

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

AUGUST 14, 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:

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| 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) (this is for segment of 7th St NE - North off Co Rd 6)

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 Town 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. **CRISTIANO ROSA** – Came before the Board to request a second driveway to his residency at 32960 Hilary Circle. **Cambridge Township Road Ordinance 101** states in Section 10: Driveway and Mailbox Post, subd. 9 – Except for agricultural purposes, no single residential unit shall have more than one driveway. The Board explained that under the present Road Ordinance 101, a second new driveway installation is prohibited.

Board Action: Request was denied.

The Board needs to review Road Ordinance 101. The Township Board plus Road Maintenance Supervisor (Rob Anderson) will schedule a time in the near future to review and possibly update portions of Road Ordinance 101.

7. NEW BUSINESS AT PUBLIC REQUEST:

A. **SPEED RESOLUTION** – At the July 10, 2023, monthly Board Meeting, 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.

The Clerk presented the Board with a copy of **Resolution #23-11: A Resolution to Erect Regulatory Speed Signs in Rural Residential Districts.**

MOTION: TO APPROVE CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #23-11

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

Rob is to handle the sign posting and placement on 357th Ave NE.

- B. **Preliminary Plat – Jenson 3 & Jenson 4** – Terry Jenson came before the Board to clarify the concerns expressed in the letter to the Isanti County Zoning Dept. following the July 10, 2023, Board meeting. The following changes were being made:

- i) He will not be splitting the back 40 acres into two (2) 20 acre lots.
- ii) There is a 66’ easement to the back 40 acres coming off County Road 14.
- iii) Transfer of 2 building rights off back 40 acres to Jenson 3 with driveways off County Road 14

MOTION: If the preliminary plat (new draft Jenson 3) adheres to or exceeds the Isanti County Planning and Zoning Ordinance regulations, Cambridge Township approves with the plat going forward.

M/S: Jim Fridstrom / Dale B. Anderson (vote: 3-0) to approve

- C. **Information:** The clerk notified the Board that the township has received zoning questions regarding cultivation of marijuana.
- D. **Jim O’Brien** (3464 337th Ave NE) came before the Board with a number of possible future land proposals for the Board to review. He would like to square off his property line and would consider selling ¼ to ½ acre of land adjacent to the west or south of the maintenance shed.
Board action: the township will take it under consideration.
- E. **Ed Rote** – Cambridge Township resident who lives on London Trail NE (North off County Road 6). This London Trail is a private driveway. Approximately 700’ of the driveway is not on his land. He was wondering about getting some gravel for that portion of the driveway that is neither owned by him nor is a township road. At this point, he would have to address his concerns with private businesses.

8. ROAD BUSINESS

- A. **ROB’S REPORT:**

- i) **V-PLOW & LOGO PROJECT** – the project has been completed
- ii) **JD 544J Loader** – purchased 2 new tires for the front. They put the best 2 tires in the back and kept 1 extra tire for a spare.
Rob reported that a hydraulic leak on the loader arm (when on RIDE CONTROL) needs to be serviced.

- B. **328th Ave NE Paving Estimates**

Rob worked on an estimate for the paving of 328th Ave NE. He presented two options to the Board by basically adjusting the base of the road:

- Option #1: pave base 2” + pave wear 1.5” = \$281,500
- Option #2: pave wear 3” compacted to 2.5” = \$218,500
(1-lift)

- 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 (waiting for Commissioners to get closer on the new Comprehensive Plan [Imagine 2045]).

E. **BEACON SYSTEM** – No longer available to the Township – Future status unknown at this time.

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.

*****PLEGGED FUNDS TO ECE BROADBAND PROJECT** - \$10,000 pledged

ECE is requesting that the township fulfill their commitment by **9/30/2023**.

MOTION: TO RELEASE THE TOWNSHIP COMMITMENT OF \$10,000 PLEDGED FUNDS TO THE ECE BROADBAND PROJECT BY 9/30/2023.

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

B. **IMAGINE 2045 COMPHRENSIVE PLAN** – Township Engagement (8/9/2023)

The meeting was attended by Supervisors Dale B. Anderson, Jim Fridstrom and Clerk Darrell Vosika. The majority of the meeting seemed focused on the townships view on lot size (1-5 acres) and whether or not certain areas of Isanti County should have different density requirements. Example, should certain townships surrounding the cities have a greater development density then 4 per 40 or should all townships remain at 4 per 40?

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. **DISTRICT 7 MEETING & ELECTION** – was held on 8/10/2023 (Jim Fridstrom & Darrell Vosika attended).

Location: Anoka Ramsey Community College (Cambridge Campus)

Speakers:

Heather Tidmore, MATIT Operations Manager – talked on Risk Management

The system is going to claims being filed on computer.

The average resident insurance contribution is \$3.41.

Graham Berg-Moeberg, MAT Attorney – talked on marijuana legislation and the New Family & Medical Leave Act.

Election: Tammy Carlson (from Pine City Township) was re-elected MAT's District 7 Director.

B. **PERA Legislative Update**

i) Immediately enroll every new hire whose regular earnings will exceed \$425 per month. Membership is mandatory for these individuals, even if they won't receive \$425 in their first month. Applies to part-time employees.

ii) Seasonal and temporary employees remain excluded from PERA membership if the period of work is less than six consecutive months, regardless of earnings. However, if the period is extended beyond six months, the person becomes eligible for membership the next time their monthly pay is at least \$425.

iii) Beginning May 20, 2023, appointed officials eligible for DCP membership when earnings are too low for Coordinated Plan membership. Previously elected but now appointed positions are also eligible to resume DCP membership if their salary remains below the Coordinated membership threshold.

C. **MATIT** – has contracted with Overland Solutions/ExL to conduct an independent, on-site appraisal of township property with a scheduled value greater than \$35,000. The goal of MATIT is to have each property meeting the \$35,000 value threshold appraised on a five-year cycle. Appraisals are performed at no cost to the township and are provided as a benefit of membership in MATIT.

**Starting with the 2024-2025 renewal, MATIT will no longer schedule property with an “agreed upon value”. All properties will be scheduled at the replacement cost value determined by the appraiser.

D. **JUNETEENTH** – JUNE 19TH

Minn.Stat. 645.44 subd.5 – Relevant to townships:

No public business shall be transacted on any holiday, except in cases of necessity.

E. **ISANTI COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)** – the County is considering a position that would focus on economic development efforts throughout Isanti County. They would like input from townships regarding their needs for economic development support. The Board decided that the supervisors could respond individually to the request. Respond to Amanda Usher, Interim County Administrator.

Amanda.usher@co.isanti.mn.us

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:

A. Isanti County Historical Society – Newsletter (Summer 2023)

B. Lake & Pines Community Action Council, Inc. – Board & Employee Newsletter (July, 2023)

13. OFFICERS BUSINESS

A. CLERK:

i) MAT 4-Corner Training for Clerks & Treasurer
Sept. 18 – Oct 5, \$50 fee

ii) 2024 Election dates:

3/5/2024 – Presidential Nomination Primary

3/12/2024 – March Township Annual Officers Election

8/13/2024 – State Primary Election

11/5/2024 – State General Election

use of rug runners – future review
iii) 2023 competitive LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program)
solicitation will open 9/12/2023. Funds available \$102.967
million.
Maximum award amount available in \$1.5 million for each
Project.

- B. TREASURER: i) 2nd Quarter payroll taxes done & submitted
- C. SUPERVISORS: none

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

15. REPORT OF **ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – JIM** – denial of variance for kennel facility

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

17. NOTICES: **September 7, 2023** – Isanti SWCD Conservation Tour
 RSVP: lgodfrey@isantiSWCD.org
 September 11, 2023 @ 7pm – Next Monthly Cambridge Township Meeting
 December 7th – 9th, 2023 – MAT ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 St Cloud at Rivers Edge Convention Center

18. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Update on MATIT investigative report – still under investigation.

19. MOTION MADE TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT ON AUGUST 14, 2023.
 M/S: DALE B. ANDERSON / JIM FRIDSTROM (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

12. MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN AT 9:15PM.
 M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 3-0) TO ADJOURN

DARRELL VOSIKA, CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CLERK