

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2024

PRESENT: Board Supervisors: Dale B. Anderson Chairman & Jim Fridstrom (Supervisor)
Treasurer: Arianna Wieler
Deputy 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 Dale B. Anderson called the Monthly Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
- 2A. Chairman Anderson gave notice of the passing of Supervisor John Erlandson Sr.
Cambridge Township Supervisor: 2008 - 2024
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 2-0) TO APPROVE.
M = OFFICER MAKING THE MOTION
S = OFFICER SECONDING THE MOTION
4. Approval of the **MINUTES** of the **SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.**
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 2-0) TO APPROVE
5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** were prepared by Carol Williams Kahring, Township Treasurer and Darrell Vosika, Township Clerk.
 - A. MISC. INCOME:

i) Utility Permit #2024-33 (ECE)	\$ 100.00
ii) E-911 Sign – M Zabinski	\$ 100.00
iii) Utility Permit #2024-34 (ECE)	\$ 100.00
iv) Utility Permit #2024-35 (ECE)	\$ 100.00
v) Utility Permit #2024-36 (ECE)	\$ 100.00
vi) Driveway Permit – D. Anderson	\$ 300.00
vii) Utility Permit #2024-37 (ECE)	\$ 100.00
 - B. The following **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
 - CLERK’S REPORTS:**
 - i) Bank Account Reports: **SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**
 - ii) Interest & Dividend Reports: **SEPTEMBER 2024**
 - TREASURER’S REPORTS:**
 - i) CTAS REPORTS available are as follows:
 - a) 9/9/2024 – Claims List for Approval

- b) 9/21/2024 – Net Pay Account Distribution
- c) 9/27/2024 – Claims List for Approval
- d) 10/14/2024 – Claims List for Approval

CLERK & TREASURER’S MONTHLY EXPENSE REPORT

- a) Clerk’s **SEPTEMBER 2024** Expenses: \$ 133,143.59
- b) Treasurer’s **SEPTEMBER 2024** Expenses: \$ 133,143.59

C. The Township received reports from First Bank & Trust showing a collateral insurance amount to cover 110% of the uninsured savings date on **9/30/2024**. They check the deposit balances every business day at 2pm CST and make pledge changes accordingly at that time. (Minn. Stat. 118A.03)

D **FIRST BANK & TRUST**- New account signature cards were signed by Township Officers.

E. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED AT THE OCTOBER 14, 2024, MEETING.

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 2-0) TO APPROVE

6. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

- A. **LIQUOR LICENSE – CHUCK OSTERUD, PRESIDENT OF THE PURPLE HAWK COUNTRY CLUB**, was present seeking Township consent for Isanti County to issue a liquor license to the following:
 - PURPLE HAWK CLUB HOUSE
 - 36296 HWY 65 NE
 - CAMBRIDGE, MN 55008

Mr. Osterud will check with the Isanti County Auditor’s Office on the proper Licensee name on the paperwork and will return at the November 12, 2024, monthly meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS AT PUBLIC REQUEST:

- A. **LAND OPTION (O’BRIEN)** – The township has received an updated signed copy of the Purchase Agreement for the O’Brien property.

8. ROAD BUSINESS

- A. Rob’s Report:
 - i) **Ditch Mowing Update** – completed
 - ii) Rob & Todd repainted the stripping at the railroad crossings on 349th Ave and 343rd Ave.
 - iii) **337TH Ave, Vickers & Naples St.** – Rob reported that the Fahrner Co. restriped the centerline.
357th Ave was also restriped both centerline & fog line.
 - iv) **361st Ave (hill by Grandy-Nine Golf Course)** – Rob has talked with Mr. Nystrom (owner of Grandy-Nine Golf Course) and they have come up with a recommendation to the board to help eliminate the washouts in the area/intersection of the 361st Ave hill and the driveway entering the golf course. The recommended cost breakdown would be approximately as follows:

Grandy-Nine: Hickenbottom project materials	\$ 1,073.08
Provide backhoe & dozer expenses	\$ N/A

Township: 15" culvert for across road & rock
around culvert \$ 1,000.00

The board decided to approve the proposed project.

- v) **Fuel Tank by Garage** – Rob would like a light installed on the office wall that would light up the fuel tank area for refueling the equipment in the evening. Jeff Anderson, electrician, gave an estimated cost of \$300 – 350 to install the light..

Motion: To install a light on the office wall that would light up the fuel tank area at night for a quote of \$300 – 350.

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

- B. **343rd AVE & Railroad Crossing** – Dale has been in contact with BNSF representative Alex Fiorini, PE, Manager Public Projects, regarding setting up a meeting. Mr. Fiorini has agreed to attend the next Board meeting on November 12, 2024.
- C. **ISANTI CO. TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2024 @ 7PM @ THE BRADFORD TOWNSHIP HALL- ON THE AGENDA IS SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE REVISIONS.**
The clerk will attend this meeting.
- D. **ROAD ORDINANCE REVIEW** – The Board will continue to work on reviewing & updating the Cambridge Township Road Ordinance 101 once all the various sections of the Comprehensive Plan have been finalized.
- E. **UTILITY PERMITS** – The clerk reported that the township has issued 41 Utility Permits for the fiscal year 2024.
- F. **357TH AVE REPAIR PROJECT**- Rob reported that the repair project is complete.
- G. **2024 MN FALL MAINTENANCE EXPO (OCT. 2ND & 3RD 2024)**
Rob & Todd attended the Wednesday session (Oct 2nd) & Jim the Thursday Session (Oct 3rd).
- H. **EAST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE COMMISSION** – Increase in the MSW rate to \$72.50 per ton (July 1, 2024).
- I. **ISANTI CO. HWY DEPT. – Request for culvert structure information for bridge inspection compliance** – The township does have an old culvert structure under pass on Zest Street NE. Rob will get the information requested by the County Hwy Dept. and report it to the clerk.
- J. **ISANTI CO. HWY DEPT. – 2024 CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ROAD MILEAGE CERTIFICATION REPORT**- Due Friday November 15, 2024.
There were no new roads in Cambridge Township in 2024. The total road mileage certification remains the same as in 2023.
Road Mileage Certification for 2024 = 51.016 miles

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **BROADBAND (EAST CENTRAL ENERGY'S FIBER INTERNET PROJECT) – ECE FIBER UPDATE: To review information: www.ecefiber.com**
Cambridge Township is in phase 1
- i) Registered for an ECE Fiber internet package
 - ii) Signed the ECE Fiber Service Agreement
 - iii) ECE was out to township garage/office (7/23/2024) to discuss internet

entry line.

B. ECE BROADBAND: ece.fiber.com

Last chance for ECE Fiber – all orders placed after October 9th cannot be Guaranteed for connection before year end (cold weather).

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. ISANTI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.-

i) Alex Gerhardson, Investigator Isanti County Sheriff's Office, was present to introduce himself and answer any questions. Mr. Gerhardson is Cambridge Township's new liaison officer for the Sheriff's Dept. He will attend a number of monthly meetings during the year. He is available anytime for questions or concerns so please reach out to him via email or his office phone: 763-691-2414

alex.gerhardson@co.isanti.mn.us

ii) Township Portable Radios – donated from the Isanti Co. Sheriff's Dept. On September 6th, the Isanti Co. Sheriff's Dept held a training session for township board members and election judges to review the use of the radios. The meeting was attended by Supervisor Jim Fridstrom, Clerk Darrell Vosika and Head Election Judge Arianna Weiler. What was learned about the Motorola XTS 2500 Radio:

- a) The radio if purchased on the market would cost \$ 5,000.
- b) Will need to replace the battery sometime in the near future.
Estimated cost: \$70
- c) Radio will need to be programmed for the Cambridge Township channel (presently is only programmed for Isanti Co. Sheriff's Dept dispatch. Estimated cost: \$35 - \$65
- d) A mobile unit will be available to be installed in a vehicle in the future. Estimated cost \$700
- e) Storage concerns: store in an open area and does not need to be in charge mode.

Update (Jim): Jim had the radios updated for the Cambridge Township Station and new batteries for each of the units. The Township has 3 radio units. The battery in the new unit was returned to the Sheriff's Office as directed.

B. ELECTIONS

i) GENERAL ELECTION: November 5, 2024

Polls open: 7am – 8pm

ii) **RESOLUTION #24-15** – APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBERS 5, 2024

MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-15

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 2-0) TO APPROVE

iii) The Board approved for the Clerk to purchase coffee & donuts for the General Election Judges.

C. JANUARY PEIP RENEWAL – the actual renewal rate for the HSA option (single) for 2025 is \$558.66/month or 6,703.92/year. That is a decrease in the rate from the 2024 rate of \$588.50/month or \$7,062.00/year. The medical policy plan is automatically extended for an additional four-year term.

- D. **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR RATE INCREASE FOR CENTERPOINT ENERGY.**
- E. **LOCAL & STATE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL REGULATIONS – TELECOM CONST.**
Referred to Isanti County Zoning Dept.
- F. On the Township website the officers are okay with their telephone numbers and use only the email address for the township
- G. NOTE: MAT Board President Gary Burdorf has retired from the MAT Board.

11. ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Bill Berg District 2 County Commissioner, was In attendance and reported that the County Commissioners are working on the budget and have come up with a levy increase figure of 1.99%. This figure may change by being lower but cannot be higher.

12. MAILINGS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

- A. None

13. OFFICERS BUSINESS

- A. CLERK
 - i) Township Clerk & Treasurer Training Session at the MAT Office in St Michael (cost \$30). New Treasurer Arianna Weiler would like to attend on Nov. 18, 2024.
The Board approved the training session for the treasurer
 - ii) New computer for the new treasurer
Motion: To purchase a new computer at a cost of \$700
M/S: Jim Fridstrom / Dale B. Anderson (2-0) approved
 - iii) Bugs by the office door – The Board was given a number of suggested sprays to use for the bugs.
- B. TREASURER:
 - i) DCP for Arianna – the Board needs to finish the necessary form and return it to PERA.
- C. SUPERVISORS None

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

NOTE: The meeting agenda that was scheduled for Sept. 26, 2024, @ 6pm has a list of topics that will be discussed on various Isanti County Zoning Ordinance issues. A number of meetings will be held on October 24, 2024, to discuss these Isanti County Zoning Ordinance Issues as follows:

- i) Isanti County Planning Commission - 10/24/2024 @ 6pm (Gov Center)
- ii) Isanti County Township Officers Association – 10/24/2024 @ 7pm
(Bradford Town Hall)

NOTE: The Cambridge Township Board would like to go on record to the Isanti County Commissioners and the Isanti County Zoning Dept. by passing the following motion at the October 14, 2024, monthly Board Meeting.

MOTION: THE CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD IN FAVOR OF 2.5 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE FOR THE ISANTI COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE.

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 2-0) TO APPROVE

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

16. REPORT OF **NORTH TH 65 CORRIDOR COALITION** – A meeting was scheduled for 10/15/2024 @ 6:30pm both in-person and virtual.

17. NOTICES:

- A. **ISANTI COUNTY TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING
THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2024 @ 7PM @ BRADFORD TOWNSHIP HALL**
- B. **NOVEMBER 5, 2024, IS GENERAL ELECTION DAY
(POLLS OPEN: 7AM – 8PM)**
- C. **NOTE: THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2024, @ 7pm (MONDAY Nov 11th IS VETERANS
DAY A FEDERAL HOLIDAY).**

18. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. A discussion was held regarding the open Supervisor position on the Cambridge Township Board. The Board is looking for a Cambridge Township resident to help foster the delivery of efficient, effective and economical township government. It was suggested that the clerk run an ad in one of the local newspapers. The Board will further discuss the situation at their November 12, 2024, monthly meeting.

19. **MOTION MADE TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT ON OCTOBER 14, 2024.**

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 2-0) TO APPROVE

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

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 2-0) TO ADJOURN

DARRELL VOSIKA, CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CLERK