

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY  
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting for May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, Stirling. All Board members were present. Pledge of Allegiance was said by group.

Chair, Stirling asked the Board for an approval of the minutes from the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, regular monthly meeting and the minutes from the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes as presented and wave the reading of the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes & the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Board of Appeal and Equalization 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 we add County Commissioner, Rick Greene under New Business. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the agenda as amended, adding County Commissioner, Rick Greene under New Business. Motion carried.

**Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits**

❖ The Board received a request from Jeremiah Johnson -11001 Lindo Trl-02.00606.00 to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway. After review a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway request. Motion carried.

❖ Chris Bodell-30737 Lofton Ave. -02.00848.40- is requesting a variance to exceed the maximum 2000 sq. ft accessory storage area allowed in the RR11 district. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the variance. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

❖ John Olinger, City of Lindstrom, came before the Board to discuss the City of Lindstrom Fire Contract. Houle asked why schools, churches, and other non-taxable properties are not listed. Mr. Olinger stated that because they are non-taxable properties they are shared. Chair Stirling asked how many volunteers there are currently on the fire department. Mr. Olinger stated that there are currently 25 firemen on the department, so they are at full capacity. Mr. Olinger stated that our service district is too large for only one fire hall between Lindstrom and Chisago City, and we do not have problems getting volunteers. Mr. Olinger stated that if all goes well, they hope to be in the new fire station December of 2022. The Board asked if we should see any substantial increases in the Estimated Bill for 2023. Mr., Olinger stated that with all the equipment they currently have being in good shape and with a new building they should not have any additional expenses in 2023.

❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board that she received a letter from the Baby Blanket Coordinator thanking us for remembering them, but due to the pandemic causing a reduction in holding Hannah's Arms session and the associated decrease in requests for items, they are in a good financial position so does not need our donation this year, she also received an added request for a \$100.00 from the Chisago County Senior Center. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to donate \$100.00 to the Chisago County Senior Center. Motion carried.

❖ Officials Salary – A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to increase the Per Diem for a meeting from \$50.00 to \$75.00. Motion carried. After discussion a motion was made by Stirling, seconded by Reed to rescind the previous motion not to increase the Per Diem and leave at \$50.00 per meeting. Motion carried. There was further discussion on officials' salary increases and a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to table this until the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

❖ County Commission Rick Greene informed everyone present that he will be a new candidate for our district in 2022 due to the re-districting. This will be a four year term. He also informed everyone present that all the funds are lined up for the Hwy 8 project.

❖ The Township received applications from Xcel Energy requesting permission to install service to two new homes one located at 32707 Ivywood Trl and the other at 14292 Panola Dr. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, approve the applications. Motion carried

❖ Chair Stirling informed the Board that the County is looking into applying for a Broadband Grant Program that includes matching grants for the expansion of high-speed broadband within the Chisago County area. Chisago County is hosting a Chisago County-Wide Broadband/ARPA Meeting on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:00pm at the Chisago County Government Center and this is open to the public

❖ Chair Stirling informed the Board that MAT District 7 asked to if they could hold their annual meeting at our facility on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A motion was made by Stirling seconded by Houle, to allow MAT District 7 to hold their annual meeting at our facility on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at no charge. Motion carried.

### **Road Report**

❖ Matt Wikelius informed the Board that:

- The maintenance department has been blading the gravel roads as they are getting in to shape. There were very minimal frost boils
  - Next thing now is to look at all the black top roads and see what needs to be done with them. He is aware of some patching that will need to be done in a few areas
  - Some roadside spraying will need to be done in the next couple weeks
- Only a couple trees down in the bad storm

**Information for Officials**

- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:
  - Received Building Permits for the month of March
  - The May CCATO meeting will be held at Shafer Township on May 25th, 2022, at 7:00 pm
  - 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 Reed, to approve the Financial Report with a balance of \$1,634,460.86 and pay the bills – Claim numbers 2307–2326 in the amount of \$9,852.23. 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 8:05pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair  
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk  
Chisago Lake Township