

Clear Lake Township

Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021

Unapproved minutes of the May 18, 2021 Clear Lake Township Board meeting held at the Clear Lake Township Hall.

Members present were: Chairman: Gary Gray, Supervisors: Bud Stimmler and Ross Imholte, Treasurer: Paul Goenner, Road Engineer: T. Vander Eyk, Clerk: Mary Mathison, Deputy Clerk: Gary Anderson and Township Attorney: Mike Couri.

Others present were: Craig Liethn, Carolyn Rogers, LeRoy Lease, Cara Noack, Todd Noack, Danny Gans, Len Carlson, Sandi Carlson, Carol Barrymore, Linda Lepley, Mary Ann Smith, Bart Jameson, Pat Jameson, Wayne Schluehter, and Kurt Schimisich.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Gary Gray.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Supervisors reviewed the minutes of the regular township board meeting held on April 20, 2021 with no changes. Gary Gray made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was made by Bud Stimmler. Second by Ross Imholte. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills presented, Bud Stimmler motioned to pay the bills with a second made by Ross Imholte. Motion carried. Bills were paid.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

The Sheriff's report for the month of May had 40 calls for service which included one shooting report.

LIBRARY BOARD ADVISORY GROUP

Gary Gray reported there was no Library Board meeting last month.

WATER ADVISORY GROUP:

Gary Gray reported there was no Water Advisory meeting last month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD:

Gary Gray reported there was no Fire Department Advisory Board meeting last month.

PARK & TRAILS REPORT:

Bud reported that 75 white pine trees were planted in the town park last month. They watered the new tree plantings every few days due to the lack of rain.

ROAD REPORT:

Sherwood Shores Road Project.

Gary Gray introduced the Township attorney, Mike Couri who discussed the legal aspects of the Township road for Sherwood Shores including the boundaries of the township road right-of-way and the Township's authority to design the road for longevity.

Gary Gray discussed the history of this project, saying the township put away money starting in 2017 to help pay for the new road with Township funds so residents are not assessed for the cost of the new road. The informational meetings in April were scheduled to invite Sherwood Shores residents to learn about the design of the new road.

Question: Do alternatives exist to the proposed 3-foot shoulder? Answer: The proposed 3-foot shoulder is a part of the roadway for stabilizing the edge of the new blacktop road and is needed to preserve the longevity of the new road. All town roads constructed in the past were designed with a 3-foot shoulder.

Question: How will mail be delivered during construction? Answer: A temporary community mail box assembly will be installed close to the tennis courts for residents to pick up mail.

Question: What if sprinkler heads are currently installed close to the existing road. Answer: Any sprinkler head within 3 feet from the existing road must be moved beyond the 3-foot distance from the road.

Question: What will be done with our driveway that meets the road? Answer: The township will replace the cut-away driveway with the same material that was removed.

A resident presented a petition signed by 37 residents of Sherwood Shores asking to consider alternatives to the 3-foot shoulder.

General comments by the board included: By adding 2" to the height of the new road, rainwater drainage will be more effective.

All mailboxes and support posts will be removed prior to road construction; any mailboxes that are salvageable will be placed in the homeowner's yard and be installed after roadwork is completed; new swing-away poles will be installed to replace the existing mailbox posts.

Town Hall Property Work Update. A contractor will apply soil conditioning by adding mulch.

Spring road tour report. Signs will be ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Board of Appeal-Equalization meeting minutes. With no changes to the LBAE meeting minutes, Gary asked for a motion to approve. Bud made the motion. Second by Ross. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Storage -- 20-ft Container: Purchase or Rent. The board discussed the purchase of a 20-foot container to be used for general storage. Purchase price is \$4,200.00 from *Auto Truck And Equipment* in St. Cloud.

Second Amendment Defenders Coalition. The Township received a request asking the Township's support of making Sherburne County a second amendment defenders coalition. The town board agreed this is not in the best interest of the Township to support this type of request.

Letter of Support- Sherco Solar Project. The Township received information from National Grid for the Sherco Solar Project regarding changes to the scope of work, asking for the Township to send two letters of support to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. With the board members in favor of sending the letters, Gary asked for a motion to approve. Bud made the motion to approve. Ross second the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman's Update

Guardian plans to purchase property along Hwy 24, land that is within the Orderly Annexation Agreement between the township and City of Clear Lake. The City of Clear Lake will handle the permits.

The City of Clearwater passed a resolution to extend a subdivision regulation to unincorporated territory two miles beyond their city limits. This territory involves land owned by the Clear Lake Town and the Clear Lake City.

The township hosted a meeting with the City of Becker in April-2021 regarding the city's potential plans east of Hwy 53. Gary has not heard from the city since that meeting.

Tami Rangel, Park Manager for Travelers CC on the Mississippi was seeking approval from the Township to build a storm shelter for their residents. Gary informed her this request should start with the County.

Gary ordered magnetic signs for township personnel to place on their vehicles when driving through town roads during road tours.

Bud informed the board that he and Eyk will do a building maintenance check. Bud also suggested that a security monitor be considered to be placed in the general office area for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to be aware of outside activity. He also suggested that Gary Gray be further compensated for his work considering the number of hours he spends running the Township. Paul suggested the hourly wage for the Clean Up Day workers be increased from the current rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Gary Gray asked for a motion to remove former Clerk Peggy Berger from signing privileges at Sherburne Bank, Becker Minnesota. This for the checking account and for the safe deposit box. Bud made the motion. Second by Ross. Motion approved. The May 18, 2021 Township Board Meeting Minutes will be delivered to the Sherburne Bank to formally show this change request.

Gary Gray asked for a motion to adjourn. Bud made the motion. Second by Ross. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 9:05 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Anderson Township Deputy Clerk**

Approved by Chairman, Gary Gray

