

**Clearwater Township  
Regular Board Meeting (UnApproved)  
October 8, 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 October 8, 2018 at the Clearwater Town Hall.

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

Visitors as signed in: John Notsch, Jim Lee, Sharon Lee, Gary Rieder, Myron Wilson, Ron Schabel, Carlos Lopez, Clara Lopez, Tom Lopez, Don Kemkes, Mary Kemkes, Jenice Schroetke, Jessica Rieder, Karen Durant, Scott Durant,

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Miller made a motion to approve the agenda & Minutes of September 10, 2018, Thelen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Guest/Public Comment:** Myron Wilson, running as an independent for MN House 15B; introduced himself and gave some information as to what he would like to work on for the state.

**Open meeting for Forsythe Ave**

Langenbacher opened the meeting explaining that Forsythe is currently two separate roads with one on the North end & one on the South end. Currently the township only maintains South Forsythe. The township received a petition from a resident on the North end asking the township to take over the maintenance of the road. A letter was received from the Clearwater Fire Chief indicating that they would not be able to get a fire engine, rescue or an ambulance down its length. He also stated that he would like to see both halves connected instead of having two dead ends with very small turn around areas. The concern is it will cause confusion when responding to emergency calls. Langenbacher read correspondence that was received from the Township Attorney indicating the township is under no obligation to take over the North Forsythe Ave and suggested we hold the open meeting to discuss options that would be agreeable to all parties. A proposal that was brought forward was to extend South Forsythe approx. 30-50 feet and construct a new cul-de-sac within the existing 66 foot right-of-way allowing Mr. Lopez to connect to South Forsythe. The township would not take over any maintenance of North Forsythe. If the Township agreed to extend South Forsythe, Mr. Lopez would withdraw his petition to maintain North Forsythe. The township did receive correspondence not in favor of the road being a through road and not wanting the township to take over the maintenance of North Forsythe. There was concern of more traffic and speed of drivers along with having to cut down many large trees that are a buffer for the freeway noise. There was concern on the cost to the township, if surveys need to be done and how much fill would have to be added along with if homeowners would have to pay to have the work done. Langenbacher proposed they table until November to get additional information. Miller made a motion to table the issue until the November meeting so that they could further investigate the cost, where the property lines are, and talk to the landowners that would be affected by the new cul-de-sac. Thelen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appoint Election Judges**

Langenbacher made a motion to appoint the election judges as listed for the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 general election. Thelen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Quarterly Meeting update**

Langenbacher attended the quarterly meeting in October and reported that they had talked about the tax increase that is taking place at the county. The funds were broken into the general operation, sheriff, and

roads resulting in about a 17% increase. If more information is wanted they can email the county to get a breakdown of the whole budget.

**Correspondence/Important Dates**

- There will be a fire budge meeting 10/10 @ 9am City of Clearwater
- Signage on Hart Ave; there was a request to change the “no outlet” sign to either a “dead end” or “no lake access” there has been a lot of boat traffic and no place to turn around. Ludenia thought he may have a dead end sign and will look at changing that.
- Computer/ chairs; Just indicated that the computer has been extremely slow and after having Now IT Connects out to look at it, they suggested a new computer, the board agreed to go with a refurbished computer for \$300. The board decided not to buy additional chairs.
- Due to Veterans Day the November meeting does need to be changed: **Board agreed that the November meeting will be held on Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm.**

**ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT- MIKE LUDENIA**

- \*Finished gravel on some turnarounds
- \*Mowing has been completed
- \*Salt & sand is ready for winter
- \*Will be grading once the rain stops

**Review of Bills:** A motion was made by Thelen and seconded by Miller to pay claims covered by checks #10246-10262 and eft 100818, eft 100818e, eft 100818f, eft 100818p 100818s. 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.

  
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Jean Just, Clerk

  
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Bill Langenbacher, Chair

Date 11/7/18