

Wacouta Township

May 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Following is the written text of the business transacted by the Wacouta Board of Supervisors at its monthly meeting held on May 8, 2023. Board members present were: Supervisors John Plehal, George Thoma, and Daryl Franklin. Laan Dommer, Clerk/Treasurer was absent. (*The meeting was recorded for purposes of transcribing the minutes*). The meeting was held at the town hall, 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, Minnesota.

- 1) Chair John Plehal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of the April 10, 2023 minutes: Thoma made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/10/2023; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Reorganization motions:
 - i) Board of Equalization & Appeals: One officer is required to be trained in this, though Goodhue County has been responsible for this lately. Plehal has been trained in this regard. Franklin moved to confirm the status of this responsibility and to inform Goodhue County of said training; seconded by Thoma. The motion carried.
 - ii) Resolution to Establish Precinct & Polling Places for 2023 & 2024: Thoma made the following motion: Resolved that the polling place for Wacouta Township, in the years 2023 and 2024, will be the Wacouta Town Hall, 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, Minnesota. The alternate polling place in case of inclement weather will be Hiawatha Valley Baptist Church, 27675 271st Street, Red Wing, Minnesota, 55066; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.
- 4) New Business
 - a) Roads & trail
 - i) Review bids from April 23, 2023, public notices
 - Overlay: Monarch was the sole bid. Thoma moved to accept Monarch Paving Company as overlay contractor for notified work; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.
 - Chipseal: Two bids were considered, the first from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, and the second from Pearson Brothers, Inc. Thoma moved to accept Fahrner as chipseal contractor for notified work; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.
 - Winter and summer maintenance: No bids were placed for winter maintenance. Bruce's Backhoe has submitted bids for culvert & shoulder work, and road grading. Franklin moved to accept Bruce's Backhoe for notified work; seconded by Thoma. The motion carried.
 - Mowing contracts: Mark Warrington submitted a bid for Tract 1. Franklin moved to accept Mark Warrington for notified work; Thoma seconded. The motion carried.
 - ii) Wildwood Lane RR crossing: Plehal has a scheduled meeting with railroad officials tomorrow to discuss the Wildwood Lane crossing.
 - iii) Great River Rail Commission: Plehal attended a recent meeting of the Great River Rail Commission. They offered a chance for the township to be a representative part of the commission, as a voting member. Sue Betcher, Goodhue County Commissioner is already a member. No decision was made regarding the involvement of the township, but this needs further consideration.

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- iv) Sand removal/shoulder improvements: Bruce Holst and Riverland Excavation have been contacted to address the addition of class V gravel to shoulder areas within the township. Work is projected to start within the next month.
 - b) Planning & Zoning: No permits were addressed. There was a brief discussion regarding the filling of pools with well water. At this time, there is no ordinance stating the type of water that has to be used for pools.
 - c) Town Hall & Cemetery
 - i) Volunteer thank you: All the supervisors gave notes of appreciation for the recent spring cleaning of the town hall recreation area and the cemetery. In addition to limbs, sticks, and general cleanup, the volunteers helped to unload a recently secured sport court and a adjustable basketball hoop/system.
 - ii) Survey TBD: There was no discussion, at this time.
 - iii) Town Hall rental policy: Franklin discussed a recent request for town hall use by a non-resident. A review of the protocol of town hall rental, deposits, and use was suggested.
 - iv) Recreational areas & sport court discussion: Laan Dommer has secured a previously owned sport court and basketball hoop with intentions to have the township consider for use and play. The intention is to reduce the cost of court repair with asphalt overlays and painting, at a significant price. Final decisions were tabled until Dommer could be in attendance, next month.
 - d) A representative from the Goodhue County Sheriff's Department was briefly available to answer any concerns or questions.
 - e) Flood clean-up
 - i) Consider dumpster rental: Thoma moved to consider and obtain up to two 30-yard dumpsters for emergency flood damage refuse; Franklin seconded. The motion carried.
- 5) Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2023
- a) Pay Bills – Amount of 'checks for approval' (*disbursements & payroll*) – \$ 4,651.19.
Plehal moved to accept the claims and checks for approval of \$4,651.19; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.
- 6) Thoma moved to adjourn; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.
- 7) Next meeting of the Wacouta Board of Supervisors is Monday, June 12, 2023, 6 PM, Wacouta Town Hall, 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, Minnesota.

- submitted by Laan Dommer