The board will be contacting some professional tree trimmers to complete this task

4) France Blvd/France Court

Chairman Casey reported that the first lift of paving is now complete with the second lift being scheduled for summer of 2005.

5) Highway 68/County Road 27 Intersection

It was noted that when County Road 21 undergoes reconstruction, this intersection would probably receive more traffic. It was suggested that the clerk contact County Engineer Brian Sorenson and discuss additional traffic controls and possibly set up a meeting with the board if necessary.

6) Signs for Horses on Natchez Ave.

Tim Gillette will get this done

7) Attorney Bob Ruppe Report

Newly appointed Township Attorney Bob Ruppe reported on several issues he is working on, among which are the following:

a) Township Ordinances

As mentioned previously, Mr. Ruppe has the Township Ordinance File and is in the process of reviewing it.

b). Letter to Builders/Developers on Street Sweeping

The Township NPDES policy for construction site management requires that soils be kept on the building site and off of the streets. Clerk Maas has composed a letter to be sent to the builders accompanying the bill for street sweeping. Mr. Ruppe has reviewed this letter and approved it.

c). Homeowners Association Agreement for The Territory

Mr. Ruppe indicated he would be working with Laurent Development to review this document as soon as it is available.

d). The Territory Developers Agreement

Mr. Ruppe pointed out that in view of the new legal description, this document would have to be amended.

e). Insurance for SSD Community Sewer Systems

Mr. Ruppe strongly recommends that the Township pursue insurance policies on these now in view of the fact that responsibility will soon be transferred to the Township. He enumerated a number of requirements to fulfill this task.

f) 180<sup>th</sup> Street Easements

Mr. Ruppe indicated that he is researching the legally recorded ownerships on the parcels in questions and preparing new easement forms.

g) Parks

Mr. Ruppe noted some potential issues in the parks regarding liability questions and that he would be looking into these. In addition, he is reviewing the Township Park Dedication Fund and investigating how these might be properly utilized.

h) Culvert Deposits

Mr. Ruppe is evaluating the Township procedure on processing these funds.

i) Town Hall / Equipment Rental Policy

It has been noted that residents and organizations frequently ask to use the Hall for varied purposes. It is felt that a more formal written policy be implemented and Mr. Ruppe submitted a proposal. The Board agreed to consider this at the next meeting

j). Township Planning / Zoning Responsibilities

Mr. Ruppe felt that the Town Board ought to hold a workshop meeting with several individuals to discuss future plans for Credit River Township. He thought this ought to be done in August or September

k). NPDES Erosion Control on Completed Home-sites

In view of the fact that we are now taking an aggressive approach to soil and erosion issues as required by the NPDES program during the construction of homes in the township, it was pointed out that we need to complete this process once the homeowner takes possession of the property. Mr. Ruppe felt that we might want to look into a landscaping escrow from the homeowner to insure that the property is stabilized as soon as possible.

l). Drainage Issue on 195<sup>th</sup> Street – Duvick Driveway Concerns

Mr. Ruppe indicated that he in the process of reviewing the file on this problem as it relates to the Townships position in the matter.

m). County Road 75 Turnback

In that the County is interested in transferring responsibility for maintaining County Road 75 to the township, Mr. Ruppe is investigating the options available to the township in terms of insisting that the county bring the road up to a reasonable standard.

n) Street Sweeping/Cleaning Policy

At the June meeting it was felt that in view of a number of varied opinions by several residents as to the Townships position on sweeping or cleaning the streets in the Spring season, that a formal written policy ought to be prepared. Clerk Maas presented a proposed policy for the board's consideration. It was agreed that this would be taken up at the next meeting to allow the board to independently consider the issue.

o). Access to Highway 21 for residents Mr. and Mrs. Ehlringer

Current plans for re-construction of County Road 21 call for a "right-in, right-out" access to the Ehlringer property. Dan Casey will contact County Engineering to discuss.

## Review and Pay Bills

The Town Board approved the following claims for payment:

6/15/2004	2063	Integra Telecom	Phone Service	\$	348.55
6/15/2004	2064	Scott Soil and Water Cons District	NPDES Inspections - April	\$	1,921.50
6/15/2004	2065	Scott Soil and Water Cons District	NPDES Inspections - March	\$	2,457.00
7/6/2004	2066	Al Maas Construction	Driveway Access Refunds	\$	6,900.00
7/6/2004	2067	Al Maas Construction	Bldg Permit Refund	\$	1,175.00
7/6/2004	2068	Chas Cudd Co.	NPDES Refund	\$	1,608.50
7/6/2004	2069	Val Zweber	Town Hall Paint Work	\$	215.00
7/6/2004	2070	Holly Batton	Expense Reimbursement	\$	365.95
7/6/2004	2071	Dan Cooper	Driveway Access Refund	\$	600.00
7/6/2004	2072	Bruce Nilsen	Access Refund/Office Equipment	\$	360.00
7/6/2004	2073	ECM Publishing	Legal Advertising-Lakeville	\$	37.13
7/6/2004	2074	Jerry Maas	Expense Reimbursement	\$	246.91
7/6/2004	2075	Prior Lake Aggregates	Washed Rock	\$	71.67
7/6/2004	2076	Minnesota Valley Electric	Town Hall Electric Bill	\$	32.00
7/6/2004	2077	Scott County Treasurer (Highway)	Speed Limit Signs - 170th St.	\$	158.07
7/6/2004	2078	Dale Kuchinka	Ditch Mowing	\$	875.00
7/6/2004	2079	Dustcoating Inc.	Dust Treatment	\$	8,114.20
7/6/2004	2080	Halling Engineering	June Engineering Work	\$	14,200.02
7/6/2004	2081	Dennis Karow	Lawn Care Township Parks	\$	873.20
7/6/2004	2082	Scott County Treasurer (Highway)	Street Sweeping Winter Sand/Salt	\$	443.83
7/6/2004	2083	X-Cel Energy	St Francis Street Light	\$	11.24
7/6/2004	2084	CenterPoint Energy	Town Hall Gas Bill	\$	14.92
7/6/2004	2085	Void		\$	-
7/6/2004	2086	Edw Kramer & Sons	Gravel	\$	11,911.01
7/6/2004	2087	Bridget Chard	Consulting-Stonebridge Project	\$	150.00
7/6/2004	2088	Void		\$	-
7/6/2004	2089	Scott Soil & Water	May E and S Inspections	\$	2,207.25
7/6/2004	2090	Anchor Bank	June 2004 Withholding	\$	852.24
7/6/2004	2091	Bruce Nilsen	Book Shelves-Town Hall	\$	30.00
7/6/2004	2092	Steve Klongerbo	Driveway Access Refund	\$	600.00
7/6/2004	2093	Chas Cudd Co.	Driveway Access Refunds	\$	900.00
7/6/2004	2094	Holly Batton	Services as Treasurer	\$	978.91
7/6/2004	2095	Dan Casey	Services as Supervisor	\$	507.92
7/6/2004	2096	Jerald R. Maas	Services as Clerk	\$	2,539.62
7/6/2004	2097	Bruce Nilsen	Services as Supervisor	\$	452.51
7/6/2004	2098	Leroy Schommer	Services as Supervisor	\$	840.38
7/6/2004	2099	Scott County Treasurer (Highway)	Sand/Salt (1st Half 2004)	\$	3,812.98

## Adjourn

There being no further business before the Town Board, Bruce Nilsen made a motion to adjourn. Leroy Schommer offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm

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Submitted By: (s/) Jerald R. Maas

Township Clerk  
Credit River Township

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Approved By : (s/) Dan Casey

Chairman – Board of Supervisors  
Credit River Township