

**Clearwater Township  
Regular Board Meeting (Approved)  
July 11, 2016**

The regular meeting & Public hearing for the Town of Clearwater was called to order by Scott Miller at 7:30 p.m. on Monday July 11, 2016 at the Clearwater Town Hall.

Board Members present: Supervisor Bill Langenbacher, Supervisor Scott Miller, Treasurer Kristin Helwig, and Clerk Jean Just.

Absent: Dan Mol

Visitors as signed in: Bill Lee, John Notsch, Jim Lee, Sharon Lee, Andrew Chi, Leslie Mellis

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Langenbacher made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and the reg. meeting minutes of June 13, 2016. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Kristin Helwig read the Treasurer's report for June 30, 2016. Langenbacher made a motion to approve both the Treasurer's report. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Guest/Public Comment: None**

**Andrew Chi - Broadband/Midco**

Mr. Chi indicated that he had moved to the township about two years ago and works out of his home. He has been looking into ideas on how to get better internet connection in the area. He has talked to Midco about connections with them and they have indicated that it is not part of their business plan to provide the service individually, however, if there is a point of presence they could provide service to the primary tower so that anyone within about a 5 mile radius could connect. Chi wondered if the Township property may be spot to put up a tower. Langenbacher indicated that the concern would be the height of the tower and being too close to highway 24. Miller indicated that it would have to be some type of lease agreement to put a tower on site. The town board felt that while it would support something like that they would not pursue companies to come in and do that it would have to be individuals within the township to work with companies to bring their services here. Clerk Just gave Chi information that she had learned from Corinna Township regarding Xtra Tyme and the service they brought into that township. Chi will continue to pursue on his own.

**Leslie Mellis - Variance request 12034 Greer Ave NW**

Leslie Mellis presented a plan to add a roof over an existing 10x20 deck that is within the lake set back. Miller asked if there was any intent on screening this in and making it a 3 season porch. Mellis assured the board they do not have any plans to make this a 3 season porch just would like some protection from the sun on the patio doors and thought this was a good time since they are redoing their current roof, which is a flat roof at this time. Langenbacher made a motion to recommend the approval of the roof over an existing deck with the following conditions: 1. they do not encroach any closer to the lake than what does already exist, therefore, no 1ft overhang. 2. This is a roof only and will not be enclosed at any time. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Clearwater Lions - Off-site gambling - Rodeo Grounds**

Clearwater Lions is applying for an Off-Site gambling permit at the Clearwater Rodeo Grounds for August 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. Miller made a motion to approve the Off-site gambling permit for the Clearwater Lions. Langenbacher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**State of MN Tax Forfeiture property**

Wright County sent information regarding tax forfeiture property ID#204-121-000030 located along Highway 7 on Sugar Lake. Langenbacher made a motion to approve the parcel for public auction. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Extinguishing towns interest on an abandoned road - kwik trip**

Notice was received from Kwik Trip asking for the extinguishing of the towns interest in an abandoned road which runs through the property they are purchasing for the purpose of putting up a Kwik Trip. Clerk Just presented information to the town board regarding the steps that need to take place for the township to do this. Since the road was established more than 25 years ago and the town has not maintained the road in more than 25 years the board can call for a public hearing to consider the extinguishment. Langenbacher gave Notice that the Town Board will conduct a public hearing on August 8, 2016, at 7:30pm at the Township Hall to consider disclaiming and extinguishing the towns interest in the described road: (exhibits attached).

**Nixon Lake- Access**

Bill Lee indicated that there had been a family camping at the Nixon Lake Access. They had a fire going and Lee did call it into the sheriff's office and they did come out and talk to the people. Langenbacher indicated we could call to see if the sheriff's office to see if they can start stopping a little more often.

**Correspondence/Important Dates**

- Legal Service Rate Increase – new rate will be \$185 per hour effective 1/1/2017

**ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT- MIKE LUDENIA**

- \*Illsley Ave is finished will be going through a punch list with contractor and will be putting one more lift of gravel on.
- \*Chip sealing on 140<sup>th</sup> & Hart will be happening on Wednesday.
- \*Prepared slope agreement for Fred Schaefer and will be getting signatures.
- \*Received quote from MN Native grasses to supply & plant the seed in the wildlife area for \$3094.50. Langenbacher made a motion to accept the quote from MN Native Grasses for \$3094.50. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Review of Bills:** A motion was made by Langenbacher and seconded by Miller to pay claims covered by checks #9654-9673 and eft 071116, eft 071116e, eft 071116f, eft 071116p eft 071116s,. 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 8:47 pm.

  
Jean M Just, Clerk

  
Scott Miller, Vice Chair

Date 8/8/16