

# Marysville Township

## Monthly Board Meeting

### Monday August 28th, 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 and 25 others.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Meeting Minutes:** Discussions on the ARPA fund transfer, A motion to accept the July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes was made by Bill Uter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Hirsch and carried 3-0.

**Treasurers Report:** The beginning balance for August 2023 is \$374,943.75 receipts of \$16,367.64, expenses of \$59,902.93 and ending balance of \$331,408.46; discussion on correcting the new cd on the investment form for \$211,707.54. A motion to accept the Treasurers' report with the investment correction was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Uter and carried 3-0.

#### **Old Business:**

1) A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Uter to transfer the total cost of the new 2023 Handy Hitch Packer which includes purchase price of \$37,343 for the packer, \$39.95 for Trueman Welter's bill and \$247.39 for CWP's bill for a final cost of \$37,630.34 and carried 3-0.

2) A motion was made by Joe Hickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Hirsch to table the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer job description and carried 3-0.

#### **New Business:**

1) Jessica Bonniwell, Montrose City Administrator and Jared Voge from Bolton-Menk, Montrose's City Engineer were present to discuss Clementa Ave SW. The City of Montrose is applying for Local Road Improvement Project (LRIP) funds from the State of Minnesota, which includes the possibility of paving the entire length of Clementa from Highway 12 to County Road 107. Currently the State of Minnesota is estimated to add funds into LRIP in September. The early estimate costs without LRIP funds would be the City of Montrose \$1,660,600 & Marysville \$618,300, which allocated to be Montrose at 66.5% and Marysville at 33.5%. If the project is agreeable to all entities, then the City would maintain Clementa in the future and bill the Township for maintenance of Clementa. Joe Hickman has concerns that we would be spending a lot of money for 5 or 6 Township Residents who live on the road, while the city has many residents living on this road. The city created a problem for the Township with all the developments on the road and no way out besides the Township Road. The city will also be looking to install walking paths between Whitetail Lane to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. If the City takes over maintenance of the road, the road will still be owned by Marysville Township, just maintained by Montrose. Heard from resident Nate Bodin who lives on the road; Montrose has stuck him with the worst road in the Township due to the City's developments. He is concerned about his property taxes. Nothing the City does would affect Marysville property taxes. The City can apply for the LRIP funds and only re-do the portion of Clementa the City owns and would request a letter of support from the Township. Bill Uter wants a better estimate before the application for the grant is submitted as this road sees 630 cars in one day. Residents were in opposition to spending the estimated amount of Township funds for 5 or 6 residents. Andrew Hirsch questioned if the city would benefit from taking over the road. The City is unable to annex the road as it doesn't have properties near it within the City limits. Jessica Bonniwell will take the information back to the City Council for discussion.

2) Mathew Muggge, Kelsey Wehr and their attorney John Peterson were present to discuss a CUP for Commercial Outdoor Recreation for dog training grounds. They have a purchase agreement on PID 211-000-262303, 262301, 261300, 262200 on the David Frisbie Property of 140 acres. They presented their business plan. They will use the property as a day site for dog training with no overnight dogs staying on the property. There will be no live ammunition used, only noise makers, hours of operation will be 8am to 8pm or ending ½ hour after sunset Monday thru Sunday; the property can be leased to train dogs. They will have mowed fields for safety of leases and dogs. Traffic would primarily be a max of 5 cars per day. A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hickman to approve the CUP with a 2-year renewal of the CUP and carried 3-0.

3) Harlan Poppler of 5956 Gowan Ave SW was present to discuss a variance to build a liquid manure storage area 96 feet from the north property line with a required setback of 200 feet. Harlan presented a signed letter from the neighboring property owner with no opposition to the variance. He will meet the Lake setback. He needs to have the plan in place by 12/31/23 with the liquid manure storage area in place by 12/31/24. A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Uter to approve the variance as presented and carried 3-0.

4) Randy Latzig with Chatham Township was present to discuss Division Street, which is a Town Line Road. The road was put in 20/25 years ago and Chatham maintains the road. Chatham plans to vacate the road and put in a cul-de-sac on Coburn Ave SW as the section of Division Street continues to be a step dangerous road, with the road washing away down to Birch Lake. Chatham Township has been working with Attorney Mike Couri and the property owners; however, Chatham is seeking approval from Marysville Township for vacating the road. Chatham has hired Paul Otto to survey the property and give back the land to each resident. Randy is asking for Marysville to split the Township Attorney costs, with an approximate cost of \$1,000 for each Township, plus surveying costs. Mike Couri estimated each Township would need to pay roughly \$2,000 to \$3,000 to vacate the road. Over the last 3 years, Chatham has spent \$15,000 on material to repair the road. Fred Bonk and Augie Riebel suggested the road should be taken out for safety concerns. Andrew Hirsch is in favor of the request, however, would like to know an estimate cost from Paul Otto. A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Uter to give authority to Joe Hickman to work with Chatham Township and to can made a decision on the costs for removal of the road and carried 3-0.

5) Having heard no complaints regarding Roland Epple's CUP for a mobile home, a motion to renew mobile home CUP for Roland Epple under the same conditions for review in 2 years was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Hickman and carried 3-0.

6) Wright County Ordinance 23-2 on Cannabis regulation was discussed. No official action was taken.

7) A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hickman to pass resolution 2023-06 approving the State of Minnesota joint powers agreement with the Township of Marysville on behalf of its prosecuting attorney and carried 3-0.

8) Propane price was received from Beaudry Propane of \$1.599 per gallon of pre-buy and delivery fee and LP Gas Services of \$1.50 per gallon pay as you go. A motion as made by Joe Hickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Hirsch to stay with LP Gas Service and carried 3-0.

9) A motion was made by Joe Hickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Hirsch to certify the 2024 Township Levy at \$525,000 (\$101,817 for Revenue, \$407,265 for Road & Bridge, \$15,918 for debt service) and carried 3-0.

10) Maintenance Bob Casey: they completed hauling gravel on Douglas Ave, culvert on Elder Ave & Emerson Ave, grade & groomed roads. Culvert was completed on 15<sup>th</sup> & Gowan, Emerson Ave & Elder Ave. Tiled intersection of Emerson & 35<sup>th</sup> Street.

Next Month: culvert work, haul gravel, grade & groom roads.

Equipment Issues: DOT trucks will need to have front drive axle brakes looked at for DOT inspection. Bob asked for a certified mechanic to change brakes so there are no issues.

Road maintenance crew is filling out logbooks in each truck & piece of equipment, hours and mileage used.

The old packer was sold to a person in Park Rapids MN, the new packer is in service.

11) Bob Casey presented a complaint form to be used when a complaint is received to put the complaint on file and have a written record of the complaint.

Greg Haften commented that the Township will have less complaints.

Augie Riebel commented that as a taxpayer we should be documenting all complaints.

Fred Bonk is upset that 15<sup>th</sup> street was graded after a road complaint was received and now the road is complete dust as you cannot grade a dry road. Fred informed Joe Hickman as the "road boss" you should be fired, you screwed up 15<sup>th</sup> Street. When a complaint is received, you as the road boss needs to go and look at the road, you have sat in that chair and said you don't know how to grade or groom a road. There was a complaint on 15<sup>th</sup> Street, so because of that you graded & made the road complete dust. With it being complete dust, I drove up & down the road about 15 times to let dust hang in front of the complainer's property to prove a point.

Greg Haften you can only touch a up dry road, never grade a dry road.

Fred Bonk you Supervisors need to do your job as Supervisors and let the Road Maintenance do their work. Fred asked if there was any time any resident could not drive on their road because the road was too rough? Nate Bodin commented yes that Clementa Ave has been that way and Jim Frank said Devitt did not get plowed with the last snowfall.

Joe Hickman stated that if he receives a complaint and it is not warranted, then he does not pass the complaint on, he got 3 complaints about a culvert replacement in Middleville Township.

Fred Bonk wants the Board to just let the 2 guys do their job.

Augie Riebel if we do not have rain, you don't blade.

Nate Bodin said Clementa is a road that has ruts in it.

Joe Hickman wants the grade/groom maps to be able to look back at to track what is being done.

Andrew Hickman has worked a lot in the last few months for little pay. He has not asked the road maintenance crew to do something he isn't willing to do himself. He gets feedback about where all the complaints come from. For Example, a complaint that Devitt Ave has not been touched all year. The road maps show it was only touched once this year. He does not like the back-channel discussions.

Joe Hickman wants communication, Road Maintenance needs to put items on a calendar, the white board is stuff to be done.

Bob Casey is simply asking to have a complaint form to put the complaint on record so they can track it and mark it complete when the complaint is taken care of.

Andrew Hirsch apologizes if he was a jerk or treated anyone ill will.

Greg Haften stated the board and employees are all on the same team.

The form will be changed to show if a call back was made to the resident.

Residents asked if they could email the Supervisors directly and Supervisors currently use personal email addresses.

Augie Riebel brought up dumping of concrete steps, granite and concrete blocks in the Township Road right away off of Clementa and 15<sup>th</sup> Street. After discussion about that location and items in the Township Road right away letters will be sent to:

5045 Crofoot Ave SW, Waverly

4713 10<sup>th</sup> St SW, Waverly

315 Emerson Ave SW, Buffalo

1328 Clementa Ave SW, Buffalo

448 Bice Ave SW, Buffalo

408 Bice Ave SW, Buffalo

Giving residents 14 days to contact Joe Hickman.

Ron Boehlke suggested revising the driveway permit form to discuss the Township Road right away.

**Upcoming Events:**

September 25th, 2023 – Monthly Meeting 7pm, Town Hall

A motion to approve payroll/claims check numbers 12639 – 12655, AWD 08-2023, EFT 08-2023 and 08-2023-1 totaling \$59,902.93 was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hickman and carried 3-0.

There being no other business to be brought before the Town Board, the monthly meeting was adjourned by Joe Hickman at 9:22 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Uecker, Clerk/Treasurer

Board Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

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Vice – Chairman

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Supervisor

Date Filed: \_\_\_\_\_