

Marysville Township

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday July 31st, 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 30 others.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Joe Hickman to correct 3 items for the June 26th, 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes to read as follows:

- Marysville Township gave approval for the work under Elder Ave for Alex Bersie. We are not the Government agency nor confer with the Government agency that approved the entire project. Therefore, the Township has no say in the project, other than the work under the Township Road of Elder Ave which stands as approved.
- Specifically, A Motion was made by Joe Hickman to approve a \$5,000 budget for security improvements first, the vendor was then chosen based upon the vendor is already monitoring the security system for 20 years.
- Correct Supervisor Uter's comment to state, Bill voted against the cost of the Security Budget and Cameras, he did not vote no based upon the need of the cameras.

Motion carried 3-0.

A Motion to accept the June 26th, 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes with the corrections was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter and carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The beginning balance for July 2023 is \$649,564.62 receipts of \$213,934.58, expenses of \$488,538.41 and ending balance of \$374,943.75; the figures also include a redeemed CD and purchase of new CD for \$211,707.54. A motion to accept the Treasurers' report was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter and carried 3-0.

Old Business:

1) Joe Hickman discussed conflict of interest and cleared any concerns with Robbin Nisbet of Wright Hennepin for the addition of security cameras for security concerns. Residents asked if the Township meetings will be "live stream" and questioned if the Township Meetings can be recorded and put on the Township website to be watched later. The Township Board stated that we currently do not have the infrastructure to do so. Marty Randall questioned having a camera in the meeting room with elections being held; currently we have residents that are very concerned about privacy, and they utilize the breakroom to fill out their ballot. Debbie Uecker provided the Township Board with a response from Wright County Elections and Minnesota Election Administration on the placement of cameras on Election Day. Joe Hickman will be on site when the cameras are installed and will work on placement of cameras with the vendor to ensure Election Integrity.

Andrew Hirsch gave an update on security cameras and the current regulations involving security cameras.

2) Andrew Hirsch discussed the sale of the 2001 Follow Me Wobbly Roll Packer as we currently have the new 2023 Handy Hitch packer at the Town Hall. Sales tax was discussed if it is a private party sale. A motion was made by Joe Hickman, 2nd by Bill Uter to give authority to Andrew Hirsch to list the packer for sale for \$11,000 and to give authority to Andrew Hirsch to make a sale of the packer to get as close to \$11,000 as possible. Motion Carried 3-0.

New Business:

1) Joseph Scott PID 211-000-111300 XXX Barton Ave SW is requesting a variance to create a “1 per 40” entitlement division with less than the required road frontage. Joe Hickman questioned the need for a 66-foot-wide drive easement and asked about the prior split on this property. Andrew Hirsch questioned why the applicant didn’t follow the 200 foot road requirement. Scott stated he is trying to preserve AG land. Andrew Hirsch stated this request is not a hardship request and the applicant can very easily follow the rules. Jay Johnson questioned the road on the other side of Scott’s property; Scott blocked off access to the Erickson’s. It was noted that the Scott/Erickson issue is a private cartway matter. Fred Bonk is concerned that the road is a private cartway and wants to make sure that the Township does not take over that section of road. Joe Hickman stated the road would need to be built to a 7-ton or 9-ton road and the Township Road Engineer would have to inspect the road. Andrew Hirsch stated that on July 30th, 2001, the Township Board voted against taking over the private cartway as it was not built to Township standards in 2001. A Motion was made by Joe Hickman, 2nd by Bill Uter to deny the variance request for the following reasons:

Applicant has plenty of area to comply with the 200 foot road requirement set out in the planning and zoning ordinance and this request is not a hardship request. Motion Carried 3-0.

2) Joint Powers agreement between the County of Wright and Town of Marysville for the enforcement and regulations of Cannabis was discussed. Joe Hickmann is not in favor of giving up all Township power to Wright County. No official action was taken.

3) Marty Randall and Debbie Uecker gave an update on the Election Administration meeting they attended at Wright County with new election laws. The State of Minnesota will be re-imbursing the Township around \$200 a year to help assist in the costs of running the election; the funds will be distributed from Wright County or held at Wright County to help pay for election costs.

4) Transfer of ARPA funds will be discussed at the August meeting to include all costs of the new Packer and may include the cost of the CMP machine.

5) Pat Lindquist of 1920 Estes Ave questioned the quality of the dust control product. She paid for 300 feet and either wants the road re-sprayed or her money refunded. Road Maintenance stated the product has been the same as prior years and the gravel is worn out and needs to have new gravel as there is no binder left in the road and the dust control does not stick. Joe Hickman asked if the shoulders of the road were pulled in and deep graded. Pat did state the road is full of washboards.

Bill Uter stated 2,000 yards of gravel was supposed to be hauled from the road tour and it wasn’t done; he discussed the recent rain, and he doesn’t see the grader out grading as we have 43 miles of road. Andrew Hirsch wants residents to report any road issues to the Town Hall. Joe Hickman wants to know about all road issues.

Pat Lindquist wants to know if her road should be graveled as it is not her problem the gravel is worn out and wants her dust control re-sprayed. Joe Hickman instructed Ron Boehlke to reach out to Central Minnesota Dust Control and see what they have to say and report it back to Joe Hickman. Joe Hickman will discuss the findings with Pat Lindquist. Andrew Hirsch specifically said to fix the frost boils on 10th Street and then dust control the road and it didn’t happen. He wants the Road Maintenance to shut down a road to blade the road, bring in the ditches.

6) Maintenance Ron Boehlke gave an update. Grade, groom, mount new packer on grader, mow ditches, cut brush, spray.

Next Month: grade, groom, haul rock, cut brush.

Equipment Issues: no report.

Joe Hickman wants a written report each month of how many hours/miles that are on each piece of equipment. What roads were graded and groomed that includes dates and hours.

Andrew Hirsch stated we are going to re-organize the Township and want to create a Road Boss position out of the Supervisors.

Bill Uter discussed the possibility of lead road maintenance and wants accountability.

The Supervisors are concerned that information is not getting to the board to make decisions. Joe Hickman wants Road Maintenance to have a weeklong schedule.

Maynard Carlson said when he worked for the Township, he only reported to one Supervisor, not all 3; the Supervisors and Employees must communicate with each other.

Road Maintenance agreed it would be much easier for them to communicate with just one Supervisor.

Fred Bonk stated that we are at the top of the pack for the Township, we have good roads, good equipment, and good employees.

Re-organization chart was discussed by Andrew Hirsch

A Motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter to Adopt the re-organization chart and appoint a Road Supervisor. Motion Carried 3-0.

A Motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Bill Uter to appoint Joe Hickman as Road Supervisor as he is the Chair of the board and has the longevity of the board. Motion Carried 3-0.

Andrew Hirsch wants a statement on the website that no variances will be approved. Joe Hickman doesn't want a rubber stamp of no; he wants a reason with each request. Wright County Variance Board and Planning and zoning board would like the Township Supervisors present at the County Meetings.

Andrew Hirsch requested Debbie Uecker to write a deputy Clerk/Treasurer job description for the Supervisors to review at the August meeting.

Upcoming Events:

August 10th, 2023 – MAT District 7 meeting, 6:30pm Cambridge

August 28th, 2023 – Monthly Meeting 7pm, Town Hall

A motion to approve payroll/claims check numbers 12614 – 12638 & EFT 07-2023 totaling \$76,830.87. was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd 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 9:25 p.m.

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

Board Signature: _____ Date _____
Chair

Vice – Chairman

Supervisor

Date Filed: _____