

**Clearwater Township
Regular Board Meeting (Approved)
November 7, 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 November 7, 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, Carlos Lopez, Clara Lopez, Tom Lopez, Ron Kreiger, Marlene Miller

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

Miller made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2018 with the change of adding Scott Miller to the board members present. Thelen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Guest/Public Comment:

Open meeting for Forsythe Ave

Langenbacher indicated that the meeting from last month was tables so that the township could gather some additional information. Survey was done to determine the Right-of-way. Langenbacher indicated that he has talked with Krieger, although he is not 100% in favor he does understand that it is the townships right of way if trees need to be taken down. Langenbacher made a suggestion that they move the cul-de-sac to the north and create a wider turn around so that plowing and grading would be better for the maintenance department. Once the township has created the cul-de-sac it is up to Lopez if he would like to connect to that would be at his expense. There is currently a boat and some wood that would need to be moved out of that area. Krieger asked that they try to save as many trees as possible. He will take care of moving the items out of the right of way. Miller wanted to make sure that we get proper drainage for water to flow to the low area and that would also help with the amount of fill that will be needed. Miller indicated that he would like to keep the Names of the two roads as North Forsythe & South Forsythe for the records. However, according to the county the names of the roads cannot be changed. For Township purposes the North Forsythe is not and will not be maintained by the township. South Forsythe is maintained and will have a new cul-de-sac built just north of the current turn around. Approximate cost to be about \$5500 with Tree/Stump removal, gravel & time. Thelen made a motion to extend the cul-de-sac to the north on South Forsythe at the townships expense. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on Fire contract/meeting

The town board met with members of the City, Fire Department & Lynden Township on 10/10/2018 to discuss the budget and potential increase for 2020. Currently the contract is written that 33% of the Fire Department budget is equally divided between the three entities. The remaining is multiplied by the percentage of the number of calls to each jurisdiction, based on a three year rolling average. The townships feel that the 33% of the budget divided by all three entities should be removed and the entire budget should be based on the number of call; either by a 3 year, 5 year or even 7 year rolling average. The city will work on putting numbers together and get information back out to the townships.

Update on 150th Street Project

Langenbacher stated that the Local Road Improvement Program Project was selected for funds appropriated by the legislature in 2018. They have ^{appropriated} estimated \$750,000 of LRIP funds for this project. Langenbacher indicated that there are still several steps that need to take place and they will be meeting with Wright County, Engineer & the State to discuss what the next steps will be. Meetings are set up in the next couple of weeks.

2020 & 2021 Assessment Contract

Received the 2020 & 2021 Assessment Contract from Wright County. Rates will be adjusted from \$12 to \$13 per parcel in 2020 & \$14 per parcel in 2021. All other charges will remain the same throughout the term of the contract. Discussion as to how many parcels in the township; according to 5/2018 they billed for 1,305 parcels. With those numbers it will be approx. \$1,300 increase each year. If contract is not accepted Township would have to go out and bid with other assessors. Thelen made a motion to accept the 2020 & 2021 Assessment Contract with \$1 increase each year. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence/Important Dates

- Update on Fillmore Ave; Attorney Mike Couri will be working with the County inspector to inspect and either submit an affidavit to the Court or testify to establish that the house is a hazard to the public. Once the inspection is done they will file a summary judgement motion.

ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT- MIKE LUDENIA

- *There is a driveway culvert on 150th that the end is crushed and something needs to be done by spring; Miller indicated he knows where that is at will talk with the homeowners.
- *Getting everything ready for winter

Review of Bills: A motion was made by Thelen and seconded by Miller to pay claims covered by checks #10263-10299 and eft 110718e, eft 110718f, eft 110718p. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

With no further business to come before the board, Thelen moved to adjourn Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.


Jean Just, Clerk


Bill Langenbacher, Chair

Date 12/10/18