

Clitherall Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 12, 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, Kevin Anderson, Keith Baldwin, Linda Nelson and Becky Cox. Community members present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all persons present.

Proposed agenda was presented. Request to amend the agenda by Nelson to add a motion to approve the transfer of funds. Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Baldwin. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mail and correspondence presented for review. 2021 Annual Noxious Weed Control Report discussed and completed. Anderson made a motion to approve the report, Baldwin seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Cox will send report into County Agriculture Inspector by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Cox gave an update on preparations for upcoming Primary Election on August 9<sup>th</sup> and General Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Election judges to be approved by the Board at its June meeting.

Nelson gave the May Treasurer's Report. Grand total of all accounts \$243,293.71. Motion to approve report by Baldwin, second by Anderson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Motion to approve payment of check numbers 6757-6770 in the amount of \$95,153.83 made by Baldwin. Second by Anderson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Motion to transfer funds in the amount of \$50,000 from Underwood money market account into checking account made by Bengtson. Second by Anderson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bengtson opened discussion on establishing a grading policy for the Battle Lake Motor Patrol. Visitor Gene Smith and John Christensen addressed the Board on Motor Patrol discussion. Annual meeting to be held on June 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Motor Patrol building.

Anderson gave an update on the Battle Lake Fire Department. They have received two applicants for Rescue, and three vendor proposals to supply battery-powered Jaws. They have reached out to area Lions clubs to inquire if funds are available to cover the cost of the Jaws.

Discussion regarding upcoming road projects. Motion by Baldwin to hire Christensens to haul gravel to repair beaver runs on Antler Trail and to make repairs on the Westwood approach. Second by Anderson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of Anderson Brothers interim use permit and variance. Motion by Baldwin to proceed with the issuance of the variance and interim use permit. Second by Bengtson. The following voted for: Bengtson, Baldwin. Against: None. Abstained: Anderson. Motion carried.

Clinton Bengtson reported that three (3) building permits were received: 1 shop, 1 garage shop, and 1 house addition.

Clinton Bengtson reported that the American Legion donated four (4) flags per year to the Veterans Park. Justin Orhen will provide an estimate to install a light on the ground to light up the flag. A

suggestion was made to pour a cement pad in front of the building (approximately 2.5 yards); Clinton Bengston will contact potential contractor to obtain an estimate. Nelson emptied three of the four donation boxes for a total of \$128.68. Candidate Jordan Rasmussen is planning to visit the park on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bengston reported on the South Clitherall Lake Road project. Regarding the Quartz Road vacation, Baldwin will contact Brad Sportel to request a written legal description from a survey company.

Nelson reported that the application and reporting requirements for ARPA funds has been completed. Future reports will be due once a year. The remaining one half of the funds will be received in July. ARPA funds must be spent before 2026. Discussion as to possible areas in which to spend the funds.

Review of and discussion regarding a proposed Fence Ordinance. Bengston will discuss areas of concern with attorney. A final draft will be posted on website next week. Motion by Bengston to sign the required Statement and schedule a Special Township Meeting for June 8, 2022 at 7:05 pm at Battle Lake City Hall. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Clair Prody Easement was reviewed.

Received mowing quote from Dennis Borgus at \$80/hour. Baldwin and Bengston will coordinate and contact potential tree trimming companies for storm clean-up. Carr's to do ditch spraying.

Open Forum for Public Comment: none.

Motion made by Baldwin to approve Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated May 12, 2022, as printed. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Cox  
Clitherall Township Clerk