

MINUTES
CARLOS TOWN BOARD
April 22, 2010

The regular meeting of the Carlos Town Board was held at the Carlos Elementary School with Dwayne Waldorf, Ted Steidl, Rod Meyers, and Rebecca Anderson. Guests attending were Wayne Quast and Lowell Lenz. Chairman Waldorf called the meeting to order with all reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Rod Meyers moved to accept the minutes of April 8, 2010 as printed. Ted Steidl seconded the motion and it carried.

Clerk Rebecca Anderson briefed the board on the letter she had sent Mr. Quast regarding several complaints she had received from his neighbors regarding his roaming dog. Mr. Quast acknowledges his dog did roam over to his neighbor's yard and now has her leashed. His problem is cats. He doesn't think it is fair the township has a policy on dogs and not on cats. Cats can be just as bad a problem as dogs when it comes to defecating in peoples gardens and in children's sandboxes. They are also many times a dog will bark because it sees a cat walking across the yard. Rebecca is to write his neighbor a letter to indicate this issue.

Rod Meyers moved to adopt Resolution 2010-04 Mapping Sandhill Lane with Legal Description. Ted Steidl seconded the motion and it carried. Rebecca will have it recorded with the county.

Sandhill Lane: Curt Nelson had contacted Chairman Waldorf to indicate he would accept the township's offer of \$5,000 but he also wanted to have any future tar assessments waived.

Jeff Nelson also indicated in his counteroffer to the board that he too would accept the offer of \$5,000 and added waiving any future tar assessments. He also indicated he would not be responsible for any attorney fees the township had incurred for this issue, along with no trespassing in the mobilization zone. The township has no issues with attorney fees or the trespassing clause. There is the question to how many assessments Jeff Nelson expects to have waived. In much earlier discussion, the board had offered to waive 1 ½ assessments for the two lots he has abutting Sandhill Lane. This waiving of the assessments would be for Mr. Nelson giving the township temporary easement and then using the barrow from cutting down the hill on the new road bed.

The board had first thought since he was assessed ½ of an assessment for South Park, - the road running perpendicular to Sandhill Lane, he would be assessed ½ for the corner lot abutting Sandhill Lane. Rebecca felt it was important to look this up as she felt this was an error. She was fairly sure the township had only assessed him ½ for his lot running along South Park Drive - with the findings that if Sandhill Lane was ever tarred, Mr. Nelson would be assessed one full assessment for the corner parcel. Therefore, if Sandhill Lane was ever tarred, he would be charged for 2 full assessments. She will look this up and get back to the board on it. The corner lot is not in contention for the temporary easement payment

The township feels it is unreasonable to pay more then \$5,000 to Curt and Jeff Nelson for temporary easement -- for a total cost to the township of \$10,000. The township has never paid for temporary easement in the past when reconstructing a road and does not want to start a precedence. The township can however rationalize the cost as they would be using the dirt from the hill to rebuild the road. The property lines are not changing and at \$5,000 for a 1/5th of an acre -- would come to \$25,000 per acre -- which is totally out of line.

The clerk is to write the Nelsons' a letter indicating the board does not accept their counteroffer and will give each of them until May 13th – the next meeting - for a response. If none is received – the board will begin looking into eminent domain proceedings.

WCI Breakfast: The Township was represented well and many issues were discussed.

Board of Equalization: The board will wait until the report is back from the county assessor before discussing.

Road Issues: Bruce Pohlig stated 3 posts are broken by the guard rail on East Lake Carlos Drive. Rebecca had a few inquiries on Carlos Bluffs - asking when the road would be tarred.

Zoning: Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports: Chairman Waldorf stated the ALASD had money in their budget to purchase a new truck.

Weeds: Nothing to report at this time.

Signage: Rebecca had received a flyer from a company looking to inventory/plan road signage for the township. Ted Steidl feels the board can do this on its own.

Private Utility Lines under roadways: This is something the township needs to think about. There are residences along South Lake Milona Road that have put private utility lines under the township road. These are not marked by Gopher One; therefore, there could be a huge problem if there is ever any construction on that road.

The County is having a road project information meeting on May 19th at the Public Works building.

There being no further business, Ted Steidl moved to adjourn. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried.



DWAYNE WALDORF, CHAIRMAN



REBECCA ANDERSON, CLERK