Approved Clear Lake Township

October 15th, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Approved minutes of the October 15th, 2024, 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 Clerk Nancy Betzler, Chris Hogg, Penny Leuthard, George Wojcicki and a Sherburne County Deputy was present.

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

The Supervisors reviewed the minutes of the regular township board meeting held on 09/17/2024, 2024. Motion to approve by Ross, second by Kiel. Carried.

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT: The September monthly report was given, calls last year were 109 compared to 155 this year.

PARK & TRAILS REPORT: Bud reported we may be getting grant money to use for Phase 2 for the pollinator garden.

ROAD REPORT: Eyk reported on the following items:

Partial pay for seal coat projects. He will need a motion to pay $40,044.91. Motion by Kiel Golly to pay $40,044.91, second by Ross Imholte. Motion carried. updated Estimates for future road projects.

Update on 74th and 106th St projects: Both projects are completed except for the mailbox supports.

Discussed the future 105th Street work that will need to be done.

Bud talked about the need to spray small trees in the right way so we can start mowing instead of brushing.

OLD Business: SCAT meeting will be tomorrow Oct 16th in Becker.

NEW BUSINESS:

CUP Xcel Private Communication Tower 11492 115th St SE: George Wojcicki with Xcel was present to explain the request. This is being done for cyber security, it will be a private network for their use only. It will be on Xcel property at Sherco 1 substation. Motion by Ross Imholte to approve the 140' tower, second by Kiel Golly. Motion carried.

Cannabis Ordinance: Discussed the cannabis ordinance that the County will be passing soon. Our comment will say that we agree with the new ordinance. Motion by Kiel Golly to approve the ordinance, second by Ross Imholte. Motion Carried.

Solar Farm Ordinance: Discussed the County wanting to add solar farm related business to the current Planning and Zoning in the land plan ordinances. Motion by Ross Imholte, second by Kiel Golly to add Solar Farm Related Business to the ordinances second by Kiel Golly. Motion carried.

Pete Gitzen IUP Xcel Solar Farm Business: A Xcel representative, Chris Hogg, was present to explain the request for an Interim Use Permit for the property at 9464 80th Ave SE. It will be a satellite office for Xcel's use for parts and office space. Our comments will be that we approve the request if all zoning requirements are met and that the County ordinance needs to pass at the County level. Motion by Ross Imholte to approve the IUP for the solar farm business, second by Kiel Golly. Motion carried.

Chairmans update: Fire report: Fire meeting will be tomorrow. They will be discussing the Fire contract that the Fire Department would like to change. In the current contract no money received from the Townships can be used for a new fire hall. There have been meetings with NSP about the lithium battery storage site. He also attended the meeting at Clearwater about the new round abouts on Hwy 24. Our concerns will be the problems for residents coming onto Hwy 24 from 106th St.

Misc: Paul will continue checking into solar panels for our building.

Ross Imholte made a motion to adjourn, second by Kiel Golly. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Betzler
Township Clerk