

CARLOS TOWN BOARD
May 8, 2025 - Carlos Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Board Members attending: Supervisors, Rod Meyers, Dwayne Waldorf, and Bill Krivanek along with Clerk, Rebecca Anderson and Treasurer, Tammy Schwegel.

Guests attending: Dave Kjos and approximately 50 additional residents.

Chairman Meyers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dwayne Waldorf moved to approve the minutes of April 24, 2025. Bill Krivanek seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Fire Hall: A Special Meeting was called for at the April 10th meeting to be held on June 3, 2025. However, the board learned that special criteria was needed to be met before calling a Special Meeting. Therefore, a Special Meeting could not be called which would indicated a vote to be held. Dave Kjos presented a petition with over 400 signatures calling "To rescind actions approving Fire Department Construction and Bond Application. There was a legal vote held at the Annual Meeting held on March 11, 2025 authorizing the Carlos Township board to allocate 5.7 million dollars for its 75% share for the new fire hall.

There are three ways for the township to call for a Special Meeting: 1) all supervisors and clerk agree to call the meeting; 2) any two supervisors, or a supervisor and the clerk along at least 12 other township landowners, or 3) by petition of 20% of 1,679 votes (the number of voters at the 2025 General Election) would need to be presented to the board that indicated the need for a Special Meeting.

Mr. Kjos asked for two supervisors and the clerk to vote for holding a Special Meeting. Bill Krivanek, Chairman Meyers and Rebecca Anderson voted no to hold a Special Meeting. Bill Krivanek stated the reason for voting no, is that there would be more information available by June 3rd that would change the costs/building of the fire hall. If a vote was called for at a Special Meeting held on June 3, 2025, allocating 5.7 million, it would fail. Therefore, the board was choosing instead to hold an informational hearing. Bill Krivanek felt it would be simpler for the residents to wait until the project was bonded (with the new changes for building the fire hall) then only 5% of signatures would be needed verses the 20%.

Residents were clear the township needs a new fire hall, however, it is the extreme cost that is at issue. They also expressed they felt they were not given proper notice that a vote for this allocation would be held at the annual meeting. The clerk explained the annual meeting is held every year on the second Tuesday of the month of March at 7:00 PM. Notice has been given every year with a newsletter, posting and publishing the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, the residence that attend the meeting vote on what the residents of the township will be taxed.

A resident indicated he had information indicating a fire hall could cost as low as 1.5 million and presented plans from a city that had built this type of building.

Bill Krivanek feels the municipalities are looking to spend 3.5 million that would include the needed space and safety requirement for fire fighters. A resident felt this was a backward way to fund a project as the engineers will design for this amount, vs designing for what is needed.

The cost of the fire hall is based on market value of properties in the City of Carlos, and the Townships of Carlos and Belle River. There are two fire districts in Carlos Township. Those being the Alexandria and Carlos Fire Districts. At this time, it is not clear if the entire Township of Carlos will be funding the portion for the fire hall, or just the residents in the Carlos Fire District.

Bill Krivanek added there will be two more meetings of the JPA before the June 3rd Informational Hearing.

Zoning: Nothing to report

South Lake Miliona Sewer District: The clerk presented the board with a revamped draft for residents wanting to add additional bedrooms/bathrooms to their current residences. Bill Krivanek will present these to the advisory group and get back to the board. The clerk mailed out 2 stickers to all 18 property owners for them to attach to their system along with having one in their home.

Road Tour: The board reviewed notes from the annual road tour held on April 25th. The clerk will email this report over to R&R.

No other old business.

New Business:

Road Issues: Dave Luedeke arrived at the beginning of the meeting, however, do to the large group of those interested in the fire hall issue, the board indicated they would get him the road tour information. He did not have any concerns for the board.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Tammy Schwegel presented the financial report ending April 30th, 2025. Dwayne Waldorf moved to approve the report as presented with Bill Krivanek seconding the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Meyers presented bills for May. Dwayne Waldorf moved to pay bills for the amount of \$63,109.36. Bill Krivanek seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Building Permits will be reviewed at the May 23rd meeting.

No further business, Bill Krivanek moved to adjourn at 8:52 PM with Dwayne Waldorf seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



RODNEY MEYERS, CHAIRMAN



REBECCA ANDERSON, CLERK