

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, June 21st, 2022

The regular monthly meeting for June 21st, 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 May 17th, 2022, regular monthly meeting. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes as presented and wave the reading of the May 17th, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Chair, Stirling asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Jim Froberg requested to be added to the Agenda before Old Business, so he will be placed under Variances, Plats & Conditional Use Permits as E. Chair Stirling asked to add Dave Whitney – Update on Planning Commission under New Business and move Old Business at the end right before Adjournment. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Jim Froberg under Variances, Plats & Conditional Use Permits, add Dave Whitney under New Business and move Old Business to the end before Adjournment. Motion carried.

Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits

❖ Teresa & Scott Simmons, 32770 N Ct, PID #02.01084.00 requesting a variance to construct a detached structure 28 ft from Center Ct ROW. Required setback is 40 ft. Board requested them to get a survey to establish that the building will not be in ROW. After reviewing a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the variance to construct a detached structure 28ft from Center Ct ROW once the Survey has determined that the building will not be in the ROW. Motion carried.

❖ Jessica Siverson, 13995 270th St. PID #02.00226.00 requesting a Preliminary plat for a 5-acre split from a 20-acre parcel. After reviewing a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to approve the Preliminary Plat for a 5-acre split from a 20-acre parcel. Motion carried.

❖ Kenneth Rice, 320th Street & Lofton Ave. PID #02.00823.00, requesting a preliminary plat of paradise woods, of four lots from a 58.21-acre tract. Matt Wikelius, CLT Maintenance Supervisor, brought to the Boards attention that there are some major road concerns that will need to be addressed. The GIS maps show that 320th Street is owned by Lent Township and only cartway width (33 ft) and is currently being maintained by Chisago Lake Township. After reviewing a motion was made by Reed seconded by Houle to approve the Preliminary Plat of Paradise woods, of four lots from a 58.21-acre tract but needs to be clarified who owns the road, how wide is the road, and who is going to maintain the road. Motion carried.

❖ Donna Prah- presented a neighborhood petition requesting a study (including costs and financing) of a rural improvement project by the paving of 256th street which is currently a gravel road. Ms. Prah then gave a presentation for a Proposed plan for management and improvement of 256th street. After the presentation Jeff Siedow informed the Board that there are several citizens that live on that road that are not in favor of the proposal to blacktop this road. However, they understand this is a dangerous road with a couple sharp corners and they do have some concerns and would like to seek some help to resolve the speed issues, etc. After some discussion the Board suggested they contact the Sheriff's office to have an electronic sign put on the road and try and work with them to get the speeders under control. The county is working on chloriding the road for dust control, and we are willing to put up some cautionary signs on the two sharp curves. The Board informed the residents that at this time the Township does not have the money in their budget to do a cost analysis.

❖ Jim Forberg and friends of Chisago Lake Township expressed their concerns with the supervisor's salary and does not feel they should implement another increase. He also expressed his concern to raising the cost of attending meetings. John Nelson agreed with Mr. Froberg. No action was taken.

New Business

❖ Approve election judges for Primary Election, August 9, 2022. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the election judges for the Primary Election, August 9, 2022 and keep the salary the same as last year which is \$12.00/hr for election judges and \$15.00/hr for head election judges. Motion carried.

❖ Application from Xcel Energy requesting permission to install service to 24763 Morgan Ave. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the Xcel Energy application. Motion carried.

Annexation by Ordinance from the City of Lindstrom for PID #02.00084.15. Chair Stirling asked the Clerk to call and verify the PID # because there were two different ones listed. No action taken.

❖ Dave Whitney informed the Board and all present that the planning commission consists of 7 members, 2 reside in a township to represent the townships, 3 reside in a city to represent the cities and the other 2 can be from either a township or a city. He is concerned that the townships are not going to be fairly represented on the planning commission committee, so he is asking everyone from the township to attend the next public hearing to voice their opinion, which is July 7th, at 7:00 pm.

Road Report

❖ Matt Wikelius informed the Board that:

- The maintenance department has been mowing, spraying complete
- New green street signs have arrived and the new fire numbers for the new homes also have arrived
- Gravel roads are in good shape

Information for Officials

- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:
 - Received Building Permits for the month of April & May
 - The May CCATO meeting will be held at Chisago Lake Township June 29th, 2022
 - Hall Rental Report
 - 2nd half of ARPA money this month
 - Chair Stirling attended Town Law Review training in Otsego, MN on May 25th, 2022, and they expressed how important it is to use only Township computers for Township business and not personal computers, and the Moratzka decision states that platted roads which are not recorded within 40 years of creation are considered abandoned under the Minnesota Marketable Title Act. Decision is currently under appeal.

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 \$1,610,907.29 and pay the bills – Claim numbers 2327–2347 in the amount of \$65,883.90. Motion carried. 3 Yes 0 No.

Old Business

- ❖ Chair Stirling addressed Mr. Froberg's concerns regarding the paid meetings that officials attend, and the Board feels that nothing has changed. Supervisor Houle made a motion seconded by Reed, to increase Chair, the two Supervisor's, Clerk and Treasurer's salary by \$100.00/mo., increase paid meetings from \$50.00 per diem to \$75.00 per diem, pay the Clerk \$50.00 per paid townhall rental event, and increase the three maintenance employee's wages \$1.00/hr. all increases beginning July 1st, 2022. Reed made a motion to amend the motion to not include increasing the Chair and two Supervisor's salary by \$100.00/mo. The amended motion failed to pass. Supervisor Houle then amended the motion to retroactive and pay the Clerk \$50.00 per paid Townhall event beginning April 1st, 2022, along with the original motion to increase the Chair, the two supervisor's, Clerk and Treasurer's salary by \$100.00//mo., increase paid meetings from \$50.00 per diem to \$75.00 per diem, increase the three maintenance employee's wages \$1.00/hr. beginning July 1st, 2022, seconded by Reed. Motion carried. Yes 2, No 1.

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 8:56pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk
Chisago Lake Township