

**Clearwater Township  
Regular Board Meeting (Approved)  
August 13, 2018**

The regular meeting & Public hearing for the Town of Clearwater was called to order by Bill Langenbacher at 7:30 p.m. on Monday August 13, 2018 at the Clearwater Town Hall.

Board Members present: Chairman Bill Langenbacher, Supervisor Scott Miller, Supervisor Rose Thelen, Treasurer Jon Bigalk and Clerk Jean Just.

Visitors as signed in: John Notsch, Jim Lee, Sharon Lee, Al Stewart, Bekah Mix, Tom Lopez, Rebecca Mix, Bill Lee

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Thelen made a motion to approve the agenda, Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 9, 2018. With one typo change, Thelen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jon Bigalk read the Treasurer's report for July 31, 2018. Thelen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Guest/Public Comment:** None

**Allen Stewart – 17425 Cty Rd 75, Clearwater – adding additional blding**

Allen Stewart approached the board indicating that he is looking at putting up a 40x204' building for self-storage which is phase 1, There will be a firewall to meet codes and then a second half (40x204') to be added later. The board discussed where the water would go and what way the doors would face. Stewart indicated that the water would run off to the back with one side being a little higher and the doors would be facing the other buildings that are already there.

Thelen made a motion to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of a new self-storage building to be built in two phases. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Rebecca Mix – 14451 Huber Ave – Variance to replace existing garage**

Rebecca Mix approached the board stating they would like to tear down an existing 22x24 detached garage and rebuild a new 24x36 detached garage. It would be the same distance from the lake and side yard as the existing which is 78.8 ft from the lake (200 ft required) & 5.9ft from the side property line (30 ft required). The board reviewed the survey that was provided showing where the garage would sit. The side yard setback would be next to the Township public access property. The board discussed if it could be moved towards the north. Mix indicated there were trees that would then need to be cut and they did not want to get any further away from the home.

Thelen made a motion to recommend approval of a variance to replace an existing 22x24 detached garage with a new 24x36 detached garage at a distance of 78.8 ft from the lake and 5.9ft from the side property line since they are not going any closer to the lake or the side yard than they already are. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Petition to maintain Forsythe Ave**

Tom Lopez was present for his father Carlos who was unable to attend the meeting. Lopez indicated they had seen that there had been some discussion at previous meetings regarding the turn around on the other side of Forsythe which the township does maintain and thought if the road were to go through rather than stop on the other end it would eliminate some of the issue. Both sides were platted and accepted by the township, however, only one is maintained by the township. The concern comes in with health & safety issues. Medical/Fire vehicles have a hard time getting in and out and have gone down the wrong road not realizing it did not go through. Supervisor Miller asked if he has talked to anyone else on the road to see if they are in favor of this happening. Lopez stated they have not talked with anyone yet and that this is of more concern to them since they are at the end of the road. Miller stated that everyone along that road would have some impact. Lopez indicated that there are ways to get things done without a lot of cost to the township, and felt that cost is not the only factor we should weigh in health concerns. Discussion about the taking down of trees, if the road would go through to the other one and possible structures being in the

way was all discussed. John Notch who would be impacted by this indicated that he is not in favor and he had talked with others that were also not in favor. Langenbacher indicated that the only way the township would even consider maintaining would be if the road went through. Thelen asked if Lopez was indicating that we are required to take over the maintenance of the road. Lopez said yes. Clerk Just stated that the township attorney Mike Couri had indicated there is no statutory process that the Town Board must go through to accept a road. The roads are publicly dedicated, so the Township holds them in trust for the use by the public. If the Town Board were to begin maintaining a road they should pass a resolution to that effect. Many townships receive this type of request, however, the only way that they will begin maintaining is if the road is brought up to the Township's road standard and the cost would be paid for by the property owners on that road either by assessment or upfront payment. Lopez indicated that he was not thinking in the same line as Couri and may talk with him. Langenbacher stated that the petition was received and at this time there will be no action until further information is ~~maintained~~ *uptained*.

### **Compost/Brush at Township Hall**

Thelen indicated that she was contacted by a resident to see if we would consider taking compost/brush at the township hall. Clerk Just indicated that Corinna Township does take and do have some issue with it along with the cost that it takes to get rid of everything. Miller stated that the City of Clearwater also has one and it becomes more of garbage dump. The board felt it was not a good use of township dollars to start having a compost/brush drop off area.

### **Request for Watch for Children sign on 150<sup>th</sup> Street**

Langenbacher did contact county regarding this request and was told that if we wanted to put one up we could, however, it was not advised. Most people do not see the sign and homes that have young children now may not have young children a year from now when selling or as the grow up.

### **Kristy & Jon Bigalk – Review of CUP permit**

This is review for their Outdoor recreation event center that is to be reviewed by the Township every three years. The board has not received any complaints and feels the applicant is complying with the conditions. Will be reviewed again in 2021.

### **Correspondence/Important Dates**

- Road construction projects 2018 - reviewed
- MN DOT information regarding I-94 project – reviewed
- Rural Intersection Conflict warning signs at 75 & Grover/160<sup>th</sup> – reviewed
- Winter Maintenance Workshop – September 29<sup>th</sup> Wright County – Mike will attend
- MAT District 7 Meeting Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – no one will be attending

### **ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT- MIKE LUDENIA**

\*Graded 150<sup>th</sup>, Grover & Filmore

\*Working on getting culvert extensions put on

\*Wondering about going out for gravel quotes – do we want 7000 for the year again. The board agreed to get quotes for 7000 yards of gravel for 2019

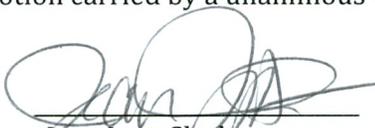
\*Inslope work on Huber & 150<sup>th</sup>, still no approval from Army Corps of Engineers, Langenbacher will check with the County.

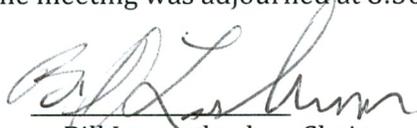
\*Question on if we should look at re-chipping 120<sup>th</sup> & Hart next year or continue to hold off – Board felt that we should hold off at this time.

\*Ludenia received prices for disc mower vs fixing the old one. It is getting to be 15+ years old and has already been rebuilt twice. The thought would be to run the old this fall and then assess at that time what should be done.

**Review of Bills:** Board reviewed the invoice from Astech for the work done on 163<sup>rd</sup> & 160<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Thelen and seconded by Miller to pay claims covered by checks #10187-10212 and eft 081318, eft 081318e, eft 081318f, eft 081318p. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

With no further business to come before the board, Miller moved to adjourn Thelen seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

  
Jean Just, Clerk

  
Bill Langenbacher, Chair

Date 9/10/18