

Wacouta Township  
May 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Following is the written text of the business transacted by the Wacouta Board of Supervisors at its monthly meeting held on May 9, 2022. Board members present were: Supervisors John Plehal, George Thoma, and Daryl Franklin. Also, Laan Dommer, Clerk/Treasurer was present. The meeting was held at the town hall, 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, Minnesota.

- 1) John Plehal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of the minutes for the April 11, 2022, monthly meeting. Thoma made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.
- 3) Old Business:
  - i) Review of bank designation: No action was taken. Thoma and Dommer will gather some information regarding alternate banking possibilities.
  - ii) Reconsider Clerk/Treasurer compensation: Dommer suggested a review of last month's raise of the C/T position. After discussion, it was recommended to keep the salary as previously accepted.
- 4) New Business
  - a) Roads and Trail:
    - i) Road Tour: Franklin moved to accept the minutes for the May 4, 2022, Road Tour; Thoma seconded. The motion carried.
    - ii) Plehal reviewed some of the projects considered in the road tour. Discussion was opened including priorities and options.  
The priority projects included:
      - The far western end of Lakeview Avenue, from the upriver end to the Y at Grace Trail (*preparation & overlay, 0.3 miles*)
      - The Sevastopol Road (*preparation & overlay, 0.3 miles*)
      - Culvert replacement on Sevastopol Road (*as an emergent repair*)After discussion, it was decided to wait until receipt of bids for final evaluation, after advertising with public notice.
  - b) Planning and Zoning:
    - i) Thoma reviewed some of the fee changes being considered, including building permits, variances, and vacation. No recommendations were put forward at this time by the Planning Commission. Any final changes will be evaluated at a future Board meeting after further consideration by the Commission.
    - ii) Knudsen project: Thoma discussed the progress at the Knudsen property, regarding the removal of the owner's garage addition that was built without a

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permit. The variance was previously denied. Thoma will review with Zoning Administrator Plaas.

The Board gave Thoma authority to send a letter to the property owners, as needed, to remove structural changes outside of the permit and variance process.

iii) Names were considered for the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

c) Town Hall, Cemetery, & adjacent areas:

i) Franklin gave a word of thanks to volunteers for seeding the previously cleared weed and wooded area inside the cemetery north and west boundaries.

ii) The CEMTRAX software company gave the township notice that it was not supporting future updates of the program. This should not present a problem as long as Microsoft programs support the software.

iii) Mowing will resume on the cemetery starting in the week or so before Memorial Day.

iv) Diseased trees: Plehal reviewed the interaction with the Jones Trust regarding the ash trees that may need to be removed. Since this is not on the township property no decision was needed, as all the trees are on the Land Trust area. Other considerations regarding changes to the ownership of this land were briefed. No action is needed at this time.

Dommer mentioned the two large ash trees that are on the cemetery property. These should be watched for any progression of emerald ash bore.

5) Dommer presented bills in the amount of \$ 15,333.67 to be paid for the April 2022 checks (*disbursements & payroll*).

Plehal made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and bills for \$ 15,333.67; Franklin seconded it. The motion carried.

6) The next scheduled monthly meeting is Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Thoma made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Franklin. Motion carried at 7:50 PM.

-Submitted by Laan Dommer