

Clear Lake Township

Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2021

Approved minutes of the October 19, 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 and Interim-Clerk: Gary Anderson.
Others present were: Penny Leuthard, Tim Jeanetta, Laura Kangas, Dan Weber, Erica Gossett

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

An opening statement by Gary Gray noted the open seat of Supervisor Ross Imholte who was not able to attend this board meeting.

The Supervisors reviewed the minutes of the regular township board meeting held on September 17, 2021 with no changes. Gary Gray requested a motion to approve the minutes. The motion made by Bud Stimmler. Second by Gary Gray. Motion carried.

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

The Sheriff's report delivered by Sheriff Deputy Tim Jeanetta showed 110 calls for service for September of this year compared to 70 for the same month in 2020, a 25% increase. September of 2021 shows 60 traffic stops compared to 15 in 2020. The board members asked the Deputy to enforce cars illegally passing on the shoulder especially on River Road Hwy 8.

LIBRARY BOARD ADVISORY GROUP: No meeting held.

WATER ADVISORY GROUP: No meeting held.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD:

This meeting was held at the Clear Lake Town Hall. At that meeting Gary informed the group about the proposed 3,000-acre Xcel Energy solar farm discussing how to manage that property if they are called to service for fire or medical reasons.

PARK & TRAILS REPORT: Bud discussed a scheduled burn over the next few weeks by the fire department at the east side of the Town Park. A resident spoke to Bud suggesting the township add a blacktop shoulder to the side of the road for children to safely bike by staying away from vehicle traffic.

ROAD REPORT:

Eyk provided updated completed costs for the Sherwood shores road project. The Township is expected to be invoiced by the state in the amount of \$273,590. The original contract was \$250,219.

A contractor submitted an estimate of \$2,700.00 for installing a French Drain in Sherwood Shores at 69th Str and 72nd and also fix a drainage problem at another location with an expected start date in October. Stumps were found in the ditch on the southside of 116th within the Town right-of-way. Eyk will draft a letter to the current owner advising them of options for removal.

The Township held its Fall Road Tour on October 19, 2021. Resulting from that tour Eyk will provide cost estimates for seal-coating work in 2022 involving the following roadways: 58th Ave, 127th Str, 103rd Ave. Requesting crack-repair quotes from the Driveway Services contractor for 103rd Ave and 67th Str. The Road Engineer will provide estimates at the November Town Board meeting for the 76th Str turn-around and the rehabilitation of 71st Str.

OLD BUSINESS:

For the open Town Clerk position, Gary asked the Board for approval to interview any candidate where an application for employment was received and is of interest to Gary Gray, Paul and Gary Anderson. Bud authorized this request.

NEW BUSINESS:**ARPA Funds - Laura Kangas, Arvig plans for broadband in Clear Lake Township.**

Laura Kangas displayed Arvig's existing broadband services within the Township and discussed opportunities where the County, Township and Arvig could share costs through APRA funding. Future small group meetings will be scheduled with proposals brought back to the Town Board.

Gossett Septic/Floodway Variance. ID 20-103-3224. Erika Gossett represented this property asking for two variances: one replacing a non-compliant septic system and one for a floodway variance. Gary and Bud approved both variances and Gary will provide positive comments back to the County.

Proposal for Parking Lot Lighting. An electrician contractor recently provided a cost estimate for outdoor light polls including future wiring to be stubbed out at the Hall. The board agreed to have one light pole installed next spring at an estimated cost of \$2,340.00 from the contractor. Gary asked for a motion to approve. Bud second the motion. Motion carried.

Outdoor Kiosk. Gary requested costs for purchasing three outdoor kiosks for posting notices at the Town Hall, Sherwood Shores and White Farms Estates. The Clerk will research sizes and costs.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Prosecution of Ordinance Agreement. The township received a Prosecution of Ordinance Agreement from the County Attorney, and reviewed and approved by the Town attorney. Signed by Gary, it will be mailed to the County Attorney for her signature and received back to the Town for our records.

Outhouse. Bud came into possession of a 6'x8' outhouse that was originally on the property of the old Town Hall. The board agreed to have it moved to the current Town Hall property.

Gary asked for a motion to adjourn. Bud made the motion. Second by Gary. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:35 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 7:00 pm at the Clear Lake Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Gary Anderson Township Interim-Clerk