

Clitherall Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 11, 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 were in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Proposed agenda was presented. Baldwin made a motion to approve the agenda with one addition to New Business: a septic system on Clitherall Lake, seconded by Anderson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mail and correspondence presented for review. Cox gave an update of the Primary Election held on August 9th: 108 residents out of 422 registered voters voted (26%); 9 newly registered voters in our township; 9 election judges helped throughout the day.

Nelson gave the July Treasurer's Report. Nelson reported that the State audited our 2021 financials and all accounts were balanced. Grand total of all accounts \$244,611.02. Motion to approve report by Anderson, second by Baldwin. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Motion by Baldwin to approve payment of check numbers 6818 through 6842 in the amount of \$14,306.25. Second by Anderson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Nelson reported on the status of ARPA funds. We received the remaining funds which must be spent by December 31, 2023. The balance of the ARPA funds is currently \$51,282.71.

Bengtson noted the next Motor Patrol meeting is Monday, August 15th. The overhead doors have not yet been installed. The sale of the remaining three old doors is pending.

Discussion regarding the recent Road Tour. Bengtson reported that Carr's is going to respray.

Clinton Bengtson reported that we have been contacted by a Veteran who would like to make a donation to the Veteran's Park and receive a plaque. No progress on finding an electrician or someone to pour cement.

The following road improvement projects were discussed:

Crane Lake Drive: Quote for the project is \$12,000-\$20,000. Discussion followed.

402nd Avenue road vacation: Herman Tysdal addressed the board regarding two (2) road right-of-ways across his property (the old and the new) and his concern that the title issues and resulting costs should have been resolved at the time the road was re-routed. Baldwin noted that the land has already been surveyed. The issue regarding the old railroad right-of-way was also discussed; Tysdal stated that he owns the old railroad bed which was deeded by the railroad.

Discussion as to who incurs the cost to complete the proposed road vacation and alteration so both landowners (Tysdal and Richard Jibben) have a clean and clear title. Bengtson informed Tysdal that the Township is willing to cover the costs to correct the title issues from the prior re-routing of the road. Motion by Baldwin to assume the costs of surveying the proposed vacated

portion of 402nd Avenue near Tysdal's and Jibben's properties, including any recording costs and any costs to update landowners' abstracts, conditioned on the presentation by landowner of a Petition, and the recommendation by the Town Board to approve the road vacation and alteration following a public hearing. Seconded by Bengston. Bengston and Baldwin voted in favor; Anderson abstained. Motion carried. Tysdal then presented a Petition to Vacate containing 11 signatures.

Road Tour: Road Tour is scheduled for Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the laundromat. Antler Trail culvert will be inspected at that time.

New business:

Resident presented a Petition for South Clitherall Lake Trail (public road) to become a township road. Bengston informed resident that they will inspect the road and discuss during the upcoming Road Tour.

Open Forum for Public Comment:

Resident requests that the Township website is updated more regularly. Nelson and Cox both stated that they will look into the matter and ensure that the website is updated in a more timely manner going forward.

Bengston reported that he was contacted by a landowner on Marheine Road. Landowner was notified that he needed Township approval to install a septic system on his land. The property is a public land. The property will be inspected during the upcoming Road Tour.

Motion made by Bengston to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2022, as written; second by Anderson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed until August 14th at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Cox
Clitherall Township Clerk