

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, July 18, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting for July 18, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, Stirling. All Board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by the group.

Chair, Stirling, asked the Board for an approval of the minutes from the June 20, 2023, regular monthly meeting. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes as presented and wave the reading of the June 20, 2023, 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 Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits

❖ None for the Month of July

Old Business

❖ Dan Udem, City of Lindstrom Administrator, Kay Mattson, Finance Director for the City of Lindstrom, and Scott Sellman, Lindstrom Fire Chief, came before the Board to discuss 2024 Fire Contract. Ms. Mattson explained to the Board how costs are calculated. She also pointed out that any training, community events, etc. that the fire department is involved in is not included in the cost. The current contract was signed in 2016. Chair Stirling pointed out that in the State Statute it states that any contract automatically expires after 10 years, so that means that this contract will be expiring in 2026. Chair Stirling suggested that we start discussing a new contract before 2026. Mr. Udem agreed to that. Mr. Sellman issued a handout with all the 2022 statistics. The Lindstrom Fire and Rescue responded to 41 calls within the Chisago Lake Township in 2022. There was no action taken.

❖ Chair Stirling stated that at the meeting in June we discussed possibly voting at the annual meeting on whether the Township should issue licenses to allow liquor sales on Sunday to establishments located in the township. Clerk Peterson reached out to the General Counsel of Minnesota Association of Townships, and they informed her that this question of Sunday sales must be made on a ballot at a Township election (not at an annual meeting). The Board has decided to add this question along with the question on whether the Township should charge Lodging sales tax to establishments within the Township on the Ballot in March of 2024.

❖ Chair Stirling contacted MN DOT about the noise from trucks using engine braking at the roundabout on Highway 8 and Quinlan Ave. They informed her that the Township needs to put an Ordinance Prohibiting Excessive Vehicle Noise in place before any signage can be installed or can be enforced. The Township proposed an Ordinance and after reviewing a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to approve the Ordinance Prohibiting Excessive Vehicle brake with a small change in Section 3 changing the word from “with” to “within”. Motion carried.

❖ Chair Stirling stated that our Engineer Dan Boyum has suggested we modify our Standards for Development & Road Design for future use. Chair Stirling suggested we set up a work meeting. After discussion a motion was made by Houle seconded by Reed to set up a work meeting on September 19, 2023, at 6:00 pm. To work on modifying the Chisago Lake Township Standards for Development & Road Design. Motion carried.

New Business

❖ Mark Albrecht came before the Board with concerns about future growth. Mr. Albrecht gave the Board some literature to review regarding subdivision regulations. The Board accepted the Literature and will review. Houle stated that Mr. Albrecht had reached out to him asking if the Township had adopted any subdivision regulations. Chair Stirling stated that to stop the moratorium that is in place the Township must adopt subdivision regulations by ordinance.

Road Report

❖ Matt Wikelius informed the Board that:

- Jon Alvin had reported damage to his Grapevine crop from township spraying on September 20, 2022. He has now replaced the Grapevines that were damaged and submitted an Invoice for \$1,491.10. After discussion a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to pay Mr. Alvin for the replacement grape vines in the amount of \$1,491.10. Motion carried.
- The roads are dry but not as dusty as last year. Roads that were scheduled for chloride have been completed. Everything has been mowed once.
- We have completed filling the small potholes but have a list of larger areas that we will be having Bluhm Construction fill to get us through another winter.
- We have some tree trimming that we do not have the equipment to do so Mr. Wikelius suggested we reach out to a contractor to get a cost to trim back some of our trees to the ROW.

Information for Officials

❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:

- There is no CCATO meeting scheduled for July. District 7 Meeting and Election August 10, 2023
- Reconvened Annual Meeting is August 15, 2023
- Building permit applications received from Chisago County
- Moody Park Project Update
- 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 by Reed, to approve the Financial Report with a balance of \$2,290,720.84 and pay the bills – Claim numbers 2638 - 2658 in the amount of \$237,529.19. 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 7:58pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk

APPROVED