

CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 1998

The regular BI-monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Castle Rock Township was convened at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. Present were Alyn Angus, Chair; Norbert Kuhn, Jr., and Gordon Wichterman, Bill Neil, Jim Ozmun, Supervisors; Roger Randall, Treasurer; and Michelle Nicolai, Clerk. Also present were Gerry drewry, shirley Dubbels, Sharon and Larry Shockley, Ferdinand Voltert, Kenneth Betzold, Russ Betzold, Mark Henry.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Alyn Angus, Chair, the pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Bill Neil, seconded by Jim Ozmun to approve the minutes from the November 10, 1998 regular board meeting with the following changes: The spelling of Dick Elvestad to Dick Elstad. Motion carried.

Todd and Terise Sjostrand attended the meeting at the boards request to continue the discussion about upgrading their septic systems and their need for a conditional use permit. The board is in the process of adopting a new comprehensive plan, but we must adhere to the guidelines set by the Metropolitan Council and they are firm about 1 per forty acres. Mr. Sjostrand requested a copy of the ordinance that determines the zoning for his property. The Clerk was instructed to send them pages 22, 23, 24. A motion was made by Gordon Wichterman, seconded by Jim Ozmun to turn the matter over to legal council for recommendation due to conflict of interest. Motion carried. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay by Supervisor Neil.

The Vermillian River Watershed Organization is seeking votes for reorganization and gave us 3 options. Supervisor Wichterman and Supervisor Neil attended the meeting and Mr. Wichterman believes we should retain option 1: Stay with the VMO today and continue joint powers agreement with 21 different government entities. Under this agreement the Township has 3 representatives to the VMO board. The watershed is expensive and it will always be here so we need to put our teeth in it.

Mr. Neil felt other townships were not in agreement and that the VMO is not as cost effective as the Cannon River Watershed.

A motion was made by Gordon Wichterman, seconded by Norbert Kuhn Jr. to continue with the joint powers agreement. Motion carried. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay from Supervisor Neil.

Larry and Sharon Shockley came to discuss the water in their basement and ditches. They feel that the big slew project at the fairgrounds has caused this problem and is asking for our help for a solution. Mr. Shockley sais he can see the elevation of the Fairgrounds culvert is higher than his. Chairman Angus will take a look at the birm and then get back to them.

Russ Newberg came to the meeting in regards to the letter sent out to his father in law Bernie Bongard. There is a question as to weather or not a Conditional Use permit is needed for the property. Bernie Bongard owns the building and the office has been removed. Mr. Newberg sais he keeps his trucks there, but there is no phone or office.

He has an office in Faribault that he operates out of. In the future he may want to operate out of the property if another office is ever built there. The township has concerns with the brush that is piled there and that it looks bad. Mr. Newberg replied that he hauls it away in the off season. The board informed him that if he does get a conditional use permit he would not be able to pile up the brush. Mr. Newberg, 5680 W. 193rd Farmington, asked if we could also inform him of notices or letters besides Mr. Bongard to guarantee that he gets the information.

Kenny Betzold and Ferdinand Voltert came in to discuss the culvert on 270th and the corner of Akron Ave. The Cannon Rivershed has received a grant for \$30,000 to study the sediments, chemicals and such all the way to chub creek. Supervisor Kuhn Jr. suggested that we should clean out the ditch around the area before the study takes place for the benefit of the farmers. Mark Henry went out to assess the situation and look at the culvert. It falls 4 1/2 feet and it should fall 13 feet, so it is 1/3 short. He cleaned it out and got it to fall 10 to 12 inches. There is a silt problem on the other side of the road with the big 4 foot culvert. The

board asked Mr. Henry to give them an estimated cost to do both. The project is to be billed as 2 separate projects. One project on Akron not to exceed \$2000. The other project on 270th not to exceed \$1500. Mr. Betzold and Mr. Voltert will cut down the trees on 270th 1/2 mile west of Akron at their expense. A motion was made by Gordon Wichterman, seconded by Jim Ozmun to approve this project with the consideration that it will be spread in the fields. Motion carried. Supervisor Kuhn Jr. will contact Orrin Legare to ask permission to spread silt.

Mr. Henry is going to research DOT plastic culverts on the cost and effectiveness.

Gary Smith came in to ask permission to run drainage tile under the road over Denmark. The board has some concern as to the time of year because he has to cut through the road and there will be a bump in the road through next spring. A motion was made to approve the project for Mr. Smith to tile across under the road on Denmark between 240th and 235th. The road is to be compacted in 3 lifts with class 5. Mark will be there to inspect it with his recommendations and approval. Motion carried. 3 Ayes, 2 Nays Supervisors Wichterman and Kuhn Jr.

Electrician Dick Elstad came and dug the trench to the old pole for electricity in the parking lot, but the wires were not hot. The Clerk is instructed to call Northfield Construction.

Treasurer Randall discussed the current insurance situation on the Town Hall. The builders risk insurance is canceled from the Old Town Hall and converted to permanent insurance on the new building. We have canceled our insurance with Orin Legare and now use MSI. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Supervisor Wichterman asked Mr. Randall about the Block Grant Program money for residential septic and Mr. Randall is still reviewing the information.

Chairman Angus gave us the information about purchasing a PA system for a total cost of \$373.82. A motion was made by Gordon Wichterman, seconded by Jim Ozmun to purchase system. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter sent to Governor Ventura, also to Chairman Angus from Tecumseh Warrior, Chief of Peace concerning the Nike Base. He feels he should be rented the property for community living.

Supervisor Ozmun brought in 3 bulletin boards to be used in the office. He researched purchasing paper towels and holder. \$13.99 for dispenser, \$11.99 for towels. A motion was made by Gordon Wichterman, seconded by Bill Neil to approve purchase. Motion carried.

It has been observed that Polytech may have added a new building and exterior dirt is being moved. Chairman Angus will call to assess the situation.

A motion was made by Gordon Wichterman, seconded by Norbert Kuhn Jr. to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nicolai, Clerk

Attest:

Chairman Angus