

Board Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
September 10, 2024

Attendees: Chair Kuechle, Supervisor Loewen, Supervisor Lochen, Zoning Administrator Froehling, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Deputy Clerk Robinson, Nicole Johannes, Vi Johannes, Margaret Arnold, Lori Rice.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Kuechle with pledge to the flag.

Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Loewen/Zoning Administrator Froehling to approve the Agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Planning and Zoning meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Board meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

Motion by Supervisors Lochen/Loewen to approve August 6, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Ten (10) claims were presented for approval and payment for the month of August totaling \$285,694.48. Receipts for August totaled \$15,745.59. Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Lochen to pay claims as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

The County Property Sales Report was reviewed.

New Business:

Park Enhancement Project Fund – Margaret Arnold and Lori Rice:

Margaret and Lori presented information about American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds which Stearns County currently has, and which needs to be used by the end of this year. The Parks Commission has \$200,000 of these funds which has been earmarked for Park enhancement. Townships can apply for up to \$50,000, with a 50% match by the community. The enhancement must be on public property, and could be used for such things as trails and playground equipment. The deadline to apply is November 1, 2024. No decision was made by the Board at this time.

One Day Liquor License – Holy Cross Church:

Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Lochen to approve the Liquor License for Holy Cross Church. All in favor, motion carried.

Additional Poll Pad for November Election:

In preparation for the November Election and the expected high voter turnout, Clerk Nelson suggested requesting a third Poll Pad from the County in order to keep the line moving more smoothly when there are new voters registering. Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Lochen to request the third Poll Pad. All in favor, motion carries.

Old Business:

Carnel Court – Ownership of Road:

Clerk Nelson shared the information received from the Township Attorney concerning the ownership of the road. The Township holds the road in Trust for the Public. The residents do not own the road or cul-de-sac. Maintenance, decisions and disputes concerning the road are the responsibility of the Residents. Clerk Nelson will send letters to the residents on Carnel Court informing them of this information.

Discussion Items:

Chair Kuechle suggested that some shouldering work is needed on 100th Avenue. He will discuss this with Joe Hendricks.

Chair Kuechle has not heard back from the DNR concerning 113th Avenue. He will reach out again.

Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Lochen to adjourn at 7:50 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Nelson
Clerk/Treasurer