**Approved Clear Lake Township**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 18th, 2023**

Approved minutes of the April 18th, 2023, Clear Lake Township Board meeting held at the Clear Lake Township Hall.

Members present were Chairman Bud Stimmler, Supervisor Ross Imholte, Supervisor Kiel Golly, Treasurer Paul Goenner, Road Engineer T. Vander Eyk, and Clerk Nancy Betzler. 13 members of the public were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bud Stimmler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to/Approve the agenda. Motion by Ross to approve the agenda, second by Kiel. Carried

The Supervisors reviewed the minutes of the regular township board meeting held on 03/21/2023 and LBOA minutes of 04/12/2023. Ross Imholte made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Kiel Golly. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills presented, Ross Imholte motioned to pay the bills with a second made by Kiel Golly. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF’S REPORT:** The March monthly report was given, calls last year were 157 compared to 110 this year. They are working on distracted driving patrolscurrently.

**PARK & TRAILS REPORT:** Our attorney is working with our park ordinance to update it to include the playground, pavilion and disc golf. Will be finishing the playground and landscaping.

**ROAD REPORT:** Eyk reported on the following items:

**Old Business**:

No Wake Ordinance: We are working on the No Wake Ordinance for Elk Lake and the Joint Powers agreement with Palmer Township. The ordinance takes effect at an elevation of 962.2 sea level as recorded by Chuck Heinemann. He will send the information to Gary Anderson who will put up No Wake signage as needed. Motion by Ross Imholte to approve Ordinance 2023-04-18 Regulating the Surface of Elk Lake and includes the Joint Powers Agreement. Second by Kiel Golly. Motion Carried. It will be put in the Patriot Newspaper for 2 weeks and will then go into effect.

Clean-up Day: Paul discussed the plans, everything is ready.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf: Mary Abraham was present to give an update on the Stickney Crossing Library. They had a fund drive last week and are planning others. They are working on funding for the new building located on County Road 75 and the equipment needed.

Sherburne Co SWCD-One Water, One Plan: Miranda Wagner, David Wick and Dan Cibulka were present to discuss how they can help you with water resources, forest & tree health and wetland questions. They are working on moving from a county focus to a more water shed focus. They will be having meetings with the public getting information about what should be in the new water shed plan.

Seal Coat Bid Opening 7:30: There were 3 bids to open for the 2023 seal cost projects. The projects were for 127th St from 95th Ave E and 97th St /92 Ave off 90th Ave. Eyk’s estimate was for $17,500.

Astech Corp, St Joseph MN bid was for $19,820.

Pearson Bros, Hanover bid $25,900.

Allied Blacktop, Maple Grove was $22,980. Astech is the apparent low bidder.

Motion by Ross Imholte to accept the bid from Astech Corp for $19,800, subject to recommendation for award from engineer and approval of the Township Treasurer. Second by Kiel Golly. Carried

Monk Solar-CSG-MN 2019-67: Mike Kampmeyer was present to explain what is happening with the project. It is a 1-megawatt project. All County concerns have been corrected and a chain link will be used as requested by the Township. The connection to hook up the power will be by Hwy 24 via an underground connection. They are planning to finish the project this fall but are waiting for panels from the supplier in China. Motion by Ross to approve this solar request, second by Kiel. Carried 3-0. A positive comment will be sent to the county.

Golly Solar DIVOCSG 11: Tabled, no one present to discuss.

Mark Banyai 11449 91st St SE: Variance to close to the right of way. They want to put up a building, but it is too close to the right of way. The slab was poured last fall thinking the location was okay. Motion by Ross that we approve the forty-foot variance, second by Kiel. Carried 3-0.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan: There have been quite a few meetings about this at the County. They would like to get comments from the Township as they are considering some changes to the plan. Bud has some comments to add to the plan.

Township Legal Seminar 6-01-2023: Reminder for Board members about the meeting. Bud will attend.

**Chairmans update**: May 4th there will be a meeting in Palmer about the Northland Power Line. SCAT meeting was April 5th.

**Miscellaneous:**

 Ross Imholte made a motion to adjourn, second by Kiel Golly. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Betzler

Township Clerk