

**Clearwater Township
Regular Board Meeting (Approved)
April 9, 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 April 9, 2018 at the Clearwater Town Hall.

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

Absent: Supervisor Rose Thelen

Visitors as signed in: John Notsch, Jim Lee, Sharon Lee, Ron Schabel, Lynne Crandall, Darek Vetsch, John & Marlee Grady, Heidi Eckerman, Tami Luark, Jim Ergen

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Miller made a motion to approve the agenda for April 9, 2018, Langenbacher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2018. With typo change, Langenbacher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Guest/Public Comment: Sharon Lee asked about doing a quarterly Newsletter to get information out to the township regarding what is going on. Langenbacher indicated he would like to know the cost in doing a quarterly newsletter to see if it was worth the cost that we pay. Clerk Just will check on cost and get back to the board at the next meeting. Lee also asked that the Website be updated in a timelier manner.

Darek Vetsch – Wright County Commissioner was present and gave the following updates.

- New election equipment is in the works with new poll pads being purchased by the county at no cost to the township. Tabulators are being looked at for 2020
- Bids on the new court building came in lower than expected.
- They are working on a 5 year transportation plan on the County Roads w/ the amount of additional tax money coming in we may be able to move some projects up.
- Buffer enforcement - would like to see more local control.
- Gravel Tax information – detailed reports are available on County Web Site. Looking at adding additional information in the future

Lynne Crandall/ Ergen – Request to rezone (#204-100-013306/013301) on County road 75.

Crandall stated they are looking to rezone two parcels for a total of approx. 43 acres and then sub-divide 24 acres this would be used for storage for their business. Property is currently in the Transition area for OAA. It is currently zoned AG and we are looking for Commercial/Industrial. Board asked what type of business would be looking to go in there. Grady indicated it would store new & used farm equipment with trucks coming in and out. Miller stated they should make sure they are using the right classification when they go to the County. Langenbacher indicated he felt that it fit with the Land Use Plan.

Miller made a motion to recommend the rezoning request to Wright County. Langenbacher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Possible Driveway Ordinance

Langenbacher talked about the possibility of a driveway ordinance, he has updated and would like the board to review for the next meeting. One of the main reasons for the ordinance is that it would make it clear of the responsibilities of the township.

Mailbox Posts for Road Projects

Currently the cost of purchasing a swing a-way mailbox post is \$75 and is installed by Maintenance department on Township roads. The question is with the two road projects we have coming up on 163rd (Rays Addition) & 160th. Many of the mailboxes are going to be too low and should be replaced with Swing Away mailbox posts. Langenbacher asked if we should reduce the cost to \$35 which should cover the cost of the post. Residence could then install the mailbox on the post themselves. Miller felt that was too Low, we will not only have the cost of the post, but also the Maintenance workers time to put them in. Langenbacher asked if they would be put in before or after we chip seal. Ludenia indicated they would need to be put in before we shape and get the road ready for chip seal. After discussion on how to proceed the board agreed that Clerk Just would draft a letter to residence indicating the township would install the new mailbox post at a cost of \$50 and if they choose not to participate the township would not be responsible if it no longer met the standards for the post office or were to be damaged at a later date.

Quarterly Meeting Update

Langenbacher indicated that Darek had touched on most of what was discussed. There is one item that the township Attorney talked about in being able to receive reimbursement of traffic fines within our township. Not sure what kind of reimbursement we would get, however, may be worth the effort to try. The board agreed we should see about getting money from the County.

Wright County Notice to Amend the Code of Ordinances

Board will review and give feedback at Mays Meeting.

Correspondence/Important Dates

- Spring Clean Up is Saturday May 19th 7:30 - Noon.
- 2017 Local Board of Appeal & Equalizing Date – Tuesday 4/10/18 7pm
- Legal Short Course April 29th – no one will be attending

ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT- MIKE LUDENIA

*Working on getting culverts cleaned out and will go ahead and address some of the issues by adding extensions & aprons. There are four for sure. Ludenia will get some prices together for the board.

* 150th is scheduled for gravel this year wondering if we should hold off if we are still looking at redoing the road in 2020. Board felt that we should hold off on putting any gravel on the portion that is on the schedule to be redone.

*Should we continue to brush cut. Langenbacher indicated that with the amount we have spent on culvert issues we should hold off on brush cutting for now. Miller agreed.

Review of Bills: A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Langenbacher to pay claims covered by checks #10101-10115 and eft 040918, eft 040918e, eft 040918f, eft 040918p, and eft 040918s. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

With no further business to come before the board, Miller moved to adjourn Langenbacher seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.


Jean Just, Clerk


Bill Langenbacher, Chair

Date 5/14/18