

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, March 16th, 2021

The regular monthly meeting for March 16th, 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 February 16th, 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 February 16th, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Chair, Stirling asked if there were any changes or additions to the Agenda. With no changes or additions to the Agenda a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits

❖ Tom Bixler, 10805 258th Street, came before the Board, requesting a 2nd Driveway. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to approve the 2nd driveway request. Motion carried.

❖ Bradley Nelson, 13380 322nd St, came before the Board, requesting a Variance to add a 12' x 23' addition to the back of the house in the NE corner. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the variance, to add a 12' x 23' addition to the back of the house in the NE corner. Motion carried.

❖ Lyn Regenauer, 14545 310th Street, came before the Board, requesting a CUP for a residential Kennel in an agriculturally zoned area, for up to ten domestic animals. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the CUP for a residential Kennel, subject to minimal complaints from neighbors. Motion carried.

❖ Elizabeth Showalter, Faraste Animal Sanctuary, came before the Board, requesting a CUP to operate an animal oriented educational facility and offer rural tourism activities including a gathering venue. They need to be out of their current location by November 1, 2021 and have a purchase agreement for 28 acres which is scheduled to close on June 2021, located on the west side of Oasis Road between 355th and 360th Street, within Chisago Lake Township. After review, a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle, to approve the CUP to operate an animal oriented educational facility. Motion carried.

❖ Brook Spindler & Tim Lom, 34133 Oasis Rd, came before the Board, requesting a CUP for Rural Retail Tourism to establish and operate small scale events and sale of agricultural products. After review, a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle, to approve CUP for Rural Retail Tourism to establish and operate small scale events and sale of agricultural products. Motion carried.

Old Business

- ❖ John Olinger, came before the Board, requesting the township's support of the City of Lindstrom's grant application for DNR Local Trails Connection Program funds to complete the .55-mile link between the 288th trail and Olinda trail. After discussion, no action was taken.

- ❖ Maintenance Supervisor, Matt Wikelius, reported that Bob Schmidt from Lakes Telecom is close to having the installation of the Audio/Video System completed and is planning on setting up training within the next couple weeks. Should be ready to use at the April meeting.

- ❖ Received an update on the LRIP application, from Township Engineer, Dan Boyum via e-mail, that the state received an unprecedented level of interest in the LRIP solicitation, with 421 applications. The State plans on holding the LRIP Advisory Committee meeting towards the end of May or early June, with announcement of awards shortly thereafter.

- ❖ Jon Mocal, Manager of MAT Agency Operations came before the Board to present the Final Proposed MATIT Premiums, with several deductible options. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to reward Chisago Lake Township Commercial Insurance Contract to MATIT, beginning April 1st, 2021 going with the \$2500 deductible option. Motion carried.

- ❖ The Board then discussed opening the Town Hall for events. After discussion, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to open the Town Hall for rental as of April 1, 2021, with the mask and social distancing mandate in place. Motion carried.

New Business

- ❖ None for the Month of March

Road Report

- ❖ Matt Wikelius informed the Board that:
 - The maintenance department has started grading the gravel roads
 - They hope to get with Engineer Dan Boyum and have plans at April meeting for repaving Little Lake Road
 - They will be evaluating the road for winter damage and have that report available at the April meeting
 - Plan to replace more street signs
 - Order Emergency signs for new addresses.

Information for Officials

- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:
 - She did not receive a building permit application report from the County for the month of February.
 - CCATO meeting will be held at the Rushseba Township on March 31st, 2021 at 7:00 pm
 - 2021 Township Election Expenses was a total of \$536.81 so far, we have not received the Invoice from the Chisago County Treasurer's office for the ballots, etc.
 - Board of Appeal meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 22nd, 2021 at 1:30 pm at the Government Center.
 - Chair, Stirling, informed the Board members that she had heard that there may be another stimulus fund coming from the State for Townships called the Rescue Plan.

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 \$1,209,512.90, and pay the bills – Claim numbers 2009–2026 in the amount of \$44,929.93. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Chair Stirling asked if anyone had any other business.

There being no further business a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk
Chisago Lake Township