

Clitherall Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Clitherall Township Board was called to order by Chairman Craig Bengtson at 7:00 pm at Battle Lake City Hall. The following board members were present: Craig Bengtson, Kevin Anderson, Keith Baldwin, Linda Nelson and Becky Cox. Three community members were in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Proposed agenda was presented and approved. (Baldwin/Anderson) Motion carried unopposed.

Clerk's Report: Mail and correspondence presented for review. West Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation District Noxious Weed Report and annual meeting was discussed. At least one of the supervisors will attend on March 28th. Road Sign Inventory provided by Jeff Stabnow was presented. MAT request for township support of legislative funding was discussed. Cox will submit letters of support for each board member.

Motion to appoint Kathy Pauls as an election judge after one of the previously appointed judges withdrew. (Anderson/Baldwin) Motion carried unopposed.

Treasurer's Report: Nelson gave the February Treasurer's Report. Grand total of all accounts \$282,858.62. Motion to approve report (Anderson/Baldwin). Motion carried unopposed.

Motion to approve payment of check numbers 6944 through 6957 in the amount of \$40,708.46, along with the addition of the electric bill when it is received. (Anderson/Baldwin). Motion carried unopposed.

Motion to transfer \$50,000 from the Underwood Money Market general fund account to the Battle Lake checking account (Baldwin/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed.

Motor Patrol: Baldwin reported that 3 additional people were interviewed and Cassandra Holo was hired as the new Treasurer for the Motor Patrol. The next meeting is this coming Monday.

Fire Department: Anderson reported that the budget went up slightly from last year. Rescue has had 25 calls this year to date; fire has had 5. The Battle Lake Rescue now has the ability to reset the area AED's after use. The Annual Meeting will be held next Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 pm.

Road Report: Nothing to report.

Veteran's Park: Clinton Bengtson reported the flagpole light has now been turned on. Dedication ceremony being planned for Memorial Day was discussed. The idea of a walking path with several historical plaques was discussed.

Building Permits: None.

Approach Permits: None.

Old Business:

Country Estates Road: A no dumping sign will be installed in the spring.

402nd Avenue Road Vacation/Alteration: Discussion continued.

ARPA funds: Nelson reported on acceptable uses for the remaining ARPA funds. Discussion followed. Board will revisit the topic next month.

New business:

Annual Meeting: Board members approved the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

Open Forum for Public Comment: Discussion regarding Battle Lake Motor Patrol.

Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated March 9, 2023, as written. (Baldwin/Anderson) Motion carried unopposed.

Meeting recessed at 8:47 pm until March 14th for the Canvass Board meeting following the Annual Meeting; March 16th at 7:00 pm for the Fire and Rescue Annual Meeting; March 28th for the West Otter Tail County Soil & Water Noxious Weed Meeting at 10:00 am in Fergus Falls; and March 31st for the MAT Spring Short Course at 9:00 am at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Cox
Clitherall Township Clerk