

Clitherall Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 11, 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, Tom Frank, Miranda Van Santen, and Becky Cox. One community member was in attendance.

Proposed agenda was presented and approved with one addition: 200<sup>th</sup> Street added to Road Report. (Anderson/Frank) Motion carried unopposed.

**Clerk's Report:** Mail and correspondence presented for review.

**Treasurer's Report:** Van Santen gave the April Financial Report. Grand total of all accounts: \$191,746.17. Motion to approve report (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed.

Motion to approve payment of check numbers 6978 through 6995 in the amount of \$17,283.81. (Anderson/Frank) Motion carried unopposed.

Van Santen reported that the CD at First National Bank renewed on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will renew again on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Motor Patrol:** Bengtson and Frank attended this month's meeting. Annual meeting will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Fire Department:** Anderson provided update on renewals and insurance. The department applied to the DNR for grass fire gear. Nothing further to report.

**Road Report:** Road inspection was completed on April 24<sup>th</sup>, no major issues. Several trees down following this week's storm.

160<sup>th</sup> Street: Discussion regarding ongoing wash-outs. Board will consult with John Christensen for possible solutions.

200<sup>th</sup> Street: Motion to hire Christensen's to fix frost heaves (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed.

**Planning Commission:** Next meeting is in July.

**Veteran's Park:** Cox reported that a brief inspection was done by MATIT last month. Update regarding Memorial Day event and parking options. Discussion regarding future expenditures for the park. Motion to cap landscaping costs for shrubbery at \$500 paid for by donations to be received at the dedication ceremony (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed.

**Building Permits:** One permit requested for a pole building from Gary Thorstenson.

**Approach Permits:** One permit requested from Gary LeLoup. Discussion regarding the existing culvert.

**Old Business:**

Ditch mowing contract was awarded to Dennis Borgus at the same rate as last year.

Discussion regarding unpaved portion of Country Estates Road.

Discussion regarding the need for further action to define the zoning boundaries along 213<sup>th</sup> Street that were established at last month's meeting. Cox will contact township attorney for his opinion.

**New business:**

Motion to appoint Linda Nelson as deputy treasurer (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed. Cox will inform Nelson of the appointment.

Service contracts approved for the following contractors: Earl Strande Excavating, Hansen's Tree Service, and Dennis Borgus.

Reviewed town line agreements. Bengston will speak with Tordenskjold Township regarding extending our snowplowing duties on 170<sup>th</sup> Street westward to County 47.

**Open Forum for Public Comment:** Discussion regarding the use of the remaining ARPA money.

Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated May 11, 2023, as written. (Anderson/Frank). Motion carried unopposed.

Meeting recessed at 9:13 pm until June 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm at the Battle Lake Motor Patrol building.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Cox  
Clitherall Township Clerk