

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting and Election
Chisago Lake Township
March 14, 2017

The polls opened at 10:00 am for the purpose of electing one supervisor for a three year term and Treasurer for a two year term. The election judges were Judy Nelson, Beverly Sandgren, and Jeanette Peterson. After the polls closed at 8:00 pm the ballots were counted and results reported later in the meeting.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by Clerk Peterson. Peterson then led the group assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

The Clerk then asked for nominations from the floor for a moderator. Gary Anderson was nominated as moderator. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Sherry Stirling, seconded by Wayne Houle for Gary Anderson as moderator. Motion carried.

Next Moderator Anderson asked for a motion to wave the reading of the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Sherry Stirling, seconded by Joan Barnes to wave the reading of the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Straub. A motion was made by Sherry Stirling, seconded by Wayne Houle to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and wave the reading of all receipts and disbursements. Motion carried.

Road Maintenance Report - Maintenance Supervisor Wikelius gave a report on road maintenance in 2016.

- Township applied Limestone to Panola Drive, Newberry Trail, 268th off Oakman Ave., 318th, 322nd, and 315th Street, (all off of County Road 12), Lamond Ave., off 256th Street, 355th Street West of Vibo Trail, and Mattson Court.
- Wikelius reported that there were many frost boils in the spring of 2016.
- The Township purchased a sprayer and used it to control noxious weeds and brush on approximately 20 miles of roadway. They used a mixture of 2-3D and Tricloyr (cross bow) with much success. We are hoping with continued use we will get a handle on the poison Ivy, Wild Parsnip and Brush.
- 325th Street, North Center Court, & North Center Lane, was paved with cooperation from the residents.
- Winter plowing was minimal, however there was plenty of ice to keep sanded, especially on many gravel roads.
- Finished the Salt shed and it worked great all winter, until last week's high winds. Now we will be needing a new cover.

The year ahead plans:

- Grade roads as soon as weather permits
- Mow brush before leaves come out
- Spray for weeds before they bloom
- Determine which roads to gravel, after the frost comes out
- Possible blacktop projects are Lakelawn Drive and Oriole Avenue.

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Clerk Peterson reported on other happenings in 2016. (See Attached 2016 Summary of Events)

The levy for 2018 was next on the agenda. Supervisor Stirling reviewed with the assembly the proposed levy for 2018.

General Fund – \$80,000; Covers general building expenses; gopher bounties; Moody Lake Park portable toilet and mowing; election judge salaries; town board stipends; legal services; accounting and service contracts. INCREASED to cover utilities, janitor services and incidentals for NEW township hall.

Road & Bridge Fund - \$362,000; Covers upkeep of existing roads within the township; equipment insurance; gravel, limestone and stabilization chemicals; salaries of maintenance employees; rental and repair of equipment. INCREASED cover inflationary costs.

Fire Contract Fund - \$190,000; Covers fees charged by four different fire departments to provide fire protection services within the township.

Equipment Fund - \$50,000; Money being set aside for new equipment such as truck/snowplow/road grader. INCREASED to cover cost of new truck.

Black Top Repair Fund - \$200,000; Covers resurfacing/reclaiming of existing blacktop roads. INCREASED to cover work done on Lakelawn Drive & 288th Street Project in 2017.

Contingency Fund - \$5,000; Used to cover unexpected expenses or shortfalls.

Thru Road Blacktop Fund - \$75,000; Township pays 75% and landowners pay 25% when converting from gravel to blacktop. INCREASED to cover work done on Oriole Avenue in 2017

Dead-End Blacktop Fund - \$28,000; Township pays 25% and landowners pay 75% when converting from gravel to blacktop. DECREASED based on sufficient funds in account to likely do 245 Street.

Library Operating Fund - \$16,000; Township participates in Joint Powers Agreement to cover facility operations at the library. INCREASE due to inflation/population adjustment per agreement.

Building Fund - \$72,000; Covers payments on certificate of indebtedness for new township hall.

A motion was made by Wayne Houle, seconded by Shellene Johnson to set the proposed levy at \$1,078,000 for 2018. Motion Carried. This will be reviewed and set at the reconvened meeting in August.

Shellene Johnson and Shannon Johnson presented a petition for a Citizen group. After discussion, a motion was made by Sherry Stirling, seconded by Kenton Cull to schedule a community meeting to discuss incorporating the Township into its own City. Motion Carried.

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Next discussion was held on contracts with Health, Recreational and Service Organizations. Presentations were given by; Family Pathways – Chris Lenzen; and Community Meals – Bonnie Anderson.

Other requesting funds by mail were; Chisago County Ag Society (Fair Board) – Tim Holt; Seven County Senior Federation; Chisago County Recreation – Bob Gustafson.

A motion was made by John Nelson, seconded by Wayne Houle to contract with the Health, Recreational and Service Organizations for up to \$10,000 with the Board to decide at a later date the amount to be given to the various agencies. Motion carried with one nay.

Gopher bounties were next on the agenda. A motion was made by John Nelson, seconded by Wayne Houle for the gopher bounties to remain the same as 2017. Pocket gophers - \$2.00 and Striped gophers - \$1.00. Motion carried.

The next annual meeting time and place was set. A motion was made by Matt Wikelius, seconded by Joan Barnes to set the next annual meeting for the 2nd Tuesday in March, 2018 at 8:15 pm at the Town Hall. Motion carried.

Report of Annual Election and Certification by Election Board.

Total number of votes cast – 31

Candidate Sherry Stirling – Supervisor for three year term - 31 votes

Candidate Judy Straub – Treasurer for two year term - 31 votes

Following the report of election results, motion by Sherry Stirling, seconded by Wayne Houle to recess the meeting until August 15th, 2017. Motion carried.

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk
Chisago Lake Township