

Marysville Township
Monthly Board Meeting
Monday March 27th, 2023

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Hickman at 7:00 PM. Members present Joe Hickman Chair, Andrew Hirsch Vice Chair, Bill Uter Supervisor, Debbie Uecker Clerk-Treasurer, Ron Boehlke Road Maintenance, Bob Casey Road Maintenance, Mike Couri Township Attorney and 9 others.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Oath of Office: All present witnessed Joe Hickman re-elected Supervisor for 3 years, being sworn in as Board Supervisor.

Re-organization: Bill Uter nominated Joe Hickman for Chair, Andrew Hirsch 2nd the nomination and carried 3-0. Bill Uter nominated Andrew Hirsch as Vice-Chair, Joe Hickman 2nd the nomination and carried 3-0.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the February 27th, 2023, Board of Audit Minutes was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter and carried 3-0. A motion to accept the February 27th, 2023, monthly Minutes was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter and carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The beginning balance for March 2023 is \$403,646.05 receipts of \$756.25, expenses of \$34,293.94 and ending balance of \$370,108.36. A motion to accept the Treasurers' report was made by Joe Hickman, 2nd by Andrew Hirsch and carried 3-0.

Old Business:

1) Mike Erpelding signed the petition for the Subordinate Service District for Buffalo Lake LLC, the owner of the property for the Lake Estates Development. Once the road is accepted by the Township, the subordinate service district allows for any future road maintenance to be billed back to the property owners in the development and not on the rest of the taxpayers of the Township. After discussions, a motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Joe Hickman to pass resolution number 2023-1, resolution setting a public hearing on establishing a subordinate service district and carried 3-0.

2) A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter to accept the CLA 2022 Financial Audit and carried 3-0.

3) Packer quotes were discussed. Our current packer is 22 years old & is designed for a different grader. It is wearing pins & causing issues to our grader.

CAT has a walk 'n roll grader \$47,040 & John Deere has a handy hitch packer \$37,343. The new packers are designed to hitch to the grader. Discussed using the COVID funds on a new packer & selling the old packer options. Discussed pulling the groomer with the tractor & putting on softer blades. A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter to purchase a handy hitch packer from John Deere for \$37,343 and to give authority to Andrew Hirsch to list and sell the old packer and carried 3-0.

New Business:

1) Township Attorney Mike Couri discussed & presented the Driveway Obstruction Ordinance. The Township will use it to clear out the road right away. The Township will want the property owner to remove the obstruction, if they don't then the Township will remove the items and then the Township can put the costs on the taxpayer's property tax statement. This ordinance also covers vegetation control.

Once the Town Board determines that tree trimming or removal of trees is in the road right away, send the resident the tree letter giving the resident 14 days of the board's decision and the resident can request a public hearing.

Snowplowing across Township Roads is a violation of MN Statue 160.2715, road maintenance staff should call Wright County Sheriff department & have them come out to write a ticket while the snow is still on the roads. The County Attorney's office can enforce the ticket.

Unplatted road right away is what is used & maintained. Top of black slope to top of backslope. Platted road is a road recorded with that plat.

Where the Township maintains the road right away for 6 year stretch it is the Township Road right away.

After discussions, a motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Joe Hickman to pass Ordinance 2023-02 ordinance regulation the placement of obstructions within the Township's right-of-way and public notice and carried 3-0.

Attorney Mike Couri also discussed the road management ordinance which would cover utilities in the road right away and the Township Road Engineer would enforce and have permitting process. Mike will bring back to the April 24th, 2023, Town Board meeting.

2) Road Maintenance Requirement for Marysville Township was discussed. Part of the requirements discussed were grader speed, moldboard angles, 4% crown in roads, intersections, curves, hills & inclines, frost boils, culvert cleaning & snowplowing. Additional discussions pulling in shoulders of roads.

A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter to pass the Road Maintenance Requirement for Marysville Township dated March 27th, 2023, and carried 3-0.

3) Road Maintenance job description was discussed, two different versions will be reviewed and will be discussed at April 24th, 2023, meeting.

4) Having heard no complaints regarding Jerold Untiedt renewal for a CUP for a mobile home as a farm accessory; a motion was made to renew the CUP for a mobile home as a farm accessory under the same conditions for review in 12 months was made by Joe Hickmann, 2nd by Andrew Hirsch and carried 3-0.

5) Having heard no complaints regarding Ted Solberg renewal for a CUP for gravel mining and crushing; a motion was made to renew the CUP for gravel mining and crushing under the same conditions for review in 2 years was made by Joe Hickman, 2nd by Andrew Hirsch and carried 3-0.

6) A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter to name BANKWEST as our Financial Designation and carried 3-0.

7) A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Joe Hickman to pass resolution 2023-03 give the authority to Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Uecker the authority to create EFTs for the Township and carried 3-0.

8) A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter to name the Wright County Journal Press as the Township's Official newspaper for legal notices and carried 3-0.

6) Maintenance Ron Boehlke gave an update. Plowed snow, sanded, cut ice, equipment maintenance, graveling. Next month grading, cut brush, pull shoulders. Equipment updates – Received a quote on 2 different tractors from Trueman Welters under state contract. Used 2018 CASE IH Farmall 120C with loader for \$52,400, New 2023 CASE IH Farmall 90C with loader for \$53,425.80, Both quotes have a trade in value of \$21,500 for the 2005 tractor. After discussions, Joe Hickman wants to crunch the numbers on the tractors. CMP shoulder reclaimer prices were discussed of \$44,025.90.

7) Wright County Ordinance Chapter 155 zoning change 155.100 Mining & Extraction was discussed. No official board action was taken.

8) Wright County Highway department is applying for LPP grant application for State Hwy 12 & CSAH 14 for a-round-a-bout proposal. The Town Board discussed this would be a good idea with hopes of having intersection changes to the west.

9) Harlan Poppler 5956 Gowan Ave SW is requesting a petition for an amendment to the previously issued interim conditional use permit to allow for an extension of the timeframe to design & construct an alternate manure basin. He is on April 13th, 2023, planning commission. A motion was made by Joe Hickman, 2nd by Andrew Hirsch to allow a one-year extension on the CUP amendment for a manure basin design and carried 3-0.

Upcoming Events:

April 6th, 2023 – Wright County Township Officer Mtg., 7:00pm Albion Town Hall

April 14th, 2023 – Local Board of Appeals & Equalization, 1:00pm, Town Hall

April 22nd, 2023 – Cleanup Day, 8:00 am-11:00am, Town Hall

April 24th, 2023 – Monthly Meeting 7pm, Town Hall

A motion to approve payroll/claims check numbers 12502 – 12534 & EFT 03-2023 totaling \$34,293.94 was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Joe Hickman & carried 3-0.

There being no other business to be brought before the Town Board, the monthly meeting was adjourned by Joe Hickman at 9:03 p.m.

Prepared by: _____ Date _____
Debbie Uecker, Clerk/Treasurer

Board Signature: _____ Date _____
Chair

Vice – Chairman

Supervisor

Date Filed: _____