

Approved November 17th, 2020 Clear Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes held at Clear Lake Township Hall

Members present were; Chairman: Gary Gray, Supervisors: Bud Stimmler, & Ross Imholte Treasurer: Paul Goenner, Road Engineer: T. Vander Eyk, Deputy Clerk: Gary Anderson Clerk: Peggy Berger

Others present were: Jon Mocol, Maralyn Bujalski, Dean Steinessen, & William Risse from Geronimo Energy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Gary Gray.

The Pledge was said.

Motion to approve October minutes were stated by Bud Stimmler and seconded by Ross Imholte. Motion carried.

Bud Stimmler made the motion to pay the bills. Ross Imholte seconded it. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: November Call Summary Report:

-There was one theft-a flag was stolen from a yard.

-Burglary of a residence. Homeowners are snowbirds and were gone already. Friends checked residence and found open doors and pry marks on the door frames. Still compiling list of missing items.

-A school bus stop arm on River Road.

Otherwise, a pretty standard month.

NO LIBRARY BOARD TO REPORT ON: none

NO WATER ADVISORY TO REPORT ON: none

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD TO REPORT ON: none

PARK & TRAILS REPORT: Dog park being used quite a bit yet. New neighbors here on 116 are pretty active.

ROAD REPORT: Partial pay for site work of new town hall of \$5,969.33. Payment under contract so needs signature by board chair once approved by board. Ross Imholte made a motion to pay partial pay, Bud Stimmler seconded it. All were in favor.

Notice of Sherwood shores residents went out. Looking for comments... because of the resurfacing of the road. This way they have the opportunity to place their input if they'd like.

Local Ag operator is asking for a permit to run a private line from 90th St. Co. Rd. 8 to the east. Township advised to have record of it recorded with County as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: John from Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance and Bond Trust came to evaluate the worth of the new town hall. John is recommending a \$250 deductible. Board decided on coverage for \$700,000, with a \$250 deductible to start with.

MN Board of Appeal & Equalization- one of the board members needs to take training. Gary said he would take it online.

William from Geronimo Energy presenting on a proposed Sherco Solar project. Looking to get a letter of support from the township. As a three-person board we have to vote on something, in order for us to do that and to be fully transparent, Gary Gray and Ross Imholte have conflict financial interest in this project. Technically by we are supposed to abstain from voting, however, after consultation with Township attorney and because the final decision would not be made by the township the decision would be relied upon the public utilities commission to make the final say. The Clear Lake Township have never voted against a solar project. Legal consult about this matter will be attached to the minutes of this meeting. Bud Stimmler made a motion to support the Sherco Solar project. Ross Imholte seconded it. Gary Gray then called for a roll call vote. Gary Gray would normally abstain from this because of conflict of interest, but because we need a motion to pass this vote to send a letter of support for this project, and because board has never voted against any solar project, and don't foresee ever not being in favor of one, Gary Gray is in favor of sending a letter of support for this project. Ross Imholte is in favor for the same reasons. Bud Stimmler is in favor for the same reasons. Bud Stimmler made a motion to provide a letter of support from the township. It was seconded by Ross Imholte. All in favor. Motion carried.

Contract for number of the new phone system was approved.

Just about got lease worked out with Sheriff's Department.

New printer discussed for new town hall.

Reminders: Phone can be removed from City Hall after new phone line installed at town hall.

Have to see if we can meet in person or not for December. Meet in person unless we have more than 10 people attending.

Ross Imholte made a motion to adjourn. Bud Stimmler seconded it. All were in favor, motion carried.

Meeting was then adjourned.