

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2023

PRESENT: Board Supervisors: John Erlandson Sr., (Chairman), Dale B. Anderson (arrived late) and Jim Fridstrom (Supervisors)
Treasurer: Carol Williams Kahring
Clerk: Darrell Vosika
Road Maintenance Supervisor: Rob A. Anderson (Employee)

LOCATION: Cambridge Township Hall located in the Isanti County Historical Society Building (33525 FLANDERS ST. NE, CAMBRIDGE).

1. Chairman John Erlandson Sr. called the Monthly Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
- 2A. **Information:** Resolution #12-03 adopted on 3/18/2012 designates Columbus Day as **not** a holiday.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / JOHN ERLANDSON SR. (VOTE: 2-0) TO APPROVE.
M = OFFICER MAKING THE MOTION
S = OFFICER SECONDING THE MOTION
4. Approval of the **MINUTES** of the **SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.**
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, MINUTES.
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / JOHN ERLANDSON SR. (VOTE: 2-0) TO APPROVE
- 4A. **Approval of the minutes** of the **September 25, 2023, Special Board working session.**
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, MINUTES (WORKING SESSION).
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / JOHN ERLANDSON SR. (VOTE: 2-0) TO APPROVE

Point of Information: Supervisor Dale B. Anderson arrived.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** were prepared by Carol Williams Kahring, Township Treasurer and Darrell Vosika, Township Clerk.
 - A. **MISC. INCOME:**
 - i) Isanti Co. Auditor/Treasurer – PILT (EFT) \$ 181.41
Public Hunting Grounds = \$ 168.12
Wetlands = \$ 13.29
 - ii) Utility Permit #2023-33 – Telcom Const. \$ 100.00
 - iii) Utility Permit #2023-32 – ECE (wo#202315880) \$ 100.00
 - iv) Dust Control (Private Pay) – R. Vavra (2nd application) \$ 382.80
 - v) Utility Permit #2023-34* (ECEN-C13D-04) - NRTC (EFT) \$ 100.00
 - B. The following **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
CLERK’S REPORTS:

- i) Bank Account Reports: **September 30, 2023**
- ii) Interest & Dividend Reports: **September 2023**

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

- i) CTAS REPORTS available are as follows:
 - a) 9/23/2023 – Payroll Register - Landscape
 - b) 9/23/2023 – Net pay account Distribution
 - c) 9/29/2023 – Claims List for Approval
 - d) 9/30/2023 – Net Pay Account Distribution
 - e) 9/30/2023 – Payroll Register - Landscape
 - f) 10/07/2023 – Payroll Register – Landscape
 - g) 10/07/2023 – Net Pay Account Distribution
 - h) 10/9/2023 – Claims list for Approval
 - i) 10/13/2023 – Claims List for Approval (payroll for 10/13)

C. The Township received reports from First Bank & Trust showing a collateral insurance amount greater than the uninsured savings date on **9/29/2023**. They check the deposit balances every business day at 2pm CST and make pledge changes accordingly at that time.
(Minn. Stat. 118A.03)

D. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED AT THE OCTOBER 9, 2023, MEETING.

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

6. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

- A. **PRELIMINARY PLAT** – B & L Lakeview Estates – Steve Lindell and Brian Bergman came before the Cambridge Township Board on 10/9/2023, to present for review a copy of their plat. After reviewing the copy of the plat, the township has no road issues regarding the plat relationship to township roads that would be opposed in the present Cambridge Township Road Ordinance 101.

MOTION: If the preliminary plat (B & L Lakeview Estates) adheres to or exceeds the Isanti County planning and Zoning Ordinance regulations, Cambridge Township approves with the preliminary plat going forward.

M/S: Jim Fridstrom / Dale B. Anderson (vote: 2-0-1) to approve

Supervisor John Erlandson Sr. abstained (conflict of interest)

- B. **LAND OPTION** – Jim O'Brien came before the Board to discuss his land for sale option. The Board had asked for 100' to the West of the garage. Jim stated that after discussing the Township's request with his wife, they would offer for sale a max of 60'. Jim will attend the November monthly meeting with a price for the 60' plus the south piece.

7. NEW BUSINESS AT PUBLIC REQUEST: NONE

8. ROAD BUSINESS

A. ROB'S REPORT:

- i) **JD 544J Loader** – Rob reported that a hydraulic leak on the loader arm (when on RIDE CONTROL) needs to be serviced. Presently they are monitoring the situation. Rob has ordered the parts necessary to repair the problem and next Wednesday Don Ramberg is going help Rob with the repairs.
- ii) **2017 Ford F-450** – The clerk has sent a MATIT Incident report to have the

windshield of the truck replaced because of pitting caused by gravel. The maintenance employees have an issue with a glare from the sun on the windshield thus causing a safety concern. The clerk is waiting for a response from MATIT on the issue.

iii) **Striping of paved roads:**

University Ave (shared township road with Springvale Township) -Rob has contacted Springvale Township about striping and they are possibly considering chip sealing University Ave in 2024.

339th Ave from County Road 14 to University Ave - this includes striping the double yellow centerline on 339th Ave.

FAHRNER'S QUOTE:	<u>Camb Twp</u>	<u>Springvale Twp</u>
University Ave striping	\$ 2,441.00	
(50% Springvale Twp)	\$ 1,220.50	\$ 1,220.50
339 th Ave (Co. Rd 6 to University Ave)	<u>\$ 3,397.00</u>	
Total:	\$ 4,417.50	<u>\$ 1,220.50</u>

After some discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: APPROVAL OF FAHRNER'S QUOTE OF \$ 3,397.00 FOR THE DOUBLE YELLOW CENTERLINE STRIPING of 339th Ave FROM COUNTY ROAD 14 TO UNIVERSITY AVE.

M/S: DALE B. ANDERSON / JIM FRIDSTROM (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

iv) **Naples St NE (South of 328th Ave NE)** – Rob should look into the cost for upgrading that portion of Naples St (wider & buildup).

v) **Brush mowing** – Rob has contacted Tom Lundeen to see if he would be available this fall to brush mow a variety of township road right-of-ways. His rate would be \$165.00/hour and he would be available approximately the 3rd week in October.

MOTION: TO HIRE TOM LUNDEEN TO BRUSH MOW TOWNSHIP ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS AT \$165.00/HOUR NOT TO EXCEED 40 HRS.

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

- B. **RADIOS** – to communicate with Township Employees (eg. During snowplowing)
Jim talked to the Isanti County Sheriff's Office about the use of the 800 mega-hertz radios the Township had previously purchased thru the department. They could be used for this purpose if operated thru the Sheriff's Department Communication System. The township would have their own channel plus range.
UPDATE: The radios could possibly be available first part of October.
- C. **TOWNSHIPS MEETING (BRADFORD HALL) TO ADDRESS REVISIONS TO ISANTI COUNTY ZONING** – Jim is our representative to the committee.
They are trying to work together with zoning on issues.
UPDATE: Nothing new (waiting for Commissioners to get closer on the new Imagine 2045 Comprehensive Plan).
- D. **2023 MINNESOTA FALL MAINTENANCE EXPO** – October 4th & 5th
Location: St Cloud Public Works Facility
Rob & Todd attended on October 4th & Jim attended on Oct 5th.
- E. **ROAD ORDINANCE REVIEW**- The Board agreed to have a special board meeting scheduled for 10/17/2023 (Tuesday) @ 6pm @ the Cambridge Township

Office to continue a review and discussion on updating the Cambridge Township Road Ordinance 101.

- F. **Utility Permits** – The clerk reported that the township has issued 35 Utility Permits so far in 2023.
- G. **328th Ave NE**- nothing new to report regarding 328th Ave project.
- H. Effected July 1, 2023 – earnings threshold for **PERA’S COORDINATED DEFINED PLAN** is \$425 paid in a single month.
- I. **ROAD MILEAGE CERTIFICATION** (for Isanti County) – The clerk received the 2023 Township Road Mileage Certification from the Isanti County Highway Department to be returned by November 15, 2023. The Town Road Mileage for 2023 was the same as 2022 = 51.016 miles.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **BROADBAND (EAST CENTRAL ENERGY’S FIBER INTERNET PROJECT)** – One of the contractors that ECE is using is **National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) Broadband Solutions** Bob Lyons, NRTC Director of Engineering, is working on the Utility Permits.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **ELECTIONS:**
UPDATE ON RUG RUNNERS – Todd Hanson, P-T Employee, checked into rug runner rentals and could not find any company that would do just occasional rental. The Board will have to take this under further consideration.
- B. **PEIP (MINNESOTA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM)** – The January 1, 2024 PEIP renewal for Cambridge Township medical rates (health insurance) went down from \$601.27 per month in 2023 to \$588.50 per month in 2024.
- C. **East Central Energy’s Charitable Program** “Caring Members Program” – donation to Caring Members come from ECE members (and others) who wish to help fellow members experiencing an energy crisis by having \$1 or more added to their monthly electric bill. The board took no action.
- D. **Property Tax Law**- a change in legislation regarding TNT (Truth in Taxation) statements that are sent in November require that each township has a website published on the notices. This was an email received from Angie Larson, Isanti Co. Auditor/ Treasurer.

11. ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Bill Berg, District 2 County Commissioner, was available to answer any County related questions.

12. MAILING AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED: none

13. OFFICERS BUSINESS

- A. CLERK: None
- B. TREASURER: None
- C. SUPERVISORS: None

14. REPORT OF ISANTI COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – JIM – Nothing for the Township

15. REPORT OF **ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – JIM** – Nothing for the Township

16. REPORT OF **NORTH TH 65 CORRIDOR COALITION – JOHN** – Next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, at 6:30pm (both in-person & virtual option)

17. NOTICES: **November 13, 2023 @ 7pm** – Next Monthly Cambridge Township Board Meeting
December 7th – 9th, 2023 – MAT ANNUAL CONFERENCE
St Cloud at Rivers Edge Convention Center

18. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Todd Hanson – asked if the township wanted to publish some type of communications with residents prior to the snowplowing season dealing with the following:
- i) pushing/plowing snow across township roads
 - ii) placement of garbage cans off the plowing surface

The board is looking into several communication ways to deal with these situations.

The township can put a notice on their website about the garbage cans

The township snowplowing policy does mention about pushing snow across roads and that policy is on the website.

MOTION: LOOK INTO POSSIBLY SENDING A POST CARD TO EACH RESIDENCE LOCATED ON A TOWNSHIP ROAD EXPLAINING PROPER GARBAGE CAN PLACEMENT.

M/S: DALE B. ANDERSON / JIM FRIDSTROM (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

19. **MOTION MADE TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT ON OCTOBER 9, 2023.**

M/S: DALE B. ANDERSON / JIM FRIDSTROM (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

20. **MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN AT 8:28PM.**

M/S: DALE B. ANDERSON / JIM FRIDSTROM (VOTE: 3-0) TO ADJOURN

DARRELL VOSIKA, CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CLERK