

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 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 Norbert Kuhn Jr., Vice-Chair, Jim Ozmun, Bill Neil and Ken Betzold, Supervisors, and Michelle Nicolai, Clerk. Also present were Shirley Dubbels, Gerry Drewry, Paul Irrthum and Mike Foertsch. Chairman Angus was excused due to hip surgery and Treasurer Randall was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Norbert Kuhn Jr., Vice- Chairman, the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting minutes of October 26, 1999 were reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Betzold, seconded by Jim Ozmun to approve the minutes with the following changes: The bank property was not expanded, it had black fill hauled in. Motion carried. 3 Ayes.

**Mike Foertsch SEHRCM**

SEH submitted an estimated fee for assistance in developing a feasibility report for Prairie Waterway storm water improvements. A total of \$6,500 estimate for 74 hours of work.

The report does not include the following:

- Wetland delineation/permitting
- Pavement drainage calculations
- Geotechnical evaluations
- Survey of flood prone structures within the Township adjacent to proposed ponding areas.
- Development of a storm water utility or other funding alternatives.
- Any field work at the property or storm water utility and township alternatives to pursue some other funding.

The question was raised if the above mentioned consists of a great deal of time? Mr. Foertsch says he won't know until construction begins.

Mr. Kuhn expressed concern as to the wording of the phrase the city is taking the lead in preparation of the feasibility report. Mr. Foertsch replied that his responsibility to make sure the best interest of the township is obtained. It is the cities responsibility to address the storm water issues. They are working on a brand new storm water plan and not working off of the 1995 findings. Mr. Foertsch has concerns that the city feels the ponding should be about 30% more than he feels it needs to be.

The estimate could change depending on the amount of meetings by more or less. A motion was made by Bill Neil, seconded by Jim Ozmun to approve to accept the SEHRCM estimate to proceed with the feasibility report. Motion carried. 4 Ayes.

**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT RURAL SOLID WASTE**

The Agreement is the same one that has been in affect. A motion was made by Ken Betzold, seconded by Bill Neil to approve to sign the agreement. Motion carried. 4 Ayes.

### **OPEN MEETING LAW**

Anything handed out or discussed should be handed out to the news so it can be reported accurately. Anything that pertains to an open meeting. Ms. Drewry stated that you can be kicked out of office for withholding this information. Please state the names and addresses of permits. Clerk will assemble an agenda packet for press in the future.

### **SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS 275<sup>TH</sup> AND RAILROAD**

A motion was made by Bill Neil, seconded by Ken Betzold to approve the Conditional Use Permit. Motion carried. 4 Ayes.

The building is 16' X 11'8" A motion was made by Ken Betzold, seconded by Jim Ozmun to approve the building permit for 275ht street right by the railroad tracks for Sprint Communications. Motion carried. 4 Ayes.

### **WATER SOFTENER**

Mr. Betzold will have a sample of the water tested before we purchase a water softener.

### **JOE AUGE**

New addition to fertilizer building. Valuation of \$142,000 - 60' x 55'. Setbacks are 85' from the road, 68' from the side of the road. Setbacks are OK. They must be 50' from the property line in Commercial/Industrial, side and rear 30'. A motion was made by Bill Neil, seconded by Ken Betzold to approve the building. Motion carried. 4 Ayes. Mr. Auge wondered about the price of his Inspection. Inspection fees are the same for all types of buildings commercial or residential.

### **DAVE KAMMUELLER**

230<sup>th</sup> street West - ½ mile East of Biscayne. A motion was made by Ken Betzold, seconded by Jim Ozmun to approve the permit after the Clerk receives a copy of a perk test. Motion carried. 4 Ayes.

### **BUILDING OFFICIAL**

The township received a letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control that a septic failed that was installed by Mr. Mulvihill and inspected by Mr. Murphy. The building official committee met on Wednesday, November 3, 1999 and decided it is time to start seeking out a new official. The committee worked on an application and a want ad. The want ad needs the word liability to be added. A motion was made by Jim Ozmun, seconded by Ken Betzold to approve to put an ad in the paper to start investigating possibilities for new inspectors, timetable not set. Discussion: Mr. Neil, feels we must have a hire date. We have a Date of December 7<sup>th</sup> at noon for an application deadline, and then we continue from there on. We got a letter about insurance for our inspector, and we have not been able to make contact with the company. Mr. Ozmun thinks we should send him a letter about the want ad before it comes out. Mr. Neil thinks we should wait for the outcome of the pollution control until

there is proof that something has not been done correctly. Motion carried. 3 Ayes, 1 Nay, Mr. Neil.

Clerk will send him a letter stating that we will be placing an ad in the paper, and he is welcome to apply.

### **CORRESPONDANCE**

- Paul and Julie Johnson, put them on next agenda for follow up on the letter that was sent to them.
- A motion was made by Jim Ozmun, seconded by Bill Neil to approve to accept Paul Irrthums bid for snow removal at the town hall. Motion carried. 4 Ayes
- The building is a year old and we should have the furnace inspected. A motion was made by Bill Neil, that we have Cannon Valley to do a maintenance check up since we buy our fuel from them, seconded by Jim Ozmun to approve. Also when clerk contacts them discuss checking for carbon monoxide. The option to purchase a detector was also discussed. Motion carried. 4 Ayes.
- Newsletter – article suggestions
  1. driveway inspections
  2. snow removal
  3. gravel road speed limit
  4. unlicensed vehicles

### **ROADS**

Ditch on 270<sup>th</sup> is done. Mr. Volkert can farm up to the ditch line. Mr. Henry put in 70 to 80 ton of fill.

Richard Betzold - Akron and 270<sup>th</sup> ditch cleaning. East side of Bridge on Akron, he asked for Mr. Henrys opinion. There is blockage there that narrows and so it fills in with soot. Mr. Henry told him he would have to contact the DNR and get a permit. The permit will cost about \$75 and he must have permission from the landowner Mr. Legare, then can start right away. When they work on this project they are going to have a backhoe on the premises and they asked if the township is willing to help pay for the township property of the project. The township has no problem paying for the township part of the property.

A motion was made by Jim Ozmun, that we take care of each side of the bridge, 16' to 18' on either side, seconded by Norbert Kuhn Jr. to approve. Motion carried. 4 Ayes. The backhoe operator is only charging a buck and a half a foot.

Ronnie Harstead 245th and Audrey. The Clerk will address a letter to him about putting in culverts and that they need to be inspected. Send him a copy of ordinance.

Mr. Neil would like permission to raise the ditch on Akron and North branch creek so that the water will drain and put in a culvert to create a spillway. Mr. Henry will meet with Mr. Neil and discuss the project.

### **ADDITIONS**

Jane Neilson called the office and asked for a follow up on Terry Donahoes garage. It is to close to their property line. The Clerk will send him a letter of the setbacks from side

and rear. The Clerk requested permission to purchase the windows version of our CTAS accounting program. A motion was made by Jim Ozmun, seconded by Ken Betzold to purchase the windows version. Motion carried. 4 Ayes. Clerk will check on Y2K compatibility on our newer computer.

Meeting at Dakota County Extension office tomorrow night November 10, 1999 on protecting farmland. Mr. Henry and Mr. Betzold will attend.

Fire Contract with Farmington. Robin Rowins, canceled last nights meeting, but they are going to reschedule.

A motion was made by Bill Neil, seconded by Ken Betzold to approve claims list. Motion carried. 4 Ayes.

A motion was made by Ken Betzold, seconded by Bill Neil to approve to adjourn. Motion carried. 4 Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nicolai, Clerk  
Attest:

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Norbert Kuhn Jr. Vice-Chairman