

# Approved Clear Lake Township

## January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Approved minutes of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Clear Lake Township Board meeting was held at the Clear Lake Township Hall.

Members present were Chairman Bud Stimmler, Supervisor Ross Imholte, Treasurer Paul Goenner, Road Engineer T. Vander Eyk, and Clerk Nancy Betzler, Penny Leuthard, and Sgt Geoff Dowty.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bud Stimmler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion to approve agenda by Ross Imholte, second by Kiel Golly. Carried.

The Supervisors reviewed the minutes of the regular township board meeting held on 12/17/2024. Motion to approve by Ross Imholte second by Kiel Golly. Carried.

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

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** The December monthly report was given, calls last year were 104 compared to 89 this year. Sgt Dowty reported that he now has a new position in Investigations and will no longer be coming to Township meetings. Sergeant Derek Barret will now be attending our meetings.

**PARK & TRAILS REPORT:** We will need to sign a contract for phase 2 of the park. Great River Greening has received a grant for \$18,040 to use in our park. We would provide \$1000, and will do some in-kind work with them. Motion by Ross Imholte, second by Kiel Golly to sign the contract. Carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Discuss/Sign New Fire Contract:** There was a Fire Board Advisory Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The City of Clear Lake would like new contracts to be signed in February 2025. There will be individual contracts for Clear Lake Township and Palmer Township, mostly concerning ownership of the Palmer town hall and firehall. Fire contract payments would continue to be two payments, one in February and second half in June. Future fire budget increases were discussed, the consensus was that there needs to be some sort of cap on yearly increases. Chairman Stimmler stated that most of the budget problems were the result of poor accounting practices at the city and fire department level. This needs to be addressed immediately. Chairman Stimmler will meet with the city and discuss our concerns.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2025-01-21 Appoint Election Judges Township Election:** Motion made by Ross Imholte to approve Resolution 2025-01-21 Appointing Election Judges, second by Kiel Golly, Carried

**Resolution 2025-01-21A Appoint Absentee Ballot Board:** Motion by Kiel Golly to approve resolution 2025-01-21A, to appoint Absentee Ballot Board. Second by Ross Imholte. Carried

**Clean-up Day:** Will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup>, will include City of Clear Lake. Will check on prices that we may have to change. Will send out information in our spring newsletter.

**ROAD REPORT:** Eyk updated the White Farm Estates project; The County has sent us a draft of the joint power's agreement. When it gets passed by the County, they will give it to the Township for approval. White Farm Estates will be included in the County contract for the overlay of CR 76, we will ask them to include 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bids will be let in March.

The LIRP for 97<sup>th</sup> St. is getting finalized. We will have a final payment for the retainage of \$14,148.93.

Motion by Ross Imholte approve payment for the retainage in the amount of \$14,148.93, second by Kiel Golly. Carried.

To follow MN statues Eyk has been working on a document for a record of all Township roads that have been maintained by the Township. Our Attorney has reviewed it.

**Chairmans Report:** Xcel will have a meeting to discuss the lithium battery storage planned to be built in Clear Lake Township, no date has been set.

Ross Imholte made a motion to adjourn, second by Bud Stimmler. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Betzler  
Township Clerk