

Credit River Township Meeting Minutes December 5, 2005

Call to Order

Chairman Dan Casey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present:

Chairman Dan Casey, Supervisor Leroy Schommer, Supervisor Bruce Nilsen

Others Present:

Clerk Jerry Maas, Treasurer Holly Batton, Township Engineer Jeff Elliott, Township Attorney Bob Ruppe, Wastewater Consultant Bridget Chard

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Chairman Dan Casey called for Clerk Maas to read the draft minutes of the November 7, 2005 meeting.

Supervisor Leroy Schommer offered a motion to accept the minutes as read. Supervisor Bruce Nilsen offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Holly Batton presented the Treasurer's report.

Supervisor Bruce Nilsen raised a question regarding the amount of money shown in the Road Access / Culvert Fund. Attorney Bob Ruppe will check with state Auditor and report next month on what to do with the old amounts that are outdated.

Supervisor Bruce Nilsen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Supervisor Leroy Schommer offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

Agenda Items

Sheriff's Report

Captain Kevin Studnicka from the Scott County Sheriff's department presented the report for November. He noted that there were 127 calls, with the usual high number of alarm calls.

A question was asked about signage regarding deer crossing. It might be useful for the highway department to coordinate with Sheriff on high incident areas. Ruth McLeod asked about a sign on 217th street in the vicinity of her home in that she feels there are a number of deer sightings. Captain Studnicka indicated he would investigate.

Resident's Group Report

No report tonight. The next meeting for the group is scheduled for December 13th.

Open Forum

Mark Gulbrandson, resident of Towering Oaks Trail, noted that there was considerable damage to his yard because of snow plowing. He understood that some minor damage usually can happen, but he felt that the snow plow operator was very negligent.

Mark Batton, resident of Scott View Estates also noted that they saw considerable damage. He mentioned that some of the new developments have covenants that require yards have sod placed to the curb edge.

Chairman Casey noted that we plow over 50 miles of road and it was his feeling that total amount of damage is quite small in relation to the total job.

He also noted that we have one year left on the snow plowing agreement. There was only one bid received when the current agreement was accepted.

Chairman Casey mentioned that while it was not preferred, fiber glass stakes would be allowed in the future. He did note that as the snow amounts increase, these also become a problem.

Supervisor Bruce Nilsen offered a motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of convening the Public Hearing scheduled for 7:30 pm. Supervisor Leroy Schommer offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0. The meeting was recessed.

Agenda Item # 1 – Public Hearing – Territory CSTS Ordinance

Chairman Dan Casey called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and immediately turned the meeting over to Bridget Chard, wastewater consultant who passed out the agenda for the Public Hearing...

Bridget Chard explained that the purpose of the hearing was to receive public input regarding the Draft Ordinance for the operation of a community wastewater system under a previously approved Subordinate Service District (SSD) for the Territory.

Bridget Chard read the attached notice of the hearing that was sent to the property owners on November 21, 2005; present the affidavit of mail delivery (attached) and the list of property owners (attached). She noted that she had received one comment regarding iron filters from Ryan Brandt of EcoCheck, the proposed facility operator.

Considerable discussion took place regarding how to implement and control installation of these water filtration systems.

Bridget Chard reviewed the draft ordinance (attached) point by point

Chairman Dan Casey opened the meeting for public comment.

Resident Al Aspengren asked about arrangements for pumping. Bridget Chard explained that a contract is in place with local pump operators to take care of this. Each resident is allowed one pump as a part of the monthly fee structure. Costs of additional pumping required will be borne by the homeowner.

Chairman Casey called for additional public comment. Hearing none, Supervisor Leroy Schommer made a motion to close the public hearing. Supervisor Bruce Nilsen offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

In view of the uncertainty regarding the issue of iron filters, Supervisor Bruce Nilsen made a motion to continue the hearing until 7:30 pm at the January 3rd meeting. Supervisor Leroy Schommer offered a second, all in favor, motion carried. 3 - 0.

Jeff Elliott will contact Scott County staff to work on a satisfactory solution to this problem.

Agenda Item # 2 – Al Aspengren – Update on Stormwater Mapping Project

The township has made arrangements with Al Aspengren, representing UTI Consulting to map the township stormwater system in accordance with the requirements of NPDES Phase 2

NPDES Phase 2 requires Credit River Township to identify culverts, waterways and ponds that makeup the drainage system. Mr. Aspengren has contacted Scott County, the City of Savage and the City of Prior Lake to review their procedures in meeting this requirement. He has found that Scott County is using GPS system to identify and measure and mark the location of all culverts in the county system. He has made to borrow county equipment to perform the same function within the township. He estimates approximately 100 hours will be required to complete this task.

Agenda Item # 3 – Engineering Review

Update on Drainage Problem on Texas Ave.

Engineer Jeff Elliott presented a report his firm had prepared on this problem. He noted that the report concluded that the culvert under 174th street was too small and will be need to be replaced with a larger culvert. Also the 18 inch culvert midway between 174th Street and County Road 21 will be plugged and water diverted along the east side of the road to the southern most culvert and then under Texas Ave to the stormwater holding pond. There will also be some work required to clean this ditch. Scott County has agreed to do this work in the spring.

1) Letter of Credit Status

2)

Clerk Jerry Maas presented data relative to the status of current Letters of Credit, the majority of which will be expiring and need to be renewed by 12/31/05. He has sent letters to each developer requesting that this be done prior to the end of the year...

3) Letters of Credit - Reduction Requests

Laurent Development (The Territory) and Minnesota Development Agency (Stonebridge Estates) submitted formal request to have their respective LOC's reduced in accordance with the amount of work that had been completed.

Engineer Jeff Elliott submitted an analysis of each project with his recommendations as to the amount each LOC could be reduced. In that each of the CSTS systems in these projects had only recently become operational, the board had reservations about reducing those items related to the CSTS.

Consequently, supervisor Leroy Schommer made a motion to reduce all elements except those related to CSTS. Supervisor Bruce Nilsen offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3 – 0.

4) Discuss authority on road work.

Engineer Jeff Elliott noted that there were several issues regarding laying pavement beyond the acceptable construction season. This issue was especially applicable to the work recently done in Cress View Estates.

He is asking that the Township establish a date and temperature standard for ending the allowable road construction season. It was decided that this should be a part of the Township Engineering Manual and the Board asked Mr. Elliott to get this finalized and submitted for approval as soon as possible.

Agenda Item # 4 – Other Business

1 Discuss snow plowing with Doug Johnson

The board discussed some snow plowing issues with Doug Johnson from Art Johnson Trucking.

Review and Pay Bills

The Town Board approved the following claims for payment:

11/8/2005	2818	Wm Mueller & Sons	Paving Proj-France Bl / France Crt	\$	27,297.85
11/8/2005	2819	Lloyds Construction	Clean up old Playgrd Equip	\$	410.00
11/15/2005	2820	Jerry Maas	Mesenbrink Mistake	\$	30.00
11/15/2005	2821	Edw Kraemer & Sons	Limestone	\$	629.05
11/15/2005	2822	NW Associated Consultants	Planning Fees	\$	1,531.00
11/17/2005	2823	Integra Telecom	Phone Service	\$	360.05
11/17/2005	2824	Wright Homes	Culvert Refund	\$	300.00
11/17/2005	2825	Rick/Tammy Drummond	Culvert Refund	\$	300.00
11/17/2005	2826	American Prairie Homes	Culvert Refund	\$	600.00

11/17/2005	2827	J B Woodfitter	Culvert Refunds	\$	600.00
11/17/2005	2828	Pietsch Builders	Culvert Refund	\$	600.00
11/17/2005	2829	Void	Print Error	\$	-
11/17/2005	2830	Void	Print Error	\$	-
11/17/2005	2831	Void	Print Error	\$	-
12/5/2005	2832	Rongitsch Homes	NPDES Refund	\$	1,536.75
12/5/2005	2833	RS Homes Inc	NPDES Refund	\$	1,660.00
12/5/2005	2834	Chas Cudd Homes	NPDES Refund	\$	1,388.25
12/5/2005	2835	A Maas Construction	NPDES Refund	\$	1,710.00
12/5/2005	2836	Wooddale Builders	NPDES Refund	\$	1,404.00
12/5/2005	2837	McDonald Construction	NPDES Refund	\$	1,510.75
12/5/2005	2838	Rock Creek Builders	NPDES Refund	\$	1,464.50
12/5/2005	2839	Rock Creek Builders	NPDES Refund	\$	1,037.25
12/5/2005	2840	Yorway Custom Homes	NPDES Refund	\$	1,660.00
12/5/2005	2841	Metro Classic Homes	NPDES Refund	\$	1,610.75
12/5/2005	2842	Stonebridge Homes	NPDES Refund	\$	1,550.00
12/5/2005	2843	Minnesota Valley Electric	Mon Hgts Lift Station	\$	41.75
12/5/2005	2844	Minnesota Valley Electric	Town Hall Electricity	\$	50.78
12/5/2005	2845	Minnesota Valley Electric	So Passage Lift Station	\$	50.65
12/5/2005	2846	Northwest Assoc Consultants	Planning Coinsulting	\$	696.30
12/5/2005	2847	Scott Soil & Water Cons District	Sediment & Erosion Control	\$	4,025.00
12/5/2005	2848	Art Johnson Trucking	November Road Maint	\$	3,709.00
12/5/2005	2849	Jerry Maas	November Expense Reimbursement	\$	283.92
12/5/2005	2850	Hakanson Anderson Engineering	November Engineering	\$	27,362.38
12/5/2005	2851	CenterPoint Energy	Town Hall Gas Bill	\$	63.05
12/5/2005	2852	Xcel Energy	St Francis Street Lite	\$	11.60
12/5/2005	2853	One Call Concepts	General Locate Services	\$	27.00
12/5/2005	2854	EcoCheck	Sewer Services - November	\$	6,318.43
12/5/2005	2855	Anchor Bank	Tax Withholdings	\$	1,198.75
12/5/2005	2856	EcoCheck	Sewer Services - October	\$	5,033.75
12/5/2005	2857	SW Suburban Publishing	Legal Advertising-Prior Lake	\$	67.08
12/5/2005	2858	Couri Macarthur & Ruppe	November Legal Feres	\$	3,656.25
12/5/2005	2859	ECM Publishing	Legal Advertising-Lakeville	\$	56.25
12/5/2005	2860	Bruce Nilsen	Expense Reimbursement	\$	85.00
12/5/2005	2861	Leroy Schommer	Expense Reimbursement	\$	70.50
12/5/2005	2862	Dan Casey	Expense Reimbursement	\$	191.00
12/5/2005	2863	Holly Batton	Services as Treasurer	\$	826.29
12/5/2005	2864	Dan Casey	Services as Supervisor	\$	618.74
12/5/2005	2865	Jerald Maas	Services as Clerk	\$	2,955.20
12/5/2005	2866	Bruce Nilsen	Services as Supervisor	\$	507.92
12/5/2005	2867	Leroy Schommer	Services as Supervisor	\$	923.50

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Town Board, Supervisor Bruce Nilsen made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Leroy Schommer offered a second, all in favor, motion carried 3 -0. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 pm

Submitted By: (s/) Jerald R. Maas
Township Clerk
Credit River Township

Approved By : (s/) Dan Casey
Chairman – Board of Supervisors
Credit River Township