

MINUTES
CARLOS TOWN BOARD
January 14, 2010

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. Guests in attendance were Joe Capistrant, Curt Nelson, Lowell Lenz, Bob Jesperson, Dean Malmgren, Rick Wffles, and Jeff Stabnow. Chairman Waldorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rod Meyers moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2009 as printed. Ted Steidl seconded the motion and it carried.

Dean Malmgren was at the meeting to discuss how the snow plowing for Stardust Lane was performed. It appears RBS had knocked over his mailbox and house number sign during the Christmas storm while removing snow. RBS is responsible for taking care of the cost to repair the mailbox and sign. The intersection onto CR 11 is a problem, as it comes to a V-vs.- a 90 degree intersection. Mr. Malmgren would like to have the intersection changed, but the township is thinking it would need more easement from a property owner to do that. Rebecca is to get a copy of the plat so the board can determine how much we would need, if the board decided to make this change. Mr. Malmgren stated the snow removal process has been better this year than in the past. More discussion was tabled until RBS arrives.

Rick Wffles was at the meeting to see if the board is ready to set a date for a public hearing to vacate part of a township road by his property on Circle Drive. The board has no issues with vacating this portion of the road, as it had already been cemented over by the previous owner. The township had not been plowing it, as it appeared to be a driveway. The hearing is set for January 29th at 8:00 AM on site. Rebecca will contact Mr. Klecker and inform him of the date and time.

Sandhill Lane: Jeff Stabnow had gone out to re-stake the area on Curt Nelson's property. Curt was not there, but wants Jeff to come back again and walk the property with him. Jeff, Dwayne and Curt will meet tomorrow at 11:30 AM on site.

Residents asked what the next step is in regard to Jeff Nelson's claim. At this time, he is disputing the 66 feet – 33 feet on his side of ROW. He feels he should be paid more than what we have offered him. The township offer was based on the portion of land exceeding the 33' of ROW which would be .173 acres. Mr. Nelson feels he should be paid for the ROW as it has not been established on the plat. Therefore, the next step is to wait for the public hearing that will be held at 7:30 PM on February 4th at the Carlos Elementary School. Jeff Stabnow clarified that when the project was initially presented, the surveyor, Stockel had determined what areas were dedicated right of way.

RBS arrived and discussed the issue regarding Mr. Malmgren mailbox. Richard also stated his son damaged the plow on a raised county manhole and then punctured two tires on a second plow when he backed over the mailbox. RBS and Mr. Malmgren agreed on a way that will make both parties content on how the road is plowed.

RBS is still plowing snow too far back on residential roads. It had been discussed at a prior meeting that it is not necessary to make the road so wide. Richard stated if he doesn't get the snow off of the road, it will melt onto the road in the spring and then it will be a mess. He will start brushing areas in the next few weeks.

Rod Meyer moved to pay RBS his bill for January. Ted Steidl seconded the motion and it carried.

Wastewater grant: Rebecca reported this is in the process of moving forward. More information will be available at future meetings.

Township Election: Rebecca reported the filing status for the March 9th election is as follows: Dwayne Waldorf for the 3-year supervisor term; Rod Meyers and Bill Krivanek for the 1-year supervisor term; and Rebecca for the 2-year clerk term. Election judges will be Gwen Nelson and Eleanor Yohnke. This year, the ballots will be the standard election ballot used in primary and general elections. MN statute stated any township with 500 or more registered voters are required to use the AutoMark HAVA voting machine. Therefore, instead of the previous green printed ballots, Carlos Township has to use the required ones. Those extra costs will then be billed from the county to the township.

Dwayne Waldorf
Zoning: There are reviews this Friday in which one of the applications is Eric Theising's request for a Kayak business. The business would have a bus transport kayakers from his property, then bus them up to the dam on the Long Prairie River which would then carry them back to Mr. Theising's property. The township is concerned about the increase in traffic and lack of parking on Miltona Carlos Road.

CLRSD is dissolved as all bills have been paid. There was extra money that was returned to the township which will be calculated and removed from the levy for 2012.

Carlos Sportsman lot on Lake Miltona: Ted Steidl stated the lake lot owned by the Sportsman's Club has become too costly for them to maintain. The taxes this year are \$600 and are expected to increase to \$900 next year. He said the lot is used very little in the summer, however, during the winter it is a major access for ice fisherman. He thought about having the Sportsmen donating it to the township, but then there are always the problems of taking over a public access. He is unwilling to pay one cent for the property. There is talk it could be sold, as it is a buildable lot and then use the monies to buy land for a trap shoot area.

Dean Yohnke gave the treasurer's report. There was discussion on year end balances. The fire fund is in the red, mostly like due to all properties taxes not being paid. The board could authorize a transfer from the revenue fund to bring this account in the black, but this report shows the actual picture of all funds.

Ted Steidl moved to approve the report as presented. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried.

Chairman Waldorf presented the board with the bills for January. Ted moved to approve the bills as presented. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried.

Flooding Telephone Booth on CR 34: Rebecca bought up that Dan and Mary Flooding have erected a telephone booth either on their property, or very close to the county ROW. She was wondering if they needed a land use permit for this structure. There was an article in the Echo Press about it, so someone from the county should be aware of it. If there are no complaints, the township will not object.

No further business, Rod Meyers moved to adjourn. Ted Steidl seconded the motion and it carried.

Dwayne Waldorf
DWAYNE WALDORF, CHAIRMAN

Rebecca Anderson
REBECCA ANDERSON, CLERK