

MINUTES
CARLOS TOWN BOARD
March 10, 2011

The regular meeting of the Carlos Town Board was held at the Carlos Elementary School on Thursday, February 24, 2011. Board members attending were Dwayne Waldorf, Rod Meyers, Dean Yohnke, and Rebecca Anderson. Ted Steidl was absent. Township Engineer Jeff Stabnow was also at the meeting. Chairman Waldorf called the meeting to order with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rod Meyers moved to approve the minutes of February 23rd as printed. Dwayne Waldorf seconded the motion and it carried.

Zoning: Nothing to report other than the county has not been holding zoning meetings as there hasn't been anything to discuss.

Committee Reports: ALASD met last night and they have not heard anything back from Senator Ingebrigtsen regarding the appointment Governor Dayton made to the MPCA. ALASD is still moving forward with the Lake Winona project.

Snow Plow Policy: Rod Meyers had obtained a draft of Miliona's snow policy and presented it to the board. Since Ted Steidl was not at the meeting, this will be tabled until the next meeting.

County Assessor Summary: The board had received letters from the County Assessor indicating for the most part, property values in the township will see a decrease. Improved and unimproved properties on Lake Carlos and Le Homme Dieu will see about a 5% decrease. The Board of Equalization meeting is set for April 14th at 9:00 AM

Quite Title - Wilde Property: The board reviewed the paperwork from Thomas Klecker. Rebecca will acknowledge we have received the information.

Road Issues: The board went over road issues with Alden Just. He will use his judgment and look for any culverts that need to be opened or steamed. He will also post 5 ton signs on either side of Prairie Road between CR 42 and State Hwy 29. Chairman Waldorf mentioned a tree branch over on Carlos Timbers that needs to be cut down. Before Alden had arrived, Rebecca had reported that Eileen Bachmann has spoken to her earlier in the day and complained about Alden not dropping the blade to get the snow off the tar. In not doing this, she felt this creates icy condition in which more sand and salt have to be added which will end up in her yard this spring.

Rod Meyers moved to pay Alden Just his bill for March. Dwayne Waldorf seconded the motion and it carried.

Jeff Stabnow had met with Hugh Myers, resident on Sandhill Lane regarding his flooding concerns. Jeff did not see the new road construction will make matters worse; however, the board will monitor this area.

Town Road Account: Dave Robley had sent out an email to all townships indicating that some townships had not levied enough for their Road & Bridge budget for 2011. Carlos Township was not one of those, however, it was good information to have.

Annual Meeting Recap: For the most part the meeting went very well. The board was disappointed in the townspeople not approving the request for the Alexandria Fire Levy as there was an increase from last year. The history in being the residents that live in the Alexandria Fire District pay the cost for the

Alexandria Levy. There were 2 or three residents at the meeting from that district; however, they were new to attending the annual meeting. They asked if their taxes would increase if this was approved and after hearing it would, did not make any motion to approve the request. Moderator Waldorf would have like to have seen the refusal come from one of them, however, it did not. The residents approved the levy request to be same as 2011. The board discussed the agenda item of moving the Township election from March to November. There was no one at the meeting to sell the idea, therefore, it failed. Rebecca had heard from Eileen Bachmann today in regard to what happened to the \$1,000 the township gave her 3 years ago for playground equipment for the State Park. Eileen stated the money is still in a fund, however, the Park is having issues with archeologists and the historical society on where to place the equipment. She should know more in a few months.

Lobby Day Recap: Chairman Waldorf attended Lobby Day at the Capitol and reported what we already knew. LGA is going to be cut, as there is a \$5 billion dollar shortfall. He also had heard that townships had until 5 business days after December 20th of each year to adjust their levy for the next year. This is something that will be discussed at the DCAT meeting next Wednesday, as this is the first time we have heard this. The State had withheld funds to school districts in order to pay its bills. Now that the State has enough funds; the school districts will begin to see their funding return. The state has received information that for every dollar spent on flood control; it will save ten dollars down the road. The economy is returning but slower do to the recession lasting longer and that it was much deeper than past recessions. The biggest problem with the budget is that projects were pushed back and now they have to be done and of course - are costing more.

Dean Yohnke gave the treasurer's report. Rod Meyers moved to approve the report as presented. Dwayne Waldorf seconded the motion and it carried.


Chairman Waldorf went over the bills for March. Rod Meyers moved to pay the bills as presented. Dwayne Waldorf seconded the motion and it carried. A copy of the bills are on file with the clerk.

Rebecca presented the board with a draft for an animal ordinance. The board will review this and discuss it at the next meeting.

Jeff Stabnow spoke about signage. This will also be brought up at the DCAT meeting on Wednesday.

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


DWAYNE WALDORF, CHAIRMAN


REBECCA ANDERSON, CLERK