

Marysville Township
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday July 28th, 2025

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Hickman at 7:00 PM. Members present Joe Hickman Chair, Andrew Hirsch Vice-Chair, Jill Belland Supervisor, Debbie Uecker Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Lafave Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Deanna LaPlant Road Maintenance and 23 residents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Jill Belland, 2nd by Andrew Hirsch to accept June 30th, 2025, monthly meeting minutes and carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The beginning balance for July is \$662,588.51, receipts of \$2,911.50, expenses of \$58,317.18 and ending balance of \$607,182.83. A motion to accept the Treasurers' report was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Jill Belland and carried 3-0.

Old Business:

1) Closure of Clementa Ave was discussed in prior months due to safety issues for our maintenance crew and the expense of Marysville Taxpayers. The road sees 600 cars a day. This year when we sprayed dust control, the very next day we had 4 inches of ruts in the new dust control. The Township maintenance crew has put up road closed signs for road work and cars will drive around them. We had 4 close calls with accidents in the past 2 months and have called the Sheriff's department for a deputy to sit on the road. Marysville is the Road authority and has the right to close the road and the Town Attorney drafted a resolution. Keith Duske asked for the resolution to be read. Deb Uecker read the resolution on Closing Clementa Ave. Closure point would be at the Township line, with dead end signs.

Amber & Garrett Duske asked about other solutions and compensation for farmers having to go out of their way. Joe Hickman has had multiple conversations with City of Montrose and Wright County Highway and Commissioners, no one is willing to help. Montrose won't spend any funds outside of the City even though they created this situation with housing developments.

Heated colorful discussions over the road and road maintenance.

Sam Solorz, Mayor of Montrose, and another council member were present and asked Marysville to hold off on passing the resolution and wants to work with the Township to find other solutions.

The LRIP application submitted in 2023 estimated the cost to blacktop the section of Marysville Road at \$1.6 million.

Nate Bodin asked the Mayor why there wasn't a road built from the development to County Road 12.

Andrew Hirsch stated that no one in Montrose told Marysville that they were closing County 12 and Knife River were directing traffic to Clementa as a detour.

Eric Duske stated that Marysville should've sued Montrose.

Nate Bodin noted that the paved section of Clementa Ave does not meet the required road standards.

Sam Solorz stated that the City Admin will contact Deb Uecker to coordinate dates for a joint meeting, and residents will be involved.

2) 22nd Street – river is eroding the road. Deanna talked to Wright County Soil and Water, and they will not help with the project. Wright County has a grant fund we can apply for by August 1st. Debbie Uecker suggested involving James Bedell, a DNR hydrologist, to determine if the DNR can assist. She will coordinate a site visit.

3) 10th Street Ditch is a private ditch. Deb Uecker had a call with Soil & Water. The Ditch was cleaned out North of 10th Street, however the property owner to the South has not cleaned out the ditch. The concern is the road will wash out. Soil & Water suggested raising that section of road, however the Township culvert is fully covered in water as the water has nowhere to flow. Supervisor Andrew Hirsch will talk to the landowner on the South side of the road to see if they will grant permission to have the ditch cleaned.

4) Township insurance policy was updated.

5) Noland Property is still being discussed in Wright County with our Township Attorney about who oversees eminent domain.

6) Township Employment ad was reviewed. A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Jill Belland to post and publish in the newspapers for 1 month and carried 3-0.

7) Everett and Eric Boehlke were present to discuss a hazardous tree letter they received. Colorful discussion over the letter. The Township Attorney developed the letter a few years back and is sent out when requested by Road Maintenance staff. Supervisor Hirsch and Hickman apologized for the letter. The tree was to be discussed with the residents by prior road maintenance staff that had left employment at the Township.

8) Andrew Hirsch has been working with multiple companies to find the owner of the Fiber line on Clementa Ave. When the line was installed years ago they busted the culvert under the Township Road. Windstream has agreed to pay for a portion of the culvert.

New Business:

1) Jennifer Doimer of 1419 10th St SW is requesting a variance to add an addition to care for her mother-in-law. Her house was built in 1902 and is 80 feet from the road and is too close to current road set back. The new addition will be 110 feet from the road, and the current set back is 130 feet from the road. She presented the drawings of the addition. A motion to approve the variance was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Jill Belland and carried 3-0 mitigated by the following factors:

- Current addition is no closer to the road than the current house.
- Caring for a family member
- 1902 home was constructed prior to any Planning and Zoning ordinances.

2) Having heard no complaints regarding Roland Eppe's CUP for a mobile home, a motion to renew mobile home CUP for Roland Eppe under the same conditions for review in 2 years was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd Jill Belland and carried 3-0.

3) Resident letters were discussed; Supervisor Andrew Hirsch would like the first contact to be verbal communication. A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Joe Hickman to change the process as follows:

1st contact will be verbal by Andrew Hirsch

2nd contact will be letter giving 30 days to clean up issue or make contact with the Road Supervisor and will include a copy of the Township ordinance. Motion carried 3-0.

4) A motion as made by Andrew Hirsch, 2nd by Jill Belland to renew CD#250 for 6 months at Citizen's State Bank for the current posted rate and carried 3-0.

5) Maintenance Update LaPlant – End of June had 5” rain with flooding everywhere, cut trees down, hauled 6 – 1-ton loads of 2” rock to 20th Street wash out, graded 20th, Gowan, Endicott, 56th, 53rd. Groomed Emerson, Elder, 15th & Aladdin. Had cones down for safety. Hauled 2” rock to 20th St. Mowed 2nd, 15th, Aladdin, 20th, 22nd, 27th & 30th. Installed high water signs. Hauled gravel on Town Hall, Crofoot, & 55th. Graded Bolton, 5th, 15th, 10th, 2nd, Cushing, 55th, Meridian, 45th, Armitage, 2nd street. Picked up spray.

Next month: Will mow for 2nd time, spot spraying, graveling, grading/groom.

Equipment Maintenance: greased loader, M&T repaired the Sterling boot, maintenance filter & oil on the grader.

Discussed picking up trees and has made a pile in the Township. Resident Jim Frank stated he will pick up the trees at the Town Hall and the Township can dump all trees at his property and will take them.

Deanna LaPlant asked the Township Board how they want the potholes managed in roads that have dust control. The board wants the road graded on roads the Town has paid for with dust control and if the resident paid for the dust control the road staff will have to ask the resident if they want the road graded to fix.

Eric Duske asked to be on the August agenda for the Culvert on Crofoot Ave. Joe Hickman will do a site inspection with road maintenance.

Upcoming Events:

August 19th, 2025 – MAT District 7 meeting 5:30p [m Cambridge

August 25th, 2025 – Monthly Meeting 7pm, Town Hall

A motion to approve payroll/claims check numbers 13380 – 13406, EFT 6-2025-3, EFT 7-2025 – 07-2025-2 totaling \$58,317.18 and transfer \$55,000 from money market checking 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 9:20 p.m.

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

Board Signature: _____ Date _____
Chair

Vice – Chair

Supervisor

Date Filed: _____