

Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting and Election
Chisago Lake Township
March 08, 2022

The polls opened at 10:00 am for the purpose of electing one supervisor for a three-year term and one Clerk for a two-year term. The election judges were Judy Nelson, Bev Sandgren, and Teresa Johnson. After the polls closed at 8:00 pm the ballots were counted, and results reported later in the meeting.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by Clerk Peterson. Peterson then led the group assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

The Clerk then asked for nominations from the floor for a moderator. Jim Froberg was nominated as moderator. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Wayne Houle, seconded by John Nelson, for Jim Froberg as moderator. Motion carried.

Clerk Peterson then turned the meeting over to moderator Jim Froberg.

Next Moderator Froberg asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Annual meeting minutes as presented and waive the reading of the minutes. A motion was made by Wayne Houle, seconded by John Nelson to approve, and wave the reading of the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Judy Straub, with a starting balance of \$1,307,124.36 as of January 1st, 2021, total Receipts for 2021 of \$1,567,928.93, and total disbursements for 2021 of \$1,136,462.78 leaving a balance of \$1,738,590.51 as of December 31, 2021. A motion was made by Wayne Houle, seconded by John Nelson, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and wave the reading of all receipts and disbursements. Motion carried.

Road Maintenance Report – Clerk Peterson read the 2021 Road Maintenance report in the absence of Supervisor Matt Wikelius. Chisago Lake Township has two full time maintenance employee's and one part time employee. They maintain 40 miles of blacktop roads and 35 miles of gravel roads. Chisago Lake Township equipment fleet includes:

- Two Plow Trucks
- One Motor Grader
- One Tractor Backhoe
- One Tractor Mower
- Two Pickup Trucks

The Township maintenance employee's duties consist of:

- Plowing snow, grading gravel roads, patching blacktop roads, maintaining signs, and ditches, maintaining and replacing culverts, cutting grass, controlling weeds and brush in road right-of-way, trimming trees, maintaining equipment, working with other contractors, addressing resident's concerns, etc.

2021 Road Projects were:

Added Limestone to:

- Lindo Trl between CR 14 and CR 74
- 360th St between CR12 and Oriole Ave (with Amador Township)
- Quinlan Ave south of CR 37
- Mildred Ave
- Oldfield Ave (with Franconia Township)

Friction Seal, seal coating of the streets within the Birch Lake Plats by Farnar Asphalt Sealers:

- Kipling Ave
- 251st St
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- Koala Ave
- Kestrel Ave
- Kenwood Ln

Reclaim and Repaved of Little Lake Rd from CR12 to the DNR boat landing by Knife River Co.

2022 Projected Projects:

- Approximately 2 miles of limestone will be improved
- Lakelawn and 288th St neighborhood will see a Friction seal applied with the City of Lindstrom
- Other projects will be determined after the spring thaw and considering the price of oil

Clerk Peterson reported on other happenings in 2021:

- Board approved and signed 4 Mylars
- Board approved 7 Variances, 4 CUP's, and 1 Preliminary Plat
- Board approved 2 annexations into the City of Lindstrom
- Board voted to re-open the Townhall for rental on April 1st, 2021
- Township applied for a grant through the LRIP for Road Improvements but was not selected for the funding
- Township had Audio/Video System installed in meeting room
- Township completed Little Lake Road Reclamation Project
- MnDOT completed speed study on Malmberg Ave and recommended we continue a non-posted statutory
- Township received the 1st half of our American Resuce Plan Act of 2021

The levy for 2023 was next on the agenda. Sherry Stirling reviewed with the assembly, the proposed levy for 2023.

General Fund – \$89,000; Covers general building expenses; gopher bounties; Moody Lake Park portable toilet and mowing; election judge salaries; town board stipends; legal services; accounting and service contracts.

Fire Contract Fund - \$230,000; Covers fees charged by four different fire departments to provide fire protection services within the township.

Road & Bridge Fund - \$400,000; Covers upkeep of existing roads within the township; equipment insurance; gravel, limestone, and stabilization chemicals; salaries of maintenance employees; rental and repair of equipment.

Black Top Repair – \$375,000; Covers resurfacing of existing blacktop roads.

Thru Road Blacktop Fund - \$85,000; Township pays 75% and landowners pay 25% when converting from gravel to blacktop.

Dead-End Blacktop Fund - \$40,000; Township pays 25% and landowners pay 75% when converting from gravel to blacktop.

Equipment Fund - \$50,000; Money being set aside for new equipment such as truck/snowplow/road grader.

Library Operating Fund - \$15,000; Township participates in Joint Powers Agreement to cover facility operations at the library.

Capital Project Fund - \$5,000; Used to cover unexpected expenses or shortfalls.

The Proposed Levy for 2023 was presented at \$1,289,000 with no increase from 2022, after some discussion a motion was made by John Nelson, seconded by Wayne Houle, to set the Proposed Levy for 2023 at \$1,289,000. Motion carried. This will be reviewed and set at the reconvened annual meeting in August.

The Chair of Chisago Age Well Coalition, Rahsa Bale presented information on who they are, what they do for the community and what their goal is.

Contracts with Health, Recreational and Service Organizations requesting funds by mail were; Chisago County Ag Society (Fair Board); Seven County Senior Federation; Chisago County Historical Society, Family Pathways Domestic Violence, and Chisago Age Well Coalition. A motion was made by Wayne Houle, seconded by John Nelson, to contract with the Health, Recreational and Service Organizations for up to \$10,000 with the Board to decide, at a later date the amount to be given to the various agencies. Motion carried.

Chris Dubose – Chisago County Commissioner for District 1, gave a summary on the County of Chisago:

- Chris informed the assembly that Commissioner Mike Robinson has passed away and the election for the open seat will be held in November.
- Chris stated that the redistricting is still going on
- Chris state that the budget is always a big job, last year there was a 5.57 tax increase, and they are always looking into ways of finding a sensible budget that works
- One thing to help the budget is to look at a way to get more Economic development in the area
- Broadband is another big issue they are working on. They are hoping between the state and county funds they can reserve some money for better broadband in this area
- The Planning Commission continues efforts to develop a new ordinance pertaining to commercial shooting ranges
- The 2021 Annual Report is available upon request

Gopher bounties were next on the agenda. A motion was made by John Nelson, seconded by Wayne Houle, for the gopher bounties to remain the same as 2021. Pocket gophers - \$2.00 and striped gophers - \$1.00. Motion carried.

The next annual meeting time and place was set. A motion was made by John Nelson, seconded by Wayne Houle, to set the next annual meeting for the 2nd Tuesday in March 2023, which will be March 14, 2023 at 8:15 pm at the Chisago Lake Town Hall. Motion carried.

Report of Annual Election and Certification by Election Board.

Total number of votes cast –

Supervisor for Three Year Term:

Candidate - Wayne Houle	22 votes
Write-ins	0

Clerk of Two Year Term:

Candidate – Jeanette Peterson	21 votes
Write-ins	0

Following the report of election results, motion by Sherry Stirling, seconded by John Nelson, to recess the meeting until August 16th, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Moderator Jim Froberg announced that the Board of Canvas will meet immediately following the Annual meeting.

Jim Froberg, Moderator
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk
Chisago Lake Township