

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, July 16th, 2019

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

Chair Stirling then asked the Board for an approval of the minutes from the June 18th, 2019, 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 18th, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Chair Stirling asked if there were any changes or additions to the Agenda. With no additions or changes to the Agenda, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits

- ❖ Troy Breitenbach, came before the Board to request a Variance to build a non-agricultural accessory building which would exceed the maximum 2,000 square feet in RR11 District. After review a motion was made a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to approve the Variance request to build a non-agricultural accessory building exceeding the maximum 2,000 square feet in RR11 District at 13611 263rd Lake, Chisago City, MN. Motion carried.
- ❖ Michael and Jessica Shepperd, came before the Board to request an Easement Vacate of an existing drainage and utility easement that was previously dedicated between two parcels which the property owner has combined for construction of new home. After review a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to approve the Easement Vacate of an existing drainage and utility easement at 12xxx 352 Street, Lots 5 & 6, Block 2, Vibo Shores, Lindstrom, MN. Motion carried.
- ❖ Jeanenne Zank and Mark Wolcott came before the Board to request a Variance from the subdivision ordinance to be exempted from the one acre buildable requirements for a five acre lot with an existing home. After review a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to approve the Variance from the subdivision ordinance to be exempt from the one acre buildable requirements for a five acre lot with an existing home at 35226 Park Trail, Center City, MN. Motion carried.

Old Business

- ❖ Chair Stirling gave the following update on the CTC Broadband Project: Chair Stirling stated that a 20 million grant program is available and CTC is going to apply for 5 million to be split between three Townships. CTC will need to submit the grant application by first week in September, then they should receive the grant approval sometime in late October-November. With us being the bigger Township of the three we would get approximate 3.1 million. CTC will then have 1 year to install, so should be looking at end of 2020 for service, if we receive a minimum of 60% of the establishments willing to subscribe to service from the survey results. Post cards will be mailed out this week with information and a portal to do an on-line survey. During the meeting someone asked why we are not looking into Century or Midco since they are already around the area. We did checked with them and they are looking for higher density areas, they were not interested in providing service in the rural areas.

- ❖ Chair Stirling asked the Board to Review the Fiber Optic System Construction Agreement. After review and discussion a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to have the Construction Agreement reviewed by a lawyer and cost share with Franconia Township. Motion carried. Another motion was made by Reed, seconded by Reed that after getting legal advice we will have a Special meeting August 13th, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall to further discuss Broadband. Motion carried.
- ❖ Supervisor Houle informed the Board that him and Maintenance Supervisor Wikelius went out and review the Mattson Wetland Pond situation. Wikelius commented that there really isn't anything we can help with until Mr. Mattson gets the proper permits to clean the ditch east of Lofton. Wikelius suggested Mr. Mattson contact the CLFLWD and have them help him get the proper permits to clean the ditch. No actions was taken at this time.
- ❖ Control of Noxious Weeds – The Clerk received a letter from a resident that was concerned with the spraying we are doing to control the noxious weeds. The Clerk forwarded the letter to the Board members and Maintenance Supervisor. Chair Stirling informed the Board and residents that we are in compliance with the Minnesota Statues. Maintenance Supervisor Wikelius informed the Board and residents that the reason for the spraying is to keep the Road Right-of-Ways and ditches clear and safe. Mowing spreads wild parsnips and other weed seeds, so we need to spray to control them. Wikelius stated that since they started spraying he has notice a significant difference. He also stated that once the Noxious weeds are under control we are hoping to spray every other year.

New Business

- ❖ The City of Lindstrom re-submitted a Notice of Intent to annex PID 02.01603.00 and the adjacent roadway, after being denied the first request. The City of Lindstrom submitted the first annexation request on August 16th, 2018 for PID 02-01603-00, and the City adopted the Ordinance on September 20th, 2018. The Office of Administrative Hearing denied the annexation on June 26, 2019, due to the fact that the Property is not completely surrounded by land within the municipal limits of the City. July 1st, 2019 the City re-submitted the annexation ordinance to the Chisago Lake Town Board and the Office of Administrative Hearing for the PID 02.01603.00 and the adjacent roadway. No action taken.
- ❖ Chair Stirling informed the Board that a resident has planted trees in the Right-ow-Way and they are an obstruction and need to be moved. After discussion a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to seek legal counseling and have them send a letter of Obstruction to the resident. Motion carried.

Road Report – Matt Wikelius

- ❖ Grading is complete and first mowing pass is complete
- ❖ Chloride has been applied to Maxwell Road and 256th Street
- ❖ Maintenance has been cleaning up a few trees and washouts from recent storms
- ❖ Bluhm Construction is almost done fixing frost boils on blacktop roads
- ❖ Nate is continuing to install address signs – he is almost half done
- ❖ John Nelson has one of the Township's old pull type graders, and is asking if we would like to display it on our property. The Board agreed that we should have it displayed on the property.

Information for Officials

- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:

- for the month of June : 42 building permits were approved and issued within the Township; 4 - for New Homes; 5 - for Garage/Pole Building; 25 – for other home improvements.- and 28 for sewer repairs
- Wednesday, July 31st – CCATO Meeting in North Branch at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, August 8th – District 7 Meeting in Big Lake Town Hall at 7:00 pm
- Upcoming Hall Use dates for August
- Information in packets in regards to the Community meeting discussion on the Phragmites Project – Wednesday, August 7th, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Uncommon Loon in Chisago City.
- Informed the Board that I would be out of the office beginning September 4th thru September 18th, 2019. The Deputy Clerk is available September 17th to take minutes.

Treasurer's Report _ Judy Straub

- ❖ Treasurer Straub gave the Treasurer report. After the Treasurer's report was presented a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle to approve the Financial Report with a balance of \$457,271.13, and pay the bills – Claim numbers 1491-151,4 in the amount of \$588,777.31. Motion carried. Treasurer Straub informed the Board that she has not issued any Refund to Whitney due to more outstanding bills.

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 8:48 pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk
Chisago Lake Township