

**Clearwater Township
Regular Board Meeting (Approved)
May 14, 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 May 14, 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, Ron Schabel, Jan Anderson, Andy Bright, Jim & Brenda Skare, Marsha Schrupp

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Thelen made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Jan Anderson & State Resolution for May 14, 2018, Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2018. Langenbacher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Board of Review on April 10, 2018. Langenbacher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jon Bigalk read the Treasurer's report for April 30, 2018. Thelen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest/Public Comment: None

Jan Anderson – Request for a Conditional Use Permit for a platted three lot residential subdivision.

Anderson indicated that the next step in the process is the preliminary plat approval which will take place at the June 7th Planning Commission meeting at Wright County. The County has approved the Re-Zoning and the properties can meet all setbacks with a type 1 sewer. Miller asked about the septic's and making sure they are big enough. Thelen made a motion to recommend the approval of the Preliminary Plat. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Randy's Environmental Services Contract.

Andy Bright from Randy's indicated that the containers have been delivered and service has started. He would like to see if the board would consider extending the contract to either a 7 year or 10 year. The board had originally approved a 5 year contract. The reason that the 7 and 10 year contracts are at a better cost is that the cart costs are amortized over the length of the contract also with commodities and trucking costs, the longer contracts are a way to help with those unknowns. The board discussed why they choose the 5 year and feel that it blocks their ability to later negotiate the price of recycling by going with a longer contract. The board agreed that they do not want to change what they have already approved and will stay with the 5 year contract.

Possible Driveway Ordinance

Langenbacher stated that he took the Silver Creek driveway ordinance and tweaked it a little. Miller indicated that he has an issue with the escrow/inspection fee and wondered if those costs are not already in the building permit fees. The board discussed things they may or may not want in the ordinance. It will be reviewed again at next month's meeting with changes being forwarded to the clerk.

Mailbox Posts for Road Projects

Clerk Jean Just indicated that checks have started to come in for the posts. Ludenia thought we should put the new boxes on the new post and pull the old out right away rather than waiting for them to move their box. Do not want to have to go back multiple times. Thelen made a motion to go ahead and move the boxes right away. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Turn Around on Forsythe Ave

Miller indicated that some survey work has been done down by the turn around and felt we should look to see if there is a way to mark our right of way and possibly make the turnaround bigger without having to a full survey ourselves. One of the issues is that it may take a lot of fill but we should at least get it marked for the future. Ludenia indicated that we had brought some extra dirt in there to get what we have now. Some of the issues have to do with cars being parked in the turn around. Langenbacher indicated that he can understand the concern, however, did not think that right now we should spend the money. It would be a lot of tree cutting and fill being added. The board indicated they would take a look at it and discuss further at the next meeting.

Fire Contract Update

Langenbacher indicated that the City of Clearwater is not going to accept the proposal we had brought before them and the cost would remain the same for 2019. The funds will have to come out of the Town Revenue Levy.

Wright County Notice to Amend the Code of Ordinances

The board had no comments or recommendations.

State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement

In the effort to benefit from funds received for traffic violations in the township a joint powers agreement needs to be adopted. Thelen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-001 approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the Township of Clearwater on Behalf of its Prosecuting Attorney. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Quarterly News Letters

Last month's meeting there was a discussion of doing quarterly newsletters. Clerk Just indicated the cost of the newsletter was about \$600 each time it was sent. Thelen indicated that it was not a high priority for her, what the purpose would be. It was brought before the public that was in attendance and some also felt it may not be necessary. Possibly adding a newsletter to the website might be beneficial rather than spending the money sending them out. Currently two are sent a year and they are close together with one going out prior to the annual meeting in February and the other going out prior to the clean-up day in early May. The board thought they should talk about it at the annual meeting and leave it as is for now.

Correspondence/Important Dates

- **Spring Clean Up is Saturday May 19th 7:30 - Noon.**
- Legal Short Course by Couri & Ruppe – June 14th Albertville – Jean & Bill will plan on going
- Letter sent by county regarding boat repair business – reviewed
- Snow plow claim – reviewed
- Free nitrate test for well owners – reviewed
- Junk Complaint – Langenbacher did look at from road and cannot see much, however there were 5 vehicles in the yard not sure if they were licensed – will send letter.
- Open House for Law Enforcement Center – Friday June 8th
- Clearwater Water Shed District – Looking for a Township representative, Thelen has let them know that she is interested.

ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT- MIKE LUDENIA

*Finished work on Elder with Silver Creek Township to get ready for Chip Seal.

* Wanted to know if we should spray for weeds again – the board indicated that \$2500 was in the budget for spraying.

*Wanted to know if we should hold off on Chloride since there is still some residual. The board felt we should keep an eye on it, but hold off for now.

*Chip Sealing is tentatively scheduled to begin the end of June will depend on weather. There will be some areas of 160th, Filmore & Evans that will need Gravel, wanted to know if we should do this with Silver Creek at a reduced cost of \$8.00 yard otherwise we are at \$10.40 yard going with the longer truck hauling. This will be part of the 7000 yards that was budgeted for the year. Miller made a motion to get the gravel needed for 160th, Filmore & Evans from Silver Creek at \$8.00 yard hauled. Thelen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Schrupp asked about Grover & 123rd Street South of County Road 7, indicating that we maintain Grover on the North, however, do not on the South and would like to know if it could be maintained. The board stated that they have never maintained the road and it order to take it over it would have to be brought up to the Township specifications which would mean cutting trees and widening the road at the expense of the land owners.

Review of Bills: A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Thelen to pay claims covered by checks #10116-10133 and eft 051418e, eft 051418f, eft 051418p. 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 9:55 pm.



Jean Just, Clerk



Bill Langenbacher, Chair

Date 6/11/18