

Warsaw Township

Township Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Maher called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Duwain Egland, Larry Madsen, Emery Maher, Diane McCorkell and Darla Frandrup

Others Present: Bob Flom, Tou Vang, Chue Vang, Mick McCorkell, Todd Greseth and Gary Sauer

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Larry to approve the minutes as read; Emery seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Permits

- Tou Vang approached the Board with a building permit request to build three greenhouses on his property. It was determined that the greenhouse structures will be temporary and do not need a permit.
- Gary Sauer approached the Board with a building permit request for a driveway approach. Bob and Emery met with Gary onsite and inspected the proposed road approach and talked about culvert placement. Supervisor Egland moved to approve the driveway permit as submitted; Supervisor Madsen seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.
- Emery Maher approached the Board with a building permit request to build a 60x120 machine shed on his property located at 37000 35th Ave Way. Supervisor Egland moved to approve the building permit as submitted; Supervisor Madsen seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Todd Greseth, Goodhue County Commissioner, attended the meeting to answer questions and share updates from the county. The county has set a preliminary budget resulting in a 4% increase and are still working to decrease that amount. The county is almost back to normal with staffing numbers. The Lake Bylsbee project is almost complete with 90% covered by state and federal grants.

The October Warsaw Township meeting is moved to Monday, October 2nd, a week earlier to avoid meeting on Columbus Day.

The Township's current Master Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is expiring. This will require executing a new JPA (which is good for five years). Also, our current Court Amendment expires with the current JPA, so a new Court Amendment will need to be executed as well. This allows townships to receive fine revenue for offenses that happen within the township boundaries. The County does not know if we have ever received any monies from this agreement, but have been looking into it. Supervisor Maher moved to sign the JPA; Supervisor Madsen seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

MDA is now accepting applications for noxious weed and invasive plant grants. Applications for this new round of invasive plant grants can be reviewed and downloaded on the MDA website. Funding will be allocated through a competitive process with review by the MDA Noxious Weed Program and the Noxious Weed Advisor Committee. Selected grantees will be announced in early 2024. Darla will begin the process of setting up an account and Emery and Bob will work on the budget.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation announced a Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) for road funding assistance. A total of \$102.967 million in LRIP funds are available for funding with 6 million going directly to Townships to assist with construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning projects. The maximum award amount available is \$1.5 million for each project. Darla joined the webinar to learn more about this program. If we would like to pursue this we would need to start with the County as we need a County Sponsor to apply for the funds. Engineering costs are not covered if we would need this. Applications open on Sept 12 and the deadline to apply is December 8th. Emery will talk with the County to see if they are interested in working with us to replace a culvert on County Line.

Supervisor Eglund moved to transfer \$40,000 from the Road and Bridge account to the Revenue account; Supervisor Madsen seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

The empty filing cabinets will be moved out to the road to be given away.

Nerstrand Fire Department will expand their coverage beginning November 1, 2023 to cover the Northfield Fire areas. If it is decided to move some of the Cannon Falls sections to Nerstrand FD this will be reflected in the spring 2024 contract on a prorated basis.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Supervisor Eglund to adjourn the meeting; Supervisor Maher seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved on October 2nd, 2023

Emery Maher, Chairman

Darla Frandrup, Clerk