

**Clearwater Township
Regular Board Meeting (Approved)
June 12, 2017**

The regular meeting & Public hearing for the Town of Clearwater was called to order by Scott Miller at 7:30 p.m. on Monday June 12, 2017 at the Clearwater Town Hall.

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

Absent: Supervisor Rose Thelen

Visitors as signed in: John Notsch, Jim Lee, Sharon Lee, Ron Schabel, Rita & John McCooley, Jamie Albrecht, Tracy Albrecht, Nicole Hyler, Shawn McGuire, Jan Anderson, Scott Anderson, Scott Zirbes, Lee Fick, Tom Schwartz, Darek Vetsch, Cathy Lajoie, Kelly Lagness, Jean Braun

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Langenbacher made a motion to approve the agenda. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Langenbacher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 8, 2017. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jon Bigalk read the Treasurer's report for May 31, 2017. Langenbacher made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest/Public Comment: None

John & Rita McCooley 4956 150th St NW #204-000-173300; Possible Re-Zone

McCooley indicated that after 22 years their 32 acres is coming out of CRP and will be reclassified as non-productive ag land since he is heavily treed. They are asking if they could possibly create 3 separate lots, two 7.5 acre and one 12.5 acre with the home. The board asked if they have had any discussions with Wright County yet. McCooley indicated they have not gotten that far yet. Miller indicated that the county may require that they go with 10 acre parcels and asked if they have checked in other agencies or check to see if it could be used for pasture. They had not checked into any of that yet. The board felt that it was not unreasonable to separate the land since all the properties to the South are already Ag/Res, however, the board would like for them to check with the County and a few other agencies first.

Update on Legal Seminar

Langenbacher had gone to the legal seminar that was put on by our township attorney. One of the items talked about was the need for a driveway ordinance. One of the issues when you do not have one is that property owners may not put a culvert in when needed which can cause drainage problems. Other topics were road obstruction ordinances, defining road Right of Way, open meeting laws, and Annexation. Langenbacher said one of the key items for annexation is to have areas designated in orderly fashion for annexation and tax reimbursement. Cities are looking at only a one year reimbursement and it is in the courts now to get that clarified.

Derek Vetsch – District 2 Wright County Commissioner introduced himself and gave update regarding the ½% sales tax that is up before the county board. Vetsch indicated that it would generate about \$6 million a year to help fund road projects in Wright County. Vetsch stated that with the sales tax it would be paid by not just residence of the County but anyone that shops with in the County. Other Counties have imposed this and anytime one of us shops in their county we are paying for their roads so why not do the same. The other alternative is to increase property taxes and that would penalize only those that have property in the County. It would take a 10% property tax increase to generate \$6 million. The other item before the County is the Buffer Law enforcement. He is thinking that the county is going to stay away from that right now until they can learn more about it.

Update on Spring Clean Up

We had 150 people attend – 112 electronics, 56 appliances, 123 tires, 35 mattress/stuffed furniture. We took in \$1719 from residence. Our cost to Laplant for disposal was \$4626. It was cold and rainy, however, we had a great turn out. Again thank you to Just North of Memphis for the great lunch!

Hazardous building abatement – 16783 Fillmore Ave NW

The board passed Resolution 2017-001 declaring Hazardous building located at 16783 Fillmore Ave NW, Clearwater MN and asking that the home be eliminated within 30 days of the order being served upon the property owner.

Discussion on Future Road Projects

Langenbacher put together a proposal for short range and long range road projects for review and discussion on setting some tentative dates:

Shared projects:

- 1) Chip Seal Elder Ave from Co Road 75 to 156th /160th Streets. Also, chip seal 160th street west to highway 75 including Filmore & Evans. The board discussed that there is still ditch inslope work that would need to be done prior to this being chip sealed. The idea would be do get this prepared for 2018 and could spread into 2019. This project as a whole could cost up to \$220,000 and would be $\frac{3}{4}$ Clearwater Townships responsibility.
- 2) 150th Street from Ferman to Grover. This again is a town line road which is prone to frost boils and needs regular attention. This project would need engineering and wetland delineation which will take time. The cost for this project could be up to \$700,000 and would be split with Silver Creek Township. The board felt that they would like to at least get started with some of the engineering this year, however the project itself would be done over the course of the next 3-5 years.

Langenbacher made a motion to approve moving forward with the preliminary engineering of 150th street and allocate up to \$15,000 towards the cost contingent on Silver Creek township agreeing to proceed.

Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board will meet with Silver Creek at their regular meeting Tuesday June 20th, 2017 at 7pm to discuss these projects further.

Clearwater Projects:

- 1) 150th Street west of Grover Ave – inslope upgrade on both sides of the road; work is already being done and we are waiting for Amy Corps to sign off on the project. This will be completed this year. There are two culverts and need to decide if we need to replace the one or possible to sleeve it.
- 2) Huber Ave, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Co Rd 7 – needs a new culvert and inslope upgrade on both sides of the road. The board discussed what could be done to get that project done this year possibly using granite to rip/rap the side of the road where there is erosion. Langenbacher will set up a time to meet with Wright County to see what can be done to get this completed in 2017.
- 3) Huber Ave at 150th street; inslope upgrade on the west side of Huber. This project could be expanded south to 145th and north to 160th. This is also in a wetland area and will take delineation. Miller indicated there may be a chance to get fill from the Highway 24 bridge project in Clearwater, wondering if we could check with Wright County to see about moving ahead faster so that we can get the fill at a reduced cost. Ludenia asked what the base is indicating that if it is mostly sand he does not think it will work for the project west of Grover on 150th, could possibly use some on the Huber Ave project. Langenbacher also questioned if it would hold up as inslope fill. Discussion regarding storing some of the fill at the township hall if project is not ready and if so could we just take some and not all.
- 4) Re-align corners on Filmore Ave; Ludenia hopes to complete that this year.
- 5) 163rd in Rays Addition – ditch inslope work and Chip Seal. The board discussed timeframe on this project with Miller indicating that he feels since the money is there we should move forward with some of the projects rather than waiting and doing the majority of them next year. 163rd and the loop would be about a mile of road and with as often that Mike is up there grading it could be a money saver in the long run.

Miller made a motion to continue with the 150th Street west of Grover, move forward with both Huber Ave west of Co Rd 7, and Huber at 150th provided we get permitting from the County and DNR and to get Quotes on chip sealing 163rd and the loop minus the 3 dead ends. Langenbacher seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Projects to look at in the future 2020 or later:

- 1) 125th Street from Hart west approximately 100 feet; possible add matting to provide more stable base.
- 2) Grover Ave from freeway bridge to 155th; ditch improvement and some road re-alignment and re-align intersection at 155th street
- 3) 150th Street from town line corner to Grover Ave, then north on Grover to 155th street; ditch work and road rework

Correspondence/Important Dates

ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT- MIKE LUDENIA

*Will be starting to mow ditches

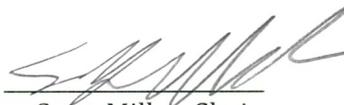
*Asked if someone would talk to the property owners regarding trees on Irvine & 160th

Review of Bills: A motion was made by Langenbacher and seconded by Miller to pay claims covered by checks #9895-9921 and eft 061117, eft 061217e, eft 061217f, eft 061217p, Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

With no further business to come before the board, Langenbacher moved to adjourn Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 pm.



Jean Just, Clerk



Scott Miller, Chair

Date 7/10/17