

Clitherall Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 10, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Clitherall Township Board was called to order by Chairman Craig Bengston at 7:00 pm at Battle Lake City Hall. The following board members were present: Craig Bengston, Kevin Anderson, Tom Frank, Miranda Van Santen, and Becky Cox. Several community members were in attendance.

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

Clerk's Report: Mail and correspondence presented for review. Reminder that our next monthly meeting will be held on September 7th (rather than the 14th).

Treasurer's Report: Van Santen gave the July Financial Report. Grand total of all accounts: \$358,140.03. Motion to approve report (Anderson/Frank). Motion carried unopposed.

Motion to approve payment of check numbers 7039 through 7056 in the amount of \$17,825.15. (Frank/Anderson) Motion carried unopposed.

Motor Patrol: Nothing to report. Next meeting is August 14th.

Fire Department: Anderson reported that an interim fire chief has been hired. Reviewed a statement received from Battle Lake Fire & Rescue regarding outstanding charges for a fire at 17225 405th Avenue. Owner has requested that the outstanding amount be added to his property tax statement. Cox will contact the County.

Veteran's Park: Clinton presented a quote for a 4x8 double-sided sign to be placed near Highway 78. Motion to approve purchase of sign (Anderson/Frank). Motion carried unopposed. Clinton reported that additional plaques have been placed on the Wall of Honor and donor wall. He has also received additional donations to the park including a flag and a navy uniform.

Building Permits: None.

Approach Permits: None.

Old Business:

Resident Herman Tysdal presented invoices for costs he incurred in connection with the vacation and alteration of 402nd Avenue. Motion to reimburse Tysdal for the costs presented (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed.

New business:

Discussion regarding Arvig's proposal for underground installation of fiber in rights-of-way. Motion to approve request (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed

Resident Tom Rasmussen requested a reconsideration of a building permit they were required to obtain for a 10x14 non-permanent storage shed. Board agreed with resident. Motion to

refund the fee paid by resident (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed. Resident expressed their desire to donate the refunded fee to the Veteran's Park.

Resident Onchuck is requesting improvements to be made to Statesboro Road. John Christensen reported on the work that is needed due to spring wash-outs. Decision to inspect the road on August 15th at 6:00 pm.

Bengston reported that ditches have not been mowed yet. Decision to hire Colton Ladwig for one mowing to be done now and a second pass in late fall.

Discussion regarding purchasing gravel from a different pit due to limited supply from Strande. Decision to inspect the gravel on August 14th at 6:00 pm.

Discussion regarding several road maintenance requests:

160th Street: Resident Linda Nelson requested that the township take the responsibility for gravelling of the portion of 160th Street east of County Highway 47 for ¾ mile. Decision to add this portion of 160th Street to gravel map.

Alberg Trail: Resident Frank Jacobson presented issues of the deteriorating condition of Alberg Trail. Jacobson made a request that the township take over maintenance of Alberg Trail if it is determined that it is a township road. Decision to inspect the road on August 15th at 6:00 pm.

Stewart Oak Road/405th Avenue: Resident Robin McIntire requested gravel maintenance of their road due to wash-outs. Board will inspect the road on August 15th at 6:00 pm.

Open Forum for Public Comment: Resident reported that tree trimming is needed on Country Estates Road.

Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated August 10, 2023, as written. (Anderson/Frank). Motion carried unopposed.

Meeting recessed at 8:28 p.m. until August 14th at 5:00 pm at the Motor Patrol building, and until August 15th at 6:00 pm at Statesboro Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Cox
Clitherall Township Clerk