

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 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.
NOTE: Meeting is being held on Tuesday Nov. 12, 2024, because the regular second monthly Monday meeting date was Veterans Day (Federal Holiday).

- 1A. The Chairman asked if there were any candidates present who would be interested in the vacant Supervisor position. Mr. Mike Furlong was an interested resident. The Board will hold an interview later during the meeting.

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: 2-0) TO APPROVE.
M = OFFICER MAKING THE MOTION
S = OFFICER SECONDING THE MOTION

4. Approval of the **MINUTES** of the **OCTOBER 14, 2024, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.**
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 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 #2024-38 (ECE)	\$ 100.00
ii) Utility Permit #2024-39 (ECE)	\$ 100.00
iii) Utility Permit #2024-40 (Dale B. Anderson)	\$ 100.00
iv) Utility Permit #2024-41 (B&L Companies, LLC)	\$ 100.00
v) Driveway Permit – Jeremy Brostrom	\$ 1,200.00
vi) State of Mn – MV Credit - Agricultural	\$ 3,001.86
 - B. The following **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
 - CLERK’S REPORTS:**
 - i) Bank Account Reports: OCTOBER 31, 2024
 - ii) Interest & Dividend Reports: OCTOBER 2024
 - TREASURER’S REPORTS:**

i) CTAS REPORTS available are as follows:

- a) 11/05/2024 – Net Pay Account Distribution
- b) 11/12/2024 – Claims List for Approval
- c) 11/12/2024 – Claims List for Approval

CLERK & TREASURER'S MONTHLY EXPENSE REPORT

- a) Clerk's **OCTOBER 2024** Expenses: \$ 23,154.45
- b) Treasurer's **OCTOBER 2024** Expenses: \$ 23,154.45

C. The Township received reports from First Bank & Trust showing a collateral insurance amount to cover 110% of the uninsured savings date on **10/31/2024**. 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 appointed Treasurer is approved to sign checks.

John's name has been removed from the check signature card.

E. The resolutions for Township Officers banking authorization will need to be revised.

The clerk will work on this for the December meeting.

F. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED AT THE NOVEMBER 12, 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 not present seeking Township consent for Isanti County to issue a liquor

license for the following:

PURPLE HAWK CLUB HOUSE
36296 HWY 65 NE
CAMBRIDGE, MN 55008

Mr. Osterud was checking with the Isanti County Auditor's Office on the proper Licensee name on the paperwork.

B. **343rd AVE & RAILROAD CROSSING**- - Alex Fiorini, PE, Manager Public Projects, was not available to attend. The Board would still like to have him attend a future Board meeting to discuss the situation and be available to answer any questions/concerns.

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. Grant Lindberg is working on a legal description issue that needs to be changed prior to the sale of the land to the Township (mortgage release on the portion of land being purchased by the Township).

8. ROAD BUSINESS

A. Rob's Report:

i) **361st Ave (hill by Grandy-Nine Golf Course)** – presently working on the project. ECE needs to move an electric pole, and the dirt work should start next week.

ii) **Fuel Tank by Garage** – Rob had a light installed on the office wall that would light up the fuel tank area for refueling in the evening.

iii) **Problems with Blink (security cameras)** – off-line

Jim to get an estimate for the cost of a professional system.

iv) **361st Ave** – replaced culvert (60" x 36') (approximately ½ mi West of Tucker Street NE)

- B. **TREES ALONG SKOGMAN LAKE ROAD** – The township received an email from a resident who lives at 33365 Skogman Lake Road. His concern was with the trees across the street that block the view for cars traveling southbound on Skogman Lake Road. At the Sept. 9, 2024, monthly Board meeting a motion was passed to hire Tree Fellers Co. for the trimming and removal of trees along a portion of Skogman Lake Road (the area of concern was included). They are scheduled to do the work next week.

Regarding the speed limit: In 2019 Cambridge Township requested MnDOT review this road with the hope that we could lower the speed limit. MnDOT did not find any reason to lower the statutory speed limit but recommended we post an advisory speed limit. The Township did post that portion of the road in question with advisory signage set at 35 mph. These signs are the yellow speed limit signs you see along the road. However, these speed limits are not enforceable by law and are only advisory in nature.

- C. **ISANTI CO. TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2024 @ 7PM @ THE BRADFORD TOWNSHIP HALL- ON THE AGENDA IS SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE REVISIONS.**

The clerk attended this meeting.

They did not discuss the Subdivision Ordinance Revisions as was scheduled on the agenda because another meeting was being held at the same time at the Isanti Co. Government Center on the same subject.

An item of importance was the discussion: **Regulation of Cannabis Businesses** **MAT recommends** townships delegate the cannabis retail registration and cannabis compliance checks to their county.

RESOLUTION #24-16: RESOLUTION DELEGATING CANNABIS RETAIL REGISTRATION TO THE COUNTY

**MOTION: TO APPROVE CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #24-16
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / DALE B. ANDERSON (VOTE: 2-0) TO APPROVE**

The Clerk will send copies of the Resolution to Amanda Usher, County Admin and Trina Bergloff, Zoning Admin.

- 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. **2024 – 2025 CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SNOWPLOWING POLICY**

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 2024 – 2025 CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SNOWPLOWING POLICY.

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

- F. **UTILITY PERMITS** – The clerk reported that the township has issued 44 Utility Permits for the fiscal year 2024.

- G. **WORKERS' COMP ERROR** – Clerk reported that the report was in error – it was for a different township.

- H. **2024 CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ROAD MILEAGE CERTIFICATION REPORT**
The clerk delivered the report + updated the map with the County.
TOTAL ROAD MILEAGE FOR 2024: 51.016 miles
- I. **ISANTI CO. HWY DEPT. – REQUEST FOR CULVERT STRUCTURE INFORMATION FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION COMPLIANCE** – the clerk turned in the requested Information on the culvert structure.

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.**UPDATE:** ECE wants to know if the township would like to keep the present Township phone #763-689-4019. The Board after a brief discussion decided to keep the same number. The clerk will need to look back at invoices dated around 2021 from CenturyLink to get the code # prior to when they changed the acct #'s from phone #'s to an acct # unrelated to the phone #.
- B. **MAT-U** – will be downloading new training very soon.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **MATIT 2025 WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INVOICE & PAYROLL AUDIT**
 - i) Invoice due 1/1/2025 AMT = \$ 4,969.00
 - ii) Audit is due 2/15/2025.
- B. **ELECTIONS**
 - i) GENERAL ELECTION: November 5, 2024 – Head Election Judge Arianna Weiler gave a summary report to the Board.
Polls were open: 7am – 8pm
- 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. The Township website is scheduled to be updated.

- 11. ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Bill Berg, District 2 County Commissioner, was in attendance:
 - i) New Commissioner: Todd Christensen, District 4
 - ii) Reported that the County Commissioners have been working on the budget and have come up with a levy increase figure of 1.99%.
 - iii) He has heard concerns regarding the number of driveways per lot allowed. Presently the Cambridge Township Road Ordinance 101 only allows for one (1) driveway per lot. The township does have that concern noted as a priority to discuss when they review and update Road Ordinance 101.

12. MAILINGS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

- A. Isanti County Historical Society – Newsletter (GANGSTER STORIES)
- B. Lake & Pines Community Action Council – Board & Employee Newsletter
(Issue: October 2024)
- C. Thank you card from the family of John Erlandson Sr.
- D. ECHOES – Seven County Senior Federation Newspaper – Sept./Oct. 2024

13. OFFICERS BUSINESS

- A. CLERK None
- B. TREASURER:
 - i) DCP for Arianna – completed
 - ii) MAT Training Class for Arianna – scheduled for 11/18/2024
6-9pm
 - iii) Purchased a new computer from Costco
 - iv) Thermostat in office is not working properly – the Board approved to have the device checked by a qualified technician.
- C. SUPERVISORS None

14. REPORT OF **ISANTI COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – JIM** – Nothing for the Township
Jim will be attending the Public Hearing on (Wednesday), **November 20, 2024, @ 6pm**
at the Isanti County Government Center to amend various Isanti Co. Zoning Ordinance Sections.

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

16. REPORT OF **NORTH TH 65 CORRIDOR COALITION** – The township will need to get a new representative
The clerk will send an email notification of the passing of John Erlandson Sr.

17. NOTICES:

- A. **DECEMBER 9, 2024 – NEXT monthly Cambridge Township Board Meeting @ 7pm**
- B. **DECEMBER 13 (Friday) & DECEMBER 14 (Saturday) – 2024 MAT Annual Conference**
Location: St. Cloud River’s Edge Convention Center
10 4th Ave S.
St. Cloud, Mn 56301
- C. **DECEMBER 31, 2024 – JANUARY 14, 2025, 5PM – TIME PERIOD FOR TOWN MARCH ELECTIONS CANDIDATE FILINGS**
- D. **JANUARY 27, 2025 (Monday) – MAT TOWNSHIP DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2025**
10:30AM – 5PM

18. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. **Township Resident**
 - i) Sandquist Park – on November 2nd there was a truck rally that appears to have resulted from a message posted on TikTok. The rally consisted of a large number of pickup trucks that resulted in damage to the park area (Cambridge City Park). Commissioner Berg will discuss the situation with Cambridge City.
 - ii) A concern has been received regarding the pallet fence on the property

South of the township land. This may be an issue for Isanti Co. Zoning.

- B. **Vacant Cambridge Township Supervisor Position**
Mike Furlong, Cambridge Township resident, expressed his interest in the Supervisor position. After some discussion, the following motion was made:
Motion: To appoint Mike Furlong to fill the vacant supervisor position until the next Cambridge Township Annual Election on March 11, 2025.
M/S: Jim Fridstrom / Dale B. Anderson (vote: 3-0) to approve
(Clerk being the 3rd vote)
- C. The clerk will notify MAT of John's passing & send a write-up for the Memorial page in the Minnesota Township Insider
- D. Reminder: Next month is Rob's annual review

19. **MOTION MADE TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT ON NOVEMBER 12, 2024.**

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

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

M/S: MIKE FURLONG / JIM FRIDSTROM (VOTE: 3-0) TO ADJOURN

DARRELL VOSIKA, CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CLERK