

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, August 16th, 2022

The regular monthly meeting for August 16th, 2022, was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair, Stirling, following the reconvened meeting. All Board members were present.

Chair, Stirling asked the Board for an approval of the minutes from the July 19th, 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 July 19th, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Chair, Stirling asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits

❖ John & Melinda Rieck, 30710 Mattson Ct. PID #02.01084.00 brought before the Board a variance request to construct a garage addition closer to two Ordinary High-Water Levels than allowed in the Shoreland Mgmt. District, and to exceed the maximum amount of accessory storage space and number of detached accessory structures allowed in the Rural Residential II (RRII) district. After reviewing a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the variance request. Motion carried.

❖ Scott Simmons, 32770 N Center Court, PID #02.01084.00 brought before the Board a variance request to construct a detached garage closer to the township road ROW and southerly side yard than allowed in the Rural Residential II (RRII) district/Shoreland Mgmt. district. This is an amended request, originally considered and tabled by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals on June 30, 2022. A new/second public hearing has been scheduled due to the expanded nature of the request. After reviewing a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle, to approve the variance request under the condition that the roof line is out of ROW and not encroaching on neighbor's property. Motion carried.

❖ Byron Dahlheimer, 33091 Oasis Rd, PID #02.01084.00 brought before the Board a Preliminary Plat request of North Dairy, involving the creation of one lot from a 34.7-acre tract. The property is zoned AG district and located at the northeast corner of Oasis Rd/CSAH 9 and Park Trl/CSAH 12. After reviewing a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the Preliminary request. Motion carried.

❖ The Board received a notice from Chisago County Land Services in regard to a Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance amendment pertaining to meat processing facilities. For information only. No action taken.

Old Business

❖ Paradise Woods Subdivision – Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Rice, Property Owners, Shawn Kupcho, Representative from Widseth, and Sarah Christopherson from Coldwell Banker Realty came before the Board to discuss Township Road Standards for Paradise Woods Subdivision. Chair Stirling informed them that the Chisago Counties Subdivision policy requires a 66 ft wide road. If there are more than 2 lots involved, it becomes a sub-division. The Rice's are willing to dedicate 2 rods on the South side of the road and there is currently 1 rod on the North side of the road, until it is plated, but that will not work because the center of the road will not be in the center. The Rice's informed the Board that they have hired an Attorney and he will be contacting our Attorney to see if they can come up with an agreement. Supervisor Houle expressed his concerns but explained that we have guidelines to follow, and the rule is the road must be 66 feet wide.

❖ A resident was willing to donate an Island parcel PID #02.00777.00 on North Center Lake to the Township. After discussion a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to pass on the Island donation. Motion carried.

New Business

❖ Xcel applications – one for equipment installation at 11725 262nd Street and One for Service to a new home at 14970 318th Street. After reviewing a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the two Xcel applications. Motion carried.

❖ Chris Dubose County Commissioner Report: Chris informed everyone present that the County is in the mist of working on the budget. They are trying to be as conservative as possible but with inflation it is tough to do. For example, a vehicle for a deputy has increased approximately \$10,000. They need to look at the employee's wages and try and make an increase. They did a pay study, and they came in the lower end of the pay scale, but their benefits were better, and some comparisons weren't compared equally. A constituent asked if the county gets any funds from the solar farms. Commissioner Dubose stated that those are state level funds not county level.

Road Report

❖ Matt Wikelius informed the Board that:

- Fahrner has completed the friction sealing and painting
- They have been Grading as they can
- They have almost completed the street sign replacement, then they will install the blue emergency signs
- They have been trimming trees
- We are next on Sealtec's list for crack sealing, and the City of Lindstrom is allowing us to use their hot tar trailer to fill potholes

Information for Officials

- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:
 - The CCATO meeting is scheduled for, Wednesday August 31, 2022, at Franconia Township
 - We received a letter from Couri & Ruppe that effective January 1, 2023, their hourly rate will be increasing to \$250 per hour for all general legal work and to \$275 per hour for all development work
 - We received an invite from Lakes and Pines for an Open house from 2-5 on Sunday, August 28th at the Braham Event Center to wish Bob a farewell because he is retiring.
 - For the 2022 Primary Election on Tuesday, August 9, at 7:00 am we had 217 voters in the North-township and 216 voters in the South-township. The expenses totaled \$3,328.00.
 - A total of 45 Building permit applications were issued within Chisago Lake Township for the month of June & July: 39 for home improvements, 2 for new homes, and 4 for Septic's.
 - 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 \$2,446,029.09 and pay the bills – Claim numbers 2368–2400 in the amount of \$171,053.61. 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 Houle, seconded by Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk
Chisago Lake Township