

# Clear Lake Township

## Board Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2019

Approved minutes of the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Clear Lake Township Board meeting held at the Clear Lake Township Hall.

Members present were: Chairman: Gary Gray, Supervisors: Bud Stimmler and Joe Goenner, Treasurer: Paul Goenner, Road Engineer: T. Vander Eyk and Deputy Clerk: Gary Anderson.

Others present were: Penny Leuthard, Chris Aleshire, Ron Juenemann and Sheriff Joel Brott.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Gary Gray.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the January meeting were read with one change.

- Within the 'Members Present' section, change the wording to: Clerk: Mary Mathison

After reviewing the bills presented, Bud Stimmler motioned to pay the bills with a second made by Joe Goenner. Motion carried. Bills were paid.

### SHERIFF'S REPORT:

Sheriff Joel Brott presented his annual report before the Board, summarizing activity within the Clear Lake Township for the year, 2018.

- 1,058 calls for service were made in 2018, which compares to 1,098 calls in 2017 and 954 calls in 2016.
- Serious criminal activity in 2018 include: 9 Theft, 7 DUI's, 5 Narcotics, 3 Burglaries, 2 Criminal Sexual Conducts and 1 Assault.
- Comparing the calls made in 2018 against 2017, it was shown that: Theft was down by 4, DUI was up by 3, Narcotics was up by 1, Burglary remained the same, Criminal Sexual Conduct was up by 2 and Assaults were down by 1.
- The sheriff reviewed a special training event in 2018 that involved multiple enforcement agencies to coordinate efforts in the event of an active shooter or hostile events.

### LIBRARY BOARD ADVISORY GROUP

Gary Gray reported there was no Library Board meeting last month.

### WATER ADVISORY GROUP:

Gary Gray reported there was no Water Advisory meeting last month.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD:

The Fire Department Advisory Board met but there was nothing major to report.

### PARK & TRAILS REPORT:

Bud reported trees have been ordered for spring planting and the dog park is used almost daily.

## **ROAD REPORT:**

### **Fill Station revision**

- Eyk informed the Board that the Fill Station plans are ready for the Township to go out for quotes and possibly be reviewed in time for the March 19th Board meeting. Eyk would like to let bids in March of this year.
- The county would like to see the ditch filled in between the two access roads, but for now they will allow the Township to keep the design as-is with a 6:1 slope away from the access roads. The county will consider adding the fill with material they have stock-piled and they could also haul the material to the Fill Station site.

### **Seal Coat Road Projects**

- Eyk will advertise for seal coating roads this week and open those bids during the March 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### **Transportation Plan**

- Eyk informed the Board that comments for the Transportation Plan are due February 22, 2019.

### **Missing Road Signs**

- Eyk and Bud drove the Township roads looking for road signs that might be missing or damaged. Eyk will document his findings and make another trip with Bud and Jeff Rhodes of Driveway Services Company.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **New Town Hall – Building Plans**

- Gary Gray asked the Board if they've heard any feedback from Township residents at the January Open House meeting. Bud and Joe indicated they received positive comments. Gary noted he also had not heard any feedback that would justify changes to the building plan so he asked the Board for approval to have the architect draw up a full set of plans at an estimated cost of between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to be taken out of the Township's General Fund. Bud made the motion, second by Joe and the motion carried. From these plans, bids can be sent out to contractors to get an idea what the new Town Hall would cost to build.

### **Annexation**

- Gary Gray discussed where the City of Clear Lake approached the Township to draft an Orderly Annexation in October of 2017. The Townships attorney drafted the agreement, delivered it to the City, and contacted the City attorney twice but with no response from the City or their attorney. Recently, the City Mayor requested their desire to annex the Hartkopf property and the Clearview Elementary school property. Gary does not want to enter into any new annexation with the City until the Orderly Annexation drafted in 2017 has been agreed to by both parties and signed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **2019 Clean-Up Day – May 4th**

- Deputy Clerk Gary Anderson and Treasurer Paul Goenner informed the Board about a new policy this year for Clean-Up Day where a \$20 fee must be paid by the Township for any mattress or box-spring collected and disposed of. Due to the Great River Energy facility shutting down, the alternate landfill will charge this fee.
- Paul noted that the Township collected 35 mattresses & box-springs last year and charged residents \$10 for collecting these items. But having to pay a \$20 fee for each of these items this year could result in an added expense for the Township.
- *Mille Lacs Disposal* has agreed to accept the mattresses & box-springs we collect this year and they will charge us \$20 for each item delivered to the alternate landfill.
- Paul produced a letter from the County showing where Becker Furniture World has agreed to collect these items. Gary Anderson was assigned to contact Becker Furniture World to find out the details of their offer.

**The Clear Lake Elevator is renting the Town Hall on April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Great River Greening Proposal at the Township Park**

- Eyk informed the Board that we received a request for proposal from an environmental group, Great River Greening, who has access to funding for pollinator habitat enhancements specific to areas along the Mississippi River Watershed. If awarded to us, the Township could use the funds for adding a new project within the Township Park. Eyk submitted the application form to Great River Greening and is waiting for their response.

**The County is asking for a \$500 refundable construction deposit for a right-of-way permit for the River Road Fill Station. Gary Gray asked for a motion. Bud made the motion to pay, second by Joe. Motion carried.**

**Miscellaneous Items**

- Bud informed the Board that he contacted the real estate agent representing the sale of our Town Hall and the most recent potential buyer is still interested.
- For the balcony-type seats currently in the Town Hall that may be used in the new Town Hall, if the Township is interested in cleaning them up, Bud contacted an individual that would charge \$300 for six seats.
- The annual Township Board of Audit meeting is set for Monday, February 25 at 9 AM.

**Bud Stimmler made a motion to adjourn, second by Joe Goenner. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary Anderson  
Clear Lake Township Deputy Clerk**