Approved Clear Lake Township May 20th, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Approved minutes of May 20th, 2025, the Clear Lake Township Board meeting held at the Clear Lake Township Hall.

Members present were Chairman Bud Stimmler, Supervisor Ross Imholte, Supervisor Kiel Golly, Treasurer Paul Goenner, Road Engineer T. Vander Eyk, and Deputy Clerk Gary Anderson. Others present were Sergeant Alex Dehn.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bud Stimmler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ross Imholte would like to add Clearview School. Kiel Golly made a motion to approve the updated agenda, second by Ross Imholte. Carried.

The Supervisors reviewed the minutes of the regular township board meeting held on 04/15/2025. Motion to approve by Ross Imholte second by Kiel Golly. Carried.

After reviewing the bills presented, Ross Imholte motioned to pay the bills with a second by Kiel Golly. Motion carried.

<u>SHERIFF'S REPORT:</u> Sergent Alex Dehn was present to give the April 2025 monthly report, calls last year were 108 compared to 130 this year. He discussed the theft of irrigation equipment

<u>PARK & TRAILS REPORT</u>: Bud said a successful burn has been completed in the park. The bill for the work was \$2300, but he has requested a reimbursement from the County which could be \$2000. MN Greening will be doing a new planting.

Fire Board: No report

Old Business:

Clean-up Day: No report

<u>Sirens Update</u>: NSP is planning to shut down their sirens in 2026. The County will maintain them in 2026 and 2027. The Township will need to decide if we want to take over the cost of upkeep of the 6 sirens at that time. The cost of the upkeep is not known yet, but the Township would have to raise the levy to cover the cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Remove Trees-per resident request:</u> There are some dead trees in the right of way on 74th St, that need to be removed because if they fell it would damage private property. The cost of the removal will be \$3100.

<u>County Mandate effect on Property Taxes</u>: State government is mandating more expenses be taken over by the Counties. The County will have to pay more to cover these expenses and the tax rate everyone pays may have to be raised in the future.

<u>Adopt County Cannabis Retail Ordinance</u>. Motion made by Ross Imholte, second by Kiel Golly to adopt ordinance 2025-05-20. Ordinance relating to the regulation and registration of cannabis retail businesses and lower-potency hemp edible retail business. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Clearview School</u>: Residents have requested no parking signs on 90th St because of the congestion caused by cars waiting to pick up students after school. Eyk will prepare a letter to send to the school asking them to work on a plan to keep the road passable.

ROAD REPORT

<u>Update White Farms Estate Project</u>: Eyk has sent a letter to all residents letting them know the schedule for the work. He has received a few calls with questions.

<u>Chairmans Report</u>: Bud had a few photos of some areas on 97th St & 92nd Ave that may need some work done. Will try to add gravel, get it packed and see how big of a problem it is.

Bud attended a couple meetings about batteries. The lithium battery location planned for by CR 53 & CR 8 has been changed to behind the coal plant. The County is working on a household battery recycling program.

Ross Imholte made a motion to adjourn, second by Kiel Golly. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Betzler Township Clerk