

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, May 16, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting for May 16, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, Stirling. All Board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by the group.

Chair, Stirling, asked the Board for an approval of the minutes from the April 18th, 2023, regular monthly meeting, and the minutes from the 2023 Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting on April 20, 2023. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes as presented and wave the reading of the April 18th, 2023, minutes and the 2023 Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting on April 20, 2023. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Chair Stirling asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Chair, Stirling added (C) under old Business, to discuss ARPA Broadband Grant for Midco. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the agenda as amended, adding (C) under old Business, to discuss ARPA Broadband Grand for Midco. Motion carried.

Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits

❖ Variance Request - Danny Ketchel -12228 Lindo Trail (PID #02.00461.00) expansion of nonconforming structure adding on to second floor with no change in original footprint. After reviewing a motion was made by Houle seconded by Reed to approve the Variance for expansion of nonconforming structure adding on to second floor with no change in original footprint. Motion carried.

❖ Teri Meads, from Abella Venue requested approval for an On-Sale Liquor License application. After some discussion supervisor Houle made a motion, seconded by Reed, to approve the application for the On Sale Liquor License excluding Sunday sales. Motion carried.

Old Business

❖ Neil & Donna Deneen – requesting to vacate a 20 ft strip of Melody Lane, which is the township ROW. Chair Stirling contacted the Land Service Coordinator regarding the vacate and they responded that if the township ROW were to be vacated it would create a non-conformity for the parcel directly north (PID #02.01028.00) in that the property would no longer have enough frontage on a public road. Mr. Deneen’s current property is wide enough to accommodate all required setbacks. No action was taken.

❖ Paradise Woods Update – Clerk Peterson did send out a certified letter to the Rice’s informing them that the project will be ceased as of April 30, 2023, until the Escrow account is replenished. She has not heard any response from them. Mr. Wikelius, Maintenance supervisor stated that he spoke with the township engineer, and he has not heard from anyone on this project since April 19th, 2023. After some discussion a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, that we mail them a letter requesting they pay the outstanding bills that have been concurred since the escrow funds were depleted within 30 days. Motion carried.

❖ Chair Stirling informed the Board that Chisago County has an ARPA Broadband grant program within which townships/cities can apply for up to \$200,000 subject to a 1:1 in matching funds. Midco has mapped out a proposal for an unfinished part of the southern half of the township. The total cost of the project would be \$401,928 and would provide high speed internet to 72 existing homes and 38 buildable parcels. The proposal is to apply for \$171,000 in grant funds with Midco providing \$221,000 and the township providing \$10,000. in matching funds for the project. After some discussion, a motion was made by Houle and seconded by Reed to contribute \$10,000 from township ARPA account and submit the grant request. Motion carried.

New Business

❖ Jill Benke – Chisago Lake Area Chamber of Commerce-discuss Lodging Tax. They currently have a lodging facility in Chisago Lake Township that would like to participate in the tourism bureau, and willing to pay the Lodging Tax, but the Township Board needs to pass the Joint Powers Agreement before they can do so. Chair Stirling informed Ms. Benke that this must be voted on at our reconvened Annual meeting in August, so we will discuss it at that time.

❖ The Board reviewed requests from Health, Recreational and Service organizations for Contributions. A motion was made at the Annual meeting to give up to \$10,000 to various organizations with the Board deciding how the money were to be allocated. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to approve the following contributions:
Motion carried.

Chisago County Ag Society (County Fair)	\$	1,000.00
Chisago Age Well Coalition	\$	500.00
New Pathways Shelter for Homeless Families	\$	500.00
Chisago County Historical Society	\$	500.00
TOTAL	\$	2,500.00

❖ Lindstrom Fire Contract – The township received an Invoice for a balance due of \$3,187.31 for the 2022 contract. After some discussion a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to request the Lindstrom City Administrator and Fire Chief attend one of our upcoming meetings. Motion carried.

Road Report

❖ Matt Wikelius informed the Board that:

- No major frost boils, lots of grading being done to fill in potholes.
- Agreement with City of Lindstrom to use their hot mix machine to do some patching.
- No spraying this year
- When Bjorklund's come with limestone, they are planning to do: Vibo trl., Panola dr., Pioneer Ave., Malmberg Ct., and Mickelson Lane
- We were informed that the Grader could possibly delivered in 8 months rather than 1 ½ years.
- Matt asked the Board if they plan on doing and reclaiming jobs this year if so, he was looking at possibly doing 253rd and Newman.
- Cannot do 250th without a grant the cost is approx. 1.4 million if the road is too dusty, they can have chloride applied at their cost.
- Residents that live on 256th Street across from Abella Wedding Venue requested that Abella have Calcium Chloride applied.

Information for Officials

- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:
 - CCATO meeting for May 31st, 2023, will be at Shafer Townhall
 - Melissa Wolf from Midco is scheduled to attend the meeting June 20th, 2023.
 - Hall Rental Report

Financial Report

❖ Treasurer Straub gave the Treasurer report. After the Treasurer's report was presented, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the Financial Report with a balance of \$2,391,949.88 and pay the bills – Claim numbers 2593 - 2614 in the amount of \$1,111,139.20. Motion carried. 3 Yes 0 No.

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 8:05 pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk
Chisago Lake Township