

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 10, 2023

PRESENT: Board Supervisors: John Erlandson Sr., (Chairman), Dale B. Anderson 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.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE.
M = OFFICER MAKING THE MOTION
S = OFFICER SECONDING THE MOTION
4. Approval of the **MINUTES** of the **JULY 10, 2023, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.**
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JULY 10, 2023, MINUTES.
M/S: DALE B. ANDERSON / JIM FRIDSTROM (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE
5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** Were prepared by Carol Williams Kahring, Township Treasurer and Darrell Vosika, Township Clerk.
 - A. MISC. INCOME:

i) Isanti County Treasurer – 1 st Half Tax Settlement	\$ 223,784.45
ii) E-911 Sign – T. Schoenecker	\$ 100.00
iii) NRTC Broadband Soln – Utility Permit #2023-26	\$ 100.00
iv) State of MN – MMB – Township Aid	\$ 742.00
v) MIDCO – Utility Permit #2023-29	\$ 100.00
vi) Dust Control (Private Pay) – R. Lindgren	\$ 278.40
vii) Dust Control (Private Pay) – DW Companies	\$ 812.00
viii) Dust Control (Private Pay) – S. Parker	\$ 178.87
ix) Dust Control (Private Pay) – Grandy Nine Golf Course	\$ 963.96
x) Dust Control (Private Pay) – D. Leaf	\$ 295.80
xi) 3-Driveway Permits – Reliable Land & Trust, LLC	\$ 3,000.00
xii) Telcom Const. – Utility Permit #2023-28	\$ 100.00
xiii) Dust Control (Private Pay) – R. Vavra	\$ 382.80
xiv) Dust Control (Private Pay) – Escrow Acct. (Transfer)	\$ 487.20
 - B. The following **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
 - CLERK’S REPORTS:
 - i) Bank Account Reports: July 31, 2023

ii) Interest & Dividend Reports: July 2023

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

i) CTAS REPORTS available are as follows:

- a) 7/15/2023 – Net Pay Account Distribution
- b) 7/15/2023 – Payroll Register - Landscape
- c) 7/21/2023 – Claims List for Approval
- d) 7/29/2023 – Payroll Register - Landscape
- e) 7/29/2023 – Net Pay Account Distribution
- f) 8/04/2023 – Claims List for Approval
- g) 8/14/2023 – Claims List for Approval

C. The Township received reports from First Bank & Trust showing a collateral insurance amount greater than the uninsured savings date on **7/31/2023**. They check the deposit balances every business day at 2pm CST and make pledge changes accordingly at that time.

D. **Transfer:** Dust Control (Private Pay)

MOTION: TO TRANSFER \$487.20 FOR DUST CONTROL (PRIVATE PAY) FROM THE ESCROW FUND INTO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

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

The chairman signed the transfer form #2023-101.

E. **TOWN AID CERTIFICATION UPDATE** – the 2024 Aid amount for Cambridge Township is \$1,501.00.

F. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST 14, 2023, MEETING.

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

6. **SCHEDULED BUSINESS:**

A. **PRELIMINARY PLATS JENSON 3 & JENSON 4** – Presented by Terry Jenson

After reviewing the Preliminary Plats, the Board had the following concerns that need to be addressed:

- 1) JENSON 3: The plat does not show a public access to Lot #4
- 2) JENSON 4: Access is only ½ (33') for township road (private easement)

The clerk will write a letter to Trina Bergloff, Isanti County Zoning Administrator, listing the Board's concerns.

B. **CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI AREA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION** – represented by Duke Weisbrod.

Duke came before the Board to request consent for the issuance of a **Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License** for a Softball Tournament at Sandquist Park on August 17–20, 2023.

MOTION: TO GIVE CONSENT FOR ISANTI COUNTY TO ISSUE A TEMPORARY ON-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI AREA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT SANDQUIST PARK ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: AUGUST 17–20, 2023, AND CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING A COPY OF THEIR LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THAT EVENT.

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS AT PUBLIC REQUEST:**

A. **ISANTI COUNTY 5TH GRADE CONSERVATION FIELD DAY** – The Township had received

previously a request in writing from Talisha Zimmerman, Isanti County Wetland Specialist and Water Plan Coordinator, for a donation for the May 19th, 2023, 5th Grade Conservation Field Day. Dale tried to call Talisha regarding the financial position of the field day after the May 19, 2023, event. Talisha was not available. The Board took no further action on the request.

B. 357th Ave (from Hwy 65 to Hasting St. NE) – Request for Speed Limit

Residents Michelle Johnson, Scott Flannigan & Sherri Flannigan from 357th Ave NE came before the Board with a petition to request that the speed limit on 357th Ave between Hwy 65 and Hasting St, NE be posted at 35MPH. After some discussion, the Board agreed with the residents and instructed the Clerk to put it on the agenda for the August Board Meeting to be presented as a resolution to erect regulatory speed signs in rural residential districts. Rob is to handle the sign posting and placement on 357th Ave NE.

MOTION: AT THE AUGUST 14, 2023, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD IS TO ADDRESS THE RESOLUTION AND SIGNAGE THAT APPLIES TO THE PETITION REQUEST FOR 357TH AVE.

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

8. ROAD BUSINESS

A. ROB'S REPORT:

i) 2023 DUST CONTROL – Completed

Clerk gave a summary report:

Dust Control purchased: \$21,776.68

Private pay Residents: \$ 3,515.03

Dust Control cost for Township: \$ 18,261.65

ii) DITCH MOWING - There were some ditch mowing issues, the Board will re-evaluate next year.

iii) TOWNSHIP DITCH MOWER - Sold

iv) V-PLOW & LOGO PROJECT – Rob and Todd Hanson presented the Board with an update on the project. The cost of the logo is estimated to be in the area of \$725 + cost of adding address on V-Plow. The logo will be applied to both sides of the V-Plow, Cat Grader, JD Loader and 3 Trucks

MOTION: TO CONTINUE WITH THE V-PLOW & LOGO PROJECT

M/S: JOHN ERLANDSON SR. / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 2-1-0)

APPROVED (NO VOTE: JIM)

v) NOTICE OF SPRINT CONTRACT TRANSITION TO T-MOBILE – Currently, there is no action needed from the township.

vi) DITCHING IN GRANDY – 368TH & Dunkirk St. – for water flow

vii) MARMON ST. – North Oaks did some patching

viii) VIRGINIA HEIGHTS – Used infra-red treatment on 21 spots (Fahrner) – Rob reported that he was impressed with the treatment. The test of time will tell if it holds up.

C. 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: Nothing new has been communicated

- D. **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
- E. **SOFT ROAD CLOSURE (337TH AVE NE – PARTIAL)** – the shoulders need to be repaired.
- F. **SEWER (338TH LN NE)** – Update (Jim) – the Township has received their 33' right-of-way back – the case is closed.
- G. **MIDCO – PROPOSED UTILITY PERMIT ROUTE** – the Clerk received an email from MIDCO questioning how many Utility Permits would be needed for a project they have in Cambridge Township. Could they include the project on one permit or do they need to divide the project into a number of permits. The Clerk suggested that they divide the project into 3 permits as follows:
 - 1) University Ave
 - 2) 341st Ave, 340th Ave & Jefferson St.
 - 3) 6th St NE & 349th AveThis would be similar (or consistent) with how the Township has been handling other Utility Permit requests.
The Board agreed.
- H. **CORNERSTONE ADDITION** – Question regarding Harrison St. N. ownership.
The Township does not believe it is their road.
- I. **BEACON SYSTEM** – No longer available to the Township – Future Status?

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.
The Township presently has 22 Utility Permits approved for the ECE Fiber Internet Project.
UPDATE: Utility Permit payments are now direct deposited (ACH).
- B. **MATIT** – Consolidated Liability Coverage (CLC)
Township has received the annual renewal invoice (Premium = \$6,967.00)
Term of new policy: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Payment is due by **August 15, 2023** – the invoice was paid with the July bills.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Isanti County Township Officers Association Quarterly Meeting for July will not be held. Next scheduled meeting will be October 26, 2023.

11. ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Bill Berg, District 2 Commissioner, was not available.

12. MAILING AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

A. ECHOES – May/June 2023 (Seven County Senior Federation Newspaper)

13. OFFICERS BUSINESS

- A. CLERK:
 - i) Jim signed BAE minutes from 4/20/2023
 - ii) Letter from Chad Struss, Chief Financial Officer/ County Auditor-Treasurer describing the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer Transition.
Chad resignation is effective 7/22/2023
 - iii) Brief discussion regarding the use of rug runners during future elections.
- 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 to report for Township
No June 2023 meeting due to a lack of an agenda

16. REPORT OF **NORTH TH 65 CORRIDOR COALITION – JOHN** – Nothing to report for Township

17. NOTICES: **August 14, 2023 @ 7pm** – Next Monthly Cambridge Township Meeting

18. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. **TOWNSHIP LEGAL SEMINAR** – Presented by Couri & Ruppe Law office
Register directly from their website: www.couriruppe.com
Dates, Locations & agenda on website
- B. Isanti SWCD Conservation Tour
Date: September 7, 2023
RSVP: lgodfrey@isantiSWCD.org

19. MOTION MADE TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT ON JULY 10, 2023.
M/S: DALE B. ANDERSON / JIM FRIDSTROM (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

12. MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN AT 8:55PM.
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 3-0) TO ADJOURN

DARRELL VOSIKA, CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CLERK