

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, July 20th, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting for July 20th, 2021, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, Stirling. All Board members were present in person. Pledge of Allegiance was said by group.

Chair, Stirling asked the Board for an approval of the minutes from the June 15th, 2021, regular monthly meeting. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes as presented and wave the reading of the June 15th, 2021, minutes. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Chair, Stirling asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Chair Stirling asked that 1st District Commissioner, Chris DuBose County Commissioner be added before starting with the Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the agenda, as amended, adding Chris DuBose. Motion carried.

1st District Commissioner, Chris DuBose, is concerned with how the ARAP funds are going to be used and asked the Chisago Lake Township Board members if they would be interested in a joint discussion with the County to possibly put some of their funding together for Broadband internet. After some discussion, the Town Board agreed that they would be interested in a joint discussion to discuss funding Broadband internet in our area.

Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits

❖ Tony Randall, Remax Synergy, brought the Mylars for Canfield Plat, Meadowlark Estates to be approved and signed. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve signing the Mylars. Motion carried.

❖ Michael & Anna Ashley, 10800 Green Lake Trl, came before the Board, requesting a Variance to tear down and replace existing garage, possibly remodel existing house, and add portico on front and addition on back. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the variance to tear down and replace existing garage, remodel existing house, and add portico on front and addition on back. Motion carried.

❖ Robert & Katherine Robins, 1220 Mentzer Trl, came before the Board, requesting a Variance to raise house up 5' to make the lower level liveable and out of the water, mold and mildew. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the Variance to raise house up 5' to make the lower level liveable and out of the water, mold and mildew. Motion carried.

Old Business

❖ Melissa Wolf, Midco Government Relations Mgr, came to give a Presentation on Midco's story, future projects and answer any question in regards, to the franchise. After the presentation Chair Stirling asked if Midco could put together an updated construction map for just Chisago Lake Township and what the cost would be to fill in the areas that are not covered with RDOF funds. Melissa also suggested if we want to make any changes to the current franchise we can have our Attorney review it, make changes and submit it to her and she will forward it to their Attorney for review.

❖ The Board received an e-mail from MnDOT, informing us that the Speed Study has been completed for Malmberg Avenue between the intersection with Chisago County Road 20 (North Lakes Trail) and the intersection with Chisago County Road 74 (347th Street), and based on the investigation results, their recommendation is that the studied segment is best served by continued reliance on a non-posted statutory speed limit.

New Business

❖ The Board received an Official Notice from the City of Lindstrom for a Public Hearing being held on the 19th day of August 2021, at 7:00 pm to consider annexation of property: Gerurb Beach Lot 004 and Gerurb Beach Lot 005, PID #02.01221.00. After review, Supervisor Houle is going to contact the City Administrator requesting a property tax rebate, as they have done in the past.

❖ The Board received an Official Notice from the City of Lindstrom for a Public Hearing being held on the 19th day of August 2021, at 7:00 pm to consider annexation of property: Lot4, Block 2, Lake Lawn Estates Plat 2, PID #02.01393.13. After review, Supervisor Houle is going to contact the City Administrator requesting a property tax rebate, as they have done in the past.

❖ Received an application from Xcel to set a new pole, trenching in underground primary, and replacing another pole at 26911 Morgan Ave. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the Excel application to set a new pole, trenching in underground primary, and replacing another pole at 26911 Morgan Ave. Motion carried.

❖ Received an application from Xcel for directional boring approx. 50' across Panola Dr and then following the ROW approx. 15' up to the driveway and turning into 14210 Panola Dr (new home). After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the Excel application for directional boring approx. 50' across Panola Dr and then following the ROW approx. 15' up to the driveway and turning into 14210 Panola Dr (new home). Motion carried.

❖ Chair Stirling informed the Board that she received an e-mail from CLFLWD informing the Township that CLFLWD is looking to apply for a Clean Water Fund Grant. They are looking to bundle several smaller wetland restoration projects for the grant application and was wondering if the Township had any interest in including some Moody Lake Park enhancements in the application. After some discussion, our preferred focus would be the water level in the field north of Moody Lake. The water flowage/level in that area needs to be addressed. Our second issue would be to replace the steps down to the lake with a terraced walkway, using landscape timbers. Chair Stirling will contact them with our concerns.

Road Report

❖ Matt Wikelius informed the Board that:

- The maintenance department has completed putting chloride on all the roads that had limestone put down, they have completed replacing the street signs for this year, and the Slow children signs have been put up on 250th Street.
- Fahner has completed the friction seal project.
- We will be getting out salt early this year.
- Little Lake Road, project is scheduled to start mid August.

- Chair Stirling informed the Board that she received an e-mail from our Engineer, Dan Boyum, at Stantec and their construction observation costs are running higher than original bid. After discussion, a motion was made by Houle, second by Reed, to approve the increase construction observation costs to Stantec. Motion carried.

Information for Officials

- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:
 - A total of 12 Building Permit applications were issued within Chisago Lake Township for the month of June
 - There will be no CCATO meeting held in July
 - Hall Rental Report
 - Chair Stirling informed the Board that the Government executive orders for COVID19 ended June 30, 2021. That means that we can go back to in-person meetings. After discussion a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle, to go back to in-person meetings. Motion carried.

Financial Report

- ❖ Treasurer Straub gave the Treasurer report. After the Treasurer's report was presented, a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle, to approve the Financial Report with a balance of \$973,053.14 and pay the bills – Claim numbers 2099-2125 in the amount of \$154,672.15. Motion carried.
- ❖ Treasurer, Straub informed the Board, that she has applied for the American Rescue Plan Act funds but has not received any money yet.

Adjournment

Chair Stirling asked if anyone had any other business.

There being no further business a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk
Chisago Lake Township