

Clitherall Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 21, 2022

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, Keith Baldwin, Linda Nelson and Becky Cox. Community members were in attendance. Kevin Anderson arrived at 8:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Proposed agenda was presented. Bengtson made a motion to approve the agenda with the following additions: Road Improvement Projects: 402<sup>nd</sup> Avenue road vacation and Antler Trail culvert, seconded by Baldwin. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mail and correspondence presented for review. Cox presented one additional election judge, Donald Davenport, for approval for the upcoming primary and general elections. Motion by Baldwin to approve Davenport. Seconded by Bengtson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Nelson gave the June Treasurer's Report. Grand total of all accounts \$314,709.84. Motion to approve report by Baldwin, second by Bengtson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Motion by Baldwin to approve payment of check numbers 6790 through 6817 in the amount of \$98,009.72, with check number 6792 being held until we can clarify gravel charges (i.e. by load or by weight) with Earl Strande. Second by Bengtson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Nelson gave a report on the Motor Patrol since Bengtson was unable to attend the last meeting. All townships have been busy gravelling. One overhead door has been sold. An annual increase in salaries was approved for all employees. Discussion followed.

No report on the Battle Lake Fire Department.

Baldwin presented the Road Inspection report. John Hansen reported the trees on Antler Lane have been completed. Nelson reported that Arlene Pieske inquired as to trimming of tree limbs at the end of her driveway to improve sightlines.

Baldwin reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the Board recess its August 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to address the Commission's recommendations following the Bethel Church Conditional Use Permit hearing. The Board will act on the recommendation to recess at its August 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Clinton Bengtson spoke with owner of the house that burned down on Crane Lake; they are not ready for a building permit yet.

Clinton reported that a new flag has been installed at the Veteran's Memorial. He has not been able to obtain any quotes for a concrete pad. He also spoke with Allstate Well Drilling about digging a well and will follow-up with him. Bengtson will also contact Precision Landscaping. Discussion regarding increasing the area to be mowed.

The following road improvement projects were discussed:

Crane Lake Drive: Discussion regarding the potential cost of the project. Bengtson will contact John Christensen for an exact quote. Project put on hold for now.

402<sup>nd</sup> Street road vacation (402<sup>nd</sup> Street): Bengston reported that owner is requesting the township to vacate a portion of the old road and reestablish the new road in order to sell a portion of his property. Anderson Land Surveying has already performed a survey. A hearing will be required to vacate a portion of the road, after owner presents a petition for the vacation. Bengston will inform owner of the need for a petition.

Antler Trail culvert: Bengston reported a homeowner called to report a plugged culvert. Hansen suggested contacting JetLine to possibly clear the plug. Hansen will provide Baldwin with contact information for JetLine. Smith suggested either Horizontal Boring or the County may be able to do the work.

Cox presented correspondence from Otter Tail Telcom regarding a grant application they are seeking support for. Motion by Baldwin, second by Bengston, to submit a letter of support.

Nelson presented correspondence from MATIT regarding its request for support of its new website software system Origami. Board will wait for further instruction from MATIT before responding.

Open Forum for Public Comment: Colton Ladwig commented that he is available ditch mowing at Leaf Mountain. Board informed Ladwig that new quotes will be accepted next spring and encouraged him to submit a quote at that time.

Motion made by Baldwin to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated July 21, 2022, as written; second by Anderson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Road Inspection is scheduled for July 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Battle Lake Laundromat.

Meeting recessed until 6:30 pm on July 23, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Cox  
Clitherall Township Clerk