

Warsaw Township
Township Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024

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 Eglund, Larry Madsen, Emery Maher, Diane McCorkell and Darla Frandrup

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

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

NEW BUSINESS

Building Permits

1. Scott Colin approached the Board with a building permit request to build a grain bin on his property located at 38755 County 14, Dennison. Supervisor Larry moved to approve the building permit as submitted; Supervisor Emery seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.
2. Dan Robinson approached the Board with a building permit request to build a shed on his property located at 4788 Sogn Valley Trail . Supervisor Duwain moved to approve the building permit as submitted; Supervisor Larry seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.
3. Stacey Karkoc approached the Board with a building permit request to build a house and shed on their property in section 23 property number 45.0232200. Supervisor Larry moved to approve the building permit for a house as submitted; Supervisor Eglund seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried. Important to note about this building permit: Section 23 is zoned A2 which allows a maximum of 12 dwellings in the section. The County told Stacey that there were 11 dwelling units in section 23 when she purchased the land and that is what the most current map from the County listed. When Darla followed up with the County to confirm the density limits, Sam Pierret replied: *“Jason Fehling’s dwelling was misassigned to section 14. I corrected that internally. It won’t show up in the online density maps until later this spring.”* The Board voted to approve the permit on the grounds that this was an error resulting from the County and the landowner should not be penalized. The County will grant the permit because the County considers this a replacement dwelling of Tommy Tosa. So this would still maintain the density limits with the addition of the Karkoc dwelling..

-The April Township meeting is moved to April 1st due to a conflict in schedule. The Board is putting policies in place so we have coverage for the officers in the rare instance they are not able to make a meeting.

-The CDs from the ARPA funds will mature this month. The Board decided to reinvest the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) CD for 5 more months. After the 5 months, hopefully bids are in place and the work on the hall can begin.

-The Board reviewed the Planning Commission terms of service.

Current Members:

Co-chair - Cassandra O’Hern 2013

Co-chair - Larry Enfield 2016

Secretary - Tim Black 2018

John Beck - 2017

Jon Huseth - 2021

-Nick Haugen approached the Board asking to be appointed to the Planning Commission. After the Board reviewed the Planning Commission's terms and years of service they decided to relieve Cassandra O'Hern of her position, the longest serving member of the committee. The Board appreciates Cassandra's excellent years of service and expertise throughout all of these years. Supervisor Larry made a motion to replace Cassandra O'Hern on the Planning Commission with Nick Haugen; Supervisor Duwain seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

-Brian Peterson from Northfield Township attended the meeting to discuss a road sharing contract between the two Townships. Northfield Township is considering narrowing County Line Road south of Dennison, which would save on the cost of rock. The new contract would include a 50/50 share in rock and grading on all of the shared roads. Warsaw has a bridge replacement in 2025 that is on the shared road north of Dennison. Northfield Township would consider paying for this as Warsaw paid for the county line bridge. Brian will return to a future meeting with a contract for review.

-Spring Short Courses for Township Officers - March 19: Rochester. Darla, Diane, Larry and Duwain are going.

-Warsaw Township board has requested a change to fire coverage in the township. They have requested that Nerstrand Fire assume coverage of the following area that is currently covered by Cannon Falls: Eastern 1/2 of Section 6, Eastern 1/3 of Section 7, South 1/2 of Section 8, South 1/2 of Section 15, North 1/2 of Sections 16 & 17, Section 22, and Western 1/2 of section 23. Nerstrand Fire Department Chief Joe Johnson has driven and mapped the area extensively and has determined response times from our Nerstrand Station. The new coverage area would be prorated at \$238 per month through 2024. These sections are currently covered by Cannon Falls Fire Department. Supervisor Duwain made a motion to approve the changes to the fire contracts; Supervisor Larry seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

-Darla informed the Board that Greta Anderson will be the Deputy Clerk, to replace Jimmilee Miller. Supervisor Duwain made a motion to approve the change in the Deputy Clerk role; Supervisor Larry seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

Approved on 4/1/2024

Duwain Eglund, Chairman

Darla Frandrup, Clerk

