

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
December 14, 1999**

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, Chairman, Norbert Kuhn Jr., Vice-Chair, Jim Ozmun, Bill Neil and Ken Betzold, Supervisors and Michelle Nicolai, Clerk. Also present were Shirley Dubbels, Gerry Drewry, Mr. Jenrich, Pat Parrot, Dennis Ozment and Gloria Pinke.

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

Norbert Kuhn Jr. made a motion, seconded by Ken Betzold to approve the November 23, 1999 minutes with the following corrections; Page 1, paragraph 6, we did not give Mr. Cramer an extension, and he told us he would have them removed in 2 weeks. Page 2, paragraph 4, and send sheriffs department, not Mr. Ramstead. Paragraph 6, strike paragraph and put Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Ozmun met with Robin Rolland of Farmington to discuss the new Fire contract they are proposing. More meetings will follow. Page 3, paragraph 2, Vermillion is spelled wrong.

**Jenrich**

Mr. Jenrich owns 77 acres on Highway 3 he would like to sell off an acre lot to have another house built. Zoning allows only 1 house and there are already 2 houses that existed on the lot before the 1 in 40 acre Ordinance came into effect. The board explained that because of the ordinance he would not be able to build another house on the property.

**Paul and Julie Johnson**

We will give them more time to respond due to holiday mail being slow. We will revisit next meeting.

**Implementing unpaid fees**

Staff discussed this with Dakota County and they do not get involved with unpaid fees. Mr. Kuhn tried talking to the Association of Townships and has not been able to receive an answer. We have the problem that it will cost more to enforce this legally than the fee will bring in for us. We must also look at the enforcement so that others do not feel it is OK to not get a permit. Maybe we can discuss this with legislature.

**Culligan Water**

He gave us an estimate of 10 dollars a month for a water softener that they recycle every 56 days and with a 10-dollar installation fee. The water cooler is another 10 dollars a month plus 4.95 for each jug of water. If we buy one it will be around \$500, then we will have to have it installed and keep salt in it.

We will do some research on prices and sizes that will accommodate our space. We will want one on gallon use instead of a timer. Mr. Betzold will check out some of our options.

### **Don Graber 3191-225<sup>th</sup> Street**

They are interested in buying some property and want to know if they can build a pole shed for storage and hobby. The property is 2 ½ acres and he would like to build a shed about 34' x 50'. Restoring cars is his hobby. No vehicles could be stored outside that are unlicensed. The board saw no reason he could not as long as he meets the 110ft. road setbacks. They requested inspection fees and we explained that the fee is based on the value of the building, not on what it cost to build it yourself.

### **Utilities permit, a minimum fee charge**

We should adopt an administration fee minimum charge for utility permits. Jim Ozmun made a motion, seconded by Norbert Kuhn Jr. to adopt that we charge a minimum of 35 dollars for utilities fee. Motion carried. 5 Ayes.

### **Terry Donahoe**

He called the office and he has moved the garage on his property that was to close to the neighbors' property line.

### **Chris Curren**

We need to send a letter to the property owner and have them deal with this situation. Ken Betzold made a motion, seconded by Bill Neil to send a letter to the property owner and give them 30 days to have vehicles removed.

### **Certificate of Occupancy**

Jeff Laschinger, house on Hwy. 3. Staff will verify with building official if they have received their certificate of occupancy yet. They have 60 days to move house form when the certificate is issued.

### **Russ Newberg**

#### **See attached planning minutes.**

The board would like to see a size limitation on the refuse pile instead of a 90-day limit. Such as, "and not to exceed 30 feet in height". Ken Betzold made a motion, seconded by Jim Ozmun to continue this until the next meeting. We need clarification as to what the Planning Commissions' definition of a 90-day limit.

### **Feedlot Ordinance and Registration**

Norbert Kuhn Jr. made a motion, seconded by Ken Betzold to adopt the Feedlot Registration form that was provided to us in 1998. Will the township require "registration" of feedlots? Ken Betzold made a motion, seconded by Jim Ozmun to require registration of feedlots. Motion carried. This should be brought up in the newsletter and at the Annual meeting.

### **Storm Damage**

Mr. David Gisch sent us a letter informing us that they cannot find our information. Clerk will send in form and also resubmit storm damage estimates.

### **Northern Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Agreement**

Bill Neil made a motion, seconded by Jim Ozmun that we extend the Joint Powers Agreement with the Cannon River Management. Motion carried. 5 Ayes.

### **Cannon Valley Cooperative**

Bill Neil made a motion, seconded by Jim Ozmun to pay the Cannon Valley Cooperative pre-pay propane bill. Motion carried. 5 Ayes.

### **Conservation Partners Grant Program**

Does not apply.

### **Castle Rock Café**

Bill Neil made a motion, seconded by Ken Betzold to grant the Castle Rock Café liquor license for on and off sale and Sundays. Motion carried. 5 Ayes.

### **Building Official**

We received 8 applications back and the committee is in the process of calling back applicants and verifying that it is a part time job and their insurance is in place. We are asking what times they will be available.

### **Road**

Mr. Henry gave us an update on tree removal in King Castles. 8 trees in King Castles Estates and 5 trees on Denmark. Greg Adelman gave us an estimate of having them cut off level and removed for \$400 to \$500. We have previously approved this project. Norbert Kuhn Jr. made a motion, seconded by Bill Neil to authorize this project. Motion carried. 5 Ayes.

The road in front of Mr. Neilsons' house is alligatored and we told him he is responsible for damage. Clerk will send him a letter of the Road Restriction permit. Maybe Bargaen Inc. can do infra red cheaper than having the road dug up. Mr. Henry must inspect it, and if Mr. Neilson can find a bid to have the project done cheaper, he is welcome to. It is a 10' by 15' area of damage (approx.). The township will also get bids. The staff will send him a letter.

On Akron south of 270<sup>th</sup>, the southwest corner, a Cannon Valley truck broke through 3 years ago and road maintenance repaired it at that time. Mr. Henry has broken through this last June. 3 culverts are under road. The water is undermining the culverts and we have instructed Mr. Henry to investigate.

### **Pat Parrot**

He spoke to Mr. Rogosheske, the township lawyer and the court date is extended till January 5, 2000. Mr. Parrott would like to work something out. The board reviewed the option for an alternate site that can be zoned for Conditional Use. Mr. Parrott asked if he could get a permit on his present location if he puts things out of sight (fencing?). He

Sais he is licensed from the state to accept refrigeration units. The board could not find an alternate sight. Mr. Parrott says he was denied a permit to put up a building. Would he need a permit to put up a fence? No, but it would not make the business go away. How long will it take to clean it up. The front about another week. He has taken out about 8 loads already. Could he work with Weinzetl on his property? Mr. Parrott asked if we could inspect it once a week or month, and if he has nothing viewable from road. We would have to start with changing the ordinance. This would take public hearings and it would be publicized, a public vote. We need a commitment from Mr. Parrott to put up a big building. The building can be as big as the setbacks will allow. If he shows initiative to clean things up first, showing effort, this will help his cause. The ground has been tested and shows no contamination. Mr. Parrott told the board that every piece of equipment has a steel liner so nothing can saturate into the ground water. The Met Council will probably need to approve this.

### **Dennis Ozment and Gloria Pinke**

He reviewed some of the policies they are working on.

The gravel quarry. The health department is responsible if landowners' wells dry up. Nike base, their are wells that go down into the concrete bunkers and if their was a spill it would contaminate the water. The federal government would be responsible.

What is the liability to townships when we put moratoriums on our land?

The city of Farmington. The issue of annexation and the history of township government v.s. city government and they are critical of the annexation by ordinance. They asked if Mr. Ozment would clear it with them before he introduced an ordinance.

### **Claims**

Jim Ozmun made a motion, seconded by Norbert Kuhn Jr. to approve claims for pay. Motion carried. 4 Ayes. (Mr. Neil excused early, brother in hospital).

### **Vermillion River Watershed**

Supervisor Betzold gave us a review of the meeting. They will no longer be meeting in Apple Valley; instead they will meet at the Dakota County Extension Office. The meetings will be in the evening now making it easier for some to meet. The board told Mr. Betzold that we could offer them our facility if they ever need a place to meet.

### **Adjourn**

Norbert Kuhn Jr., made a motion, seconded by Ken Betzold to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nicolai, Clerk

Attest:

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Alyn Angus, Chairman