

# Clear Lake Township

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2021

Approved minutes of the August 17, 2021 Clear Lake Township Board meeting held at the Clear Lake Township Hall.

Members present were: Chairman: Gary Gray, Supervisors: Bud Stimmler and Ross Imholte, Treasurer: Paul Goenner, Road Engineer: T. Vander Eyk and Deputy Clerk: Gary Anderson.

Others present were: Mark Kolbinger, Tami Kinzel and Bryan Kinzel

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Gary Gray.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Supervisors reviewed the minutes of the regular township board meeting held on July 20, 2021 with no changes. Gary Gray requested a motion to approve the minutes. The motion made by Bud Stimmler. Second by Ross Imholte. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills presented, Bud Stimmler motioned to pay the bills with a second made by Ross Imholte. Motion carried. Bills were paid.

### SHERIFF'S REPORT:

The Sheriff's report July, showing a total of 120 calls for service compared to 75 calls in July of 2020. One main difference shows 46 traffic stops were made in the July-2021 report.

LIBRARY BOARD ADVISORY GROUP: No meeting held.

WATER ADVISORY GROUP: No meeting held.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting held.

### PARK & TRAILS REPORT:

Bud reported brushing operation on the east side. A fire permit will be taken out for the burn in September. The over-seed operation is scheduled for October by Soil & Water.

### ROAD REPORT:

For the Sherwood Shores Road Project. Eyk is working with the contractor on extra work with respect to shouldering. Eyk requested board approval for the French Drain project on 69<sup>th</sup> St & 47<sup>th</sup> Ave quoted by Schendzelous. Gary asked for a motion to approve the submitted quote. Ross made the motion to approve. Second by Bud. Project approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sherco Solar Project.** Spring of 2023 is the tentative start date.

**Security system code.** For the code that the monitoring company asks for when contacting town staff on the call list, Gary Gray asked the Deputy-Clerk, Gary Anderson if the code assigned to each person on the call list was set up. Deputy-Clerk Anderson asked Roger Utrecht at *SafeGuard* to make the change. Gary Gray requested Deputy-Clerk Anderson to set up Supervisor Ross with access to the building and give him a Security Key-FOB.

**Town Hall Insurance Appraisal.** The town wants the building to be insured for \$700,000. The appraisal shows a replacement cost of \$615,000 which the board feels is low. The appraisal shows a blank 'Agreed Value' line where the town could fill in the value they feel is appropriate. Gary instructed Paul to contact the appraisal company.

**Hiring a new Clerk.** Gary Gray created a sample employment application and will send it to the township attorney for review. The board members agreed to the process of posting the clerk application form on the township website and in the local newspapers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hartkopf Plat Approval.** Tami and Bryan Kinzel were in attendance to respond to the town board's questions involving a 16-acre parcel for construction of a new home on the Jim and Kathy Hartkopf plat. The board agreed to the proposal and positive comments will be delivered to the County.

**Broadband in Clear Lake Township.** Bud and Paul discussed the recent meeting with an Arvig representative to understand where property owners might be underserved (no service or requiring better service) with broadband coverage within the Clear Lake Township. Four areas within the Township were discovered. The board may take advantage of ARPA funding to work with existing broadband providers, including the county, to assist in the cost of upgrading service to the underserved areas. Using ARPA funds given to the township, they may be able to share the cost of upgrading broadband services to those areas. The township expects to schedule meetings with other providers such as Midco and Frontier.

**Appoint Deputy Clerk to Interim-Clerk Position.** With the open Town Clerk position vacant, that position will be served by Gary Anderson, the current Deputy Clerk. Gary Gray asked for a motion to approve Gary Anderson as the Interim-Clerk. Ross made the motion. Second by Bud. Motion approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

**ARPA.** With Paul Goenner successfully getting the ARPA application processed, the township received \$87,986 in funding and will also receive the same amount for future years. Gary asked Gary Anderson to come up with a list that can be spent on I.T. items for the town hall.

Gary Gray asked for a motion to adjourn. Bud made the motion. Second by Ross. Motion carried.  
Meeting ended at 7:43 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary Anderson Township Interim-Clerk**