

BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BAY LAKE TOWN HALL
To Discuss Future Broadband in the Township
February 21, 2022 4:30pm

Present: Don Hales, John Enright (monitoring meeting via ZOOM), Justin Smith, Carol Pundt; Mindy Tix

Absent: NONE

Community Members Present: Debra Flam,

Don Hales called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justin Smith.

A motion was made by Don Hales and seconded by Justin Smith to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Don Hales to give a contribution of \$25,000 to Crow Wing County for Broad band installation to an unserved portion of the Township where CTC Construction has designated the area as the North East Crooked Lake. All voted in favor of the motion. John Enright was also in agreement with the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Township Board will revisit this request in the future if additional Federal funding is awarded to the Township.

Background to this motion...Don Hales met with Doug Houge, Crow Wing County Commissioner regarding Broadband Funding in the Township. Doug asked for the Township to participate financially to the project. Don also received a letter from Tim Houle, Crow Wing County Administrator requesting the Township participate financially with a dollar contribution of \$100,000. Considering the Township is only receiving \$105,183 the Board felt it was prudent, at this time, not to give all of the Federal funding the Township is receiving to Crow Wing County. The Board is considering the balance of the funding for upgrades in technology and either an upgrade to the present Town Hall building or the possibility of building a new Town Hall. Discussions and plans are ongoing.

The special meeting adjourned at 4:48PM.

(Supervisor)

(Supervisor)

(Supervisor)