

MINUTES
CARLOS TOWN BOARD
June 9, 2011

The regular meeting of the Carlos Town Board was held at the Carlos Elementary School with Dwayne Waldorf, Ted Steidl, Rod Meyers, Dean Yohnke and Rebecca Anderson. Chairman Waldorf called the meeting to order with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

There were approximately 18 guests in attendance. See attachment for list of names as most of them signed in.

Ted Steidl moved to approve the minutes of May 26th as printed. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried.

Sandhill Lane: Clerk Rebecca Anderson went over the feasibility study for Sandhill Lane's scheduled public hearing to be held tomorrow night, June 10th at 7:00 PM.

Rebecca is to call Alex Irrigation to have them attend an upcoming meeting to discuss areas that were Hydro seeded on Sandhill Lane that need to be reseeded – at no cost to the township.

Wastewater CAR: Rebecca handed the board members the latest copy of the CAR published by Wenck and Associates, along with the MPCA letter identifying their government agency approved the changes made from the earlier CAR presented to them in January of 2011.

East Lake Carlos Drainage Issue: Many residents that attended this meeting are concerned with the proposed change in drainage from water running through a tile under Pat Waldorf's property out to Lake Carlos, to the other direction from one wetland to a second wetland then out to Lake Carlos.

The issue is that Pat Waldorf remodeled his house last fall and sometime during that construction, a tile that had been in place for decades inadvertently got crushed, therefore, there is no longer any water coming from this drainage tile out to Lake Carlos. The water is backing up on neighboring property as the water has no where to drain. Mr. Waldorf stated there is no legal easement for this drainage tile, therefore, he does not want to replace that section of tile and have it run the same course as previously. This is very old tile and could break further down the line at any time. It is also under his garage, which is not a good place to have drainage pipe. He does not have room along the side of his property to relocate the pipe as there are electrical wires, trees and a boat house in the way. Pat Waldorf had gone to Earl Bergland to see if he could use his property to run a pipe underground to reroute the drainage. After much discussion, it was determined that Mr. Bergland would not allow this. Mr. Waldorf then went to Land and Resource and the Soil and Water District and came up with a plan that would required the township to allow him to place a culvert/pipe in the township ROW. The township did not have a problem with this as long as it was at no cost to the township.

There were many rumors being passed around, one stating the pipe was going to be 5 feet in diameter, when it was going to be 12 inches. Also, that the culvert was filled in and that is why the water is not draining. Sue Bergland had spoken to Dave Rush at L&R and stated he said the equalization pipe would not make any difference. Chairman Waldorf heard that it would not make any difference in the water levels of the two wetlands.

Most residents do not have an issue with relocating this pipe; however, Dave Butler wanted to know if a Water Assessment Study was needed. Jeff Callaghan stated he had been able to walk

across this wetland in the past, as many others had, however, the water is now waist high. Residents have had to use sump pumps and others have water in their crawl spaces along with a sewer issue.

Chairman Waldorf has the utmost confidence in the plan proposed by L&R and the Soil and Water District.

Residents wanted to know who would take care of the culvert and who would pay for it. The board stated that all costs were negotiated between Mr. Waldorf and property owners. The township has no financial interest in this. Pat stated that one mailbox would have to be replaced in which he would take care of and he would replace any settling of the culvert. If there is any water in the ROW when they dig down 5 ½ feet, they will drain that and it will go into the pond. The pipe is an equalization pipe between the smaller and larger wetland. The second wetland will not get any higher as it's at the same level as the lake.

Danny Reese feels the channel needs to be cleaned out and the drainage needs to go back to what it was previously. Pat Waldorf stated that the original tile that was under his garage is not legal as there was no easement for the culvert.

Jeff Callaghan stated Pat Waldorf has gone to all the right people and has offered his services to redeem the issue. The residents would like assurances that if this plan backfires, there is someone or somewhere they could address their problems – that someone being the township.

Don Case wanted a performance bond from Pat Waldorf, however, Pat is not willing to provide this. Mr. Case feels the water flow has changed and the people feel the township would be responsible if there are any problems in the future.

Ted Steidl moved to rescind the motion of allowing Pat Waldorf to use the township ROW to run the pipe. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried. Chairman Waldorf abstained as he is a family member.

Ted Steidl does not want the township responsible for this issue. Jeff Callaghan suggested the township visit with legal council to verify the township's liability. After hearing back and obtaining more information, the board may have a special meeting.

Road Issues: The board discussed upcoming road projects: More gravel is need on Pike Road by Mrs. Wiege's; Buckskin West and Bradley Court will need matting and more gravel; and Carlos Bluffs needs to have the ditches repaired along with more tar placed on the inside corners. Ted Steidl will go along with AJ and show him areas along East Lake Carlos Drive that need brushing. Rod Meyers will ride along with AJ for Chloride application. AJ needs some direction on what roads to add gravel.

Rod Meyers moved to pay Alden Just his bill for June. Ted Steidl seconded the motion and it carried.

Zoning: Jack Jibben's conditional use request will be discussed at the next PAC meeting.

Busy Bee: Rebecca received a call from this company. They are very upset at getting another letter from the township regarding the condition of their property.

Hidden Oaks T or double arrow Signage: Rebecca heard back from the county and Dave Robley stated there is a driveway that runs west of Hidden Oaks on the other side of CR 34, Therefore, a

T sign or double arrow can not be placed there. If the township would like to install such signage that a T road is approaching, it can do that, but it would be at the cost to the township and it would be planed on Hidden Oaks Drive..

Committee Reports: Rod Meyers sent out approximately 6 letters this last week regarding weed issues.

Treasurers' Report: Dean Yohnke presented the board with his report. Rod Meyers moved to accept the report as printed. Ted Steidl seconded the motion and it carried.

Chairman Waldorf presented the bills for June in the amount of \$12,220.01. Ted Steidl moved to pay the bills as presented. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried.

The board reviewed building permits for May.

There being no further business, Rod Meyers moved to adjourn at 10:30 PM. Ted Steidl seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rodney Meyers
DWAYNE WALDORF, CHAIRMAN
Rodney Meyers, Vice Chairman

Rebecca Anderson
REBECCA ANDERSON, CLERK