

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

The regular monthly meeting for March 17, 2026, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Reed. Those in attendance were Chair David J. Reed, Supervisors Wayne Houle, Sherry Stirling, and Clerk Jeanette Peterson, Treasurer Judy Straub was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by the group.

Chair Reed asked the Board for approval of the minutes from the regular monthly meeting on February 17, 2026. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Stirling to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting on February 17, 2026. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Chair Reed asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Ben Elfelt from the Lake Improvement District requested to be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Stirling to add Ben Elfelt from the Lake Improvement District to the Agenda under Old Business and approve the amended Agenda. Motion carried.

Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits

- ❖ None for the Month of March

Old Business

- ❖ Update on Paradise Woods Development. Clerk Peterson informed the board that she had contacted Steve Feske. He informed her to contact our attorney, and they may be able to bring it to small claims court. She informed everyone present that she had contacted the County Attorney Janet Reiter asking for her help but has not heard back from her yet.
- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed everyone present that she had reached out to Leslie Roseahl from Rosedahl Public Affairs, regarding the .gov website and Leslie informed her that if our township touches ballots/hosts election, then we are required to have a .gov domain. Tammy Carlson MAT President and District 7 Director made it sound like we only need to have a .gov domain if we handled absentee ballots. So, Clerk Peterson feels she is getting mixed information, so she is planning to attend the Short Courses on March 24th, 2026, and hoping to get more clarification on this matter. After discussion a motion was made by Stirling, seconded by Houle to approve to pay the cost and milage expenses for Clerk Peterson and Treasurer Straub to attend the MAT Spring Short Courses on March 24, 2026, in St. Cloud. Motion carried.
- ❖ Ben Elfelt from the Lake Improvement District wanted to give an update on the channel project. Jeff Fuge has reached out to the township attorney, regarding some questions. The Lake Improvement District has been working with the county and DNR regarding the ordinances, etc.

New Business

- ❖ A representation from the Chisago Lake Tourism Bureau was to attend to give us an update on the Lodging tax, no one attended, they wanted to inform us that the state is willing to handle the lodging tax and just mail the township a check.
- ❖ A representative from the Long Spurs of Sunrise River who have their National Wild Turkey Federation fundraiser at our hall wanted to propose that we sell our round tables and purchase rectangular tables, no one attended to discuss this matter, so there was no action taken at this time.

❖ Chair Reed brought up the subject of possible expansion of the parking lot in the town hall, so cars didn't have to park on the road. No action was taken at this time.

Road Report

❖ Matt Wikelius gave Road Report:

- Wikelius received a bid from Bjorklund's for hauling 2,000 tons of Lime Rock at \$9.48 per ton. After some discussion a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Stirling to award the bid to Bjorklund's for hauling 2,000 tons of Line Rock at \$9.48 per ton. Motion carried.
- Wikelius requested that we authorize Engineer Dan Boyum from Stantec, to prepare plans and specifications and receive bids on the 2026 proposed street improvements breaking the bid down into three parts for indirect costs estimated at \$143,196.83; Part A – Mentzer Trail (shared City/Township Street East of B242 St.); Part B – South Beach/Bethel Grove (292nd St., Mentzer Trl., Melody Ln.) and Part C – Alternate 1 – Garland Hills Plat 2/3 (279th St., Nester P1., Nester Ave., Nester Ct.). After some discussion a motion was made by Stirling, seconded by Houle to authorize the township engineer (Stantec) to prepare plans and specifications and receive bids on the 2026 Street Improvements breaking the bid down into three parts for indirect costs estimated at \$143,196.83. Motion carried.
- Wikelius will get bids from Bluhm Construction and Stantec for partial paving some of the problem hills we have. He will also request that Stantec mail out letters to the residents asking if they would be willing to be assessed and have the road paved.
- Tree trimming is almost complete

Information for Officials

❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:

- There is a CCATO meeting on March 25, 2026, at the Chisago County Government Center at 7:00 pm. Daryl Moeller, County Assessor, is going to speak about the Board of Appeal and Equalization.
- Hall Rental Report for the month of April 2026.
- Building Report for the months of February 2026.

Financial Report

❖ Clerk Peterson gave the treasurer's report in Treasurer Straub absence. After the Treasurer's report was presented, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Stirling, to approve the Financial Report with a balance of \$3,286,253.32 and pay the bills – claims 3349 to 3361 in the amount of \$25,593.44. Votes via roll call Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Chair Reed asked if anyone had any other business.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Stirling, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Motion carried.

David J. Reed, Chair
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk
Chisago Lake Township