

TOWN OF ERIN PRAIRIE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

The March 18, 2024 Town of Erin Prairie Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. at the Erin Prairie Town Hall by Chairman John Van Dyk. Present were board members John Van Dyk, Mike Monteith, and Dennis Mitchell.

A motion was made by Mike to accept the agenda with the addition of a Cedar Corporation representative speaking about the Agricultural Road Improvement Program. Dennis seconded the motion.

Dennis moved to accept the February Meeting Minutes as written. Mike seconded the motion. Both motions passed by affirmative vote.

Tim Kusilek from Next Gen was present to update the board on how the broadband installation in the township is going. Tim said one hundred households have been hooked up which is almost all that have submitted an application to receive it. Currently they are completing the remaining hookups for those that have a signed agreement and cleaning up and doing yard work after installation. If a household does not have a signed agreement the cable is not run up to the house. Residents that decide they would like to be hooked up can still sign an agreement and the cable will be run to their house free of charge at this time. About 40% of the households in Erin Prairie chose to be connected. Everything has gone well and Next Gen is happy with the number that chose to use their services.

Russ Kiviniemi from Cedar Corporation was present to talk about the township's application for the Agricultural Road Improvement Program. Russ mentioned that the Wisconsin Town's Association has stated they think the Department of Transportation will cut back the number of projects so they can give the recipients enough funding to cover 90% of their project. Russ feels he has some good pictures of our project which will include widening and paving 190th St. from 140th Ave. to County Road G. The road work completed on this project is required to meet County specifications so it will no longer need a weight limit posting. Cedar Corporation will estimate the cost for widening the road, adding shouldering, replace culverts if needed, and for the blacktopping so these numbers can be included in the application.

Russ will state in his submission that there is acreage along the road that is being farmed. An Agricultural Producer Application Support Form will be given to Emmert & Sons and the Kamm Farm as they use this road to access their land or farm. Senator Rob Stafsholt will also be encouraged to write a letter of support for this project.

Russ noted that if we do not receive the grant this first submission we can resubmit our application in September when more funding will be awarded.

Mike Sutton, a resident on 140th Ave., asked if his road will be paved this year. The paving of his road will not be completed this year but will be paved in 2025. It will be graded once the conditions are right for grading. The 160th St. Local Road Improvement Project will be completed this year.

It was reported there is \$291,412.77 in our checking and Money Market Accounts. The bills were presented and discussed. One bill for a private culvert will be sent to the recipient of the culvert. A motion was made by Dennis to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented. Mike seconded the motion which passed by affirmative vote.

John will contact Joel Allen from the County Highway Department to set up a time to look over the roads and determine the work to be completed this summer.

A Certified Survey Map for Ter-Rae Farms was reviewed and discussed. Dennis mentioned that Ter-Rae Farms will be selling Jeff Campbell .64 acres. Jeff's sewer is currently located on this portion of their property. The Ter-Rae Farms property is currently zoned Ag. 1 and Jeff's parcel is zoned Ag. Res. For Jeff to join the .64 acres to his parcel it will need to be rezoned from Ag. 1 to Ag. Residential. After discussion John moved to approve the rezoning. Mike seconded the motion. Dennis abstained from voting.

The Certified Survey Map for Jeff Campbell was presented. Jeff is splitting his 12 acre parcel into two parcels. Lot 1 (4 acres) will include his building site and Outlot 1 (8 acres) will be open farm land. His intention is to eventually sell Outlot 1 to Ter-Rae farms who is currently farming it. The parcel is zoned Res. 1. The zoning will not change on either parcel. Mike moved to approve the Campbell Certified Survey Map as presented. John seconded the motion. Dennis abstained from voting.

The township currently has a propane tank from Alcivia at the townhall. An agreement was signed to continue purchasing and using Alcivia's services for filling their tank.

Each municipality is required to submit to our County Highway Commissioner and the Wisconsin Town's Association a Local Government Inventory Collection Indication Form for the WisDOT Small Bridge/Culvert program. Our township indicated that the County Highway Department will collect and input data on the 6-20ft. bridges and culverts that are located in our township. The Wisconsin Town's Association is hoping to get money in this year's budget so that township's can be reimbursed for the culvert inspections and work that needs to be completed.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 7:40p.m.

Our Annual Meeting will be held Monday, April 15 beginning at 6:00p.m. The monthly Board Meeting will immediately follow the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mitchell, Clerk/Treasurer