

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY  
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, March 21, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting for March 21, 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 February 21, 2023, regular monthly meeting, and Board of Audit & Budget meeting minutes. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes as presented and wave the reading of the February 21, 2023, minutes, and the Board of Audit & Budget meeting 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 added Adam Wojtowicz, president from Security State Bank of Marine to New Business. A motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits**

❖ None for the month of March.

**Old Business**

❖ None of the month of March.

❖ Supervisor Houle asked if we have contacted Paradise Woods, requesting more money be put in the escrow fund. Treasurer, Straub responded that she had submitted a letter of request, but has not heard back from them, and that they currently owe \$210.25. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, that if we do not get any response from them, we should contact our lawyer and have our lawyer send them a letter requesting money for the escrow fund. Motion carried.

**New Business**

❖ Adam Wojtowicz, President of Security State Bank of Marine came before the Board proposing if we would consider banking with Security State Bank of Marine.

❖ Jim & Linda Opdahl, brought before the Board their concerns with Broadband service. The township is currently working with Midco to get Broadband service throughout the township area.

❖ The Township has received information from the Chisago County ARPA Broadband Grant program. Chair, Stirling has contacted Midco to see if they would like us to apply for the Grant to help them in servicing our area and has not heard back from them.

❖ Chisago County Sheriff's Foundation is requesting the Township to approve a Temporary Liquor License for an event on 4/28/23 at the Abella Event Center. A motion was made by Houle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed to approve the Temporary liquor license. Motion carried.

❖ The Board reviewed the agreement that was made and entered into between Chisago Lake Township and Steel Chick Recycling, to Contract Services for Steel Chick's to accept recycled items every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month beginning in May through October 2023. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, that Chisago Lakes Township will pay Steel Chicks \$1000 for their services in 2023 and sign the agreement for 2023. Motion carried.

### **Road Report**

- ❖ Matt Wikelius informed the Board that:
  - gravel roads are in terrible condition, and they will be working on them as soon as possible.
  - Bjorklund's quoted \$7.80 a ton for hauling limestone, and we are looking at needing 4500 ton this year.
  - New grader costs, no numbers back yet hopefully by next month need also will need to purchase a new snow wing.

### **Information for Officials**

- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:
  - CCATO meeting for March 29, 2023, is at Rushseba Township
  - MAT Spring Short Courses have begun, no pre-registration required.
  - 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 \$2,439,655.50 and pay the bills – Claim numbers 2549 - 2573 in the amount of \$15,270.08. Motion carried. 3 Yes 0 No.
- ❖ ARPA money Judy needs to report the end of April. The board will decide next month what their plan is.
- ❖ Treasurer Straub was asking the board if they would like to pay down the bond, we have on 325<sup>th</sup> to save on interest. Supervisor Houle is not in favor of paying this bond down currently. The board will make a final decision next month.
- ❖ Supervisor, Houle would like to investigate possible cashing in some CD's and combining them to get a better interest. The board will make a final decision next month.

### **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 7:54 pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair  
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk  
Chisago Lake Township