

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY  
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, Stirling. All Board members were present in person. Pledge of Allegiance was said by group.

Chair, Stirling asked the Board for an approval of the minutes from the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, regular monthly meeting. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes as presented and wave the reading of the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

**Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda**

Chair, Stirling asked if there were any changes or additions to the Agenda. With no changes or additions to the Agenda a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Variances, Plats and Conditional Use Permits**

❖ Milo Horak from Landmark Surveying, brought Mylars for the Second Lake Estate at 27203 Isle Ct., N., for approval and signatures. After review, a motion made by Houle, and seconded by Reed, to approve and sign the Mylars for the Second Lake Estate at 27203 Isle Ct N., Motion carried.

**Old Business**

❖ Auditor Mike Pofahl submitted the 2020 Final Audit report for Approval. After review a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the 2020 Audit report as presented. Motion carried.

❖ Maintenance Supervisor, Matt Wikelius, reported that Bob Schmidt from Lakes Telecom has begun the installation of the Audio/Video System.

❖ Chair Stirling informed the Board that the MN DEED announced in late January 2021, that they were not funding our Broadband Grant. Midco had challenged the CTC application, indicating it currently provides internet service of 1GB symmetrical to identified portions of the project and would be able to serve additional areas at 1GB speeds in 2021. Thus, Chisago Lake and Franconia townships were removed from consideration for MN DEED grant funding based on the finding that the Midco's challenge was credible. Midco now has until June 2021 to develop and present their plans and up to six years to implement those plans if approved.

❖ Dan Boyum, Township Engineer, informed the Board that grant funds up to \$1.25 million per township have been made available through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) by the Minnesota Legislature in the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Session, for townships to improve, rebuild, and upgrade local roads. The township has determined that 250<sup>th</sup> Street Starting at Kipling Avenue about 900 feet from Manning Avenue (CR15) and Lofton Avenue (CR91) is a regional significant road as it connects two primary north/south corridors, would be a good candidate for this grant. Based on the engineering cost estimate prepared by Stantec with the township the grant amount needed to undertake this work would be approximately \$1,112,900. The Township will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the grant request (currently estimated at \$349,900.00) and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriate for the project but not required. Mr. Boyum has prepared Resolution #2021-02-16 for Chisago Lake Township requesting the Chisago County Board of Commissioners support the township's application and authorize the appropriate county officers to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation concerning the grant. A motion was then made by Houle, seconded by Reed to approve Resolution 2021-02-16 requesting the Chisago County Board of Commissioners support the township's application and authorize the appropriate county officers to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation concerning the grant. Motion carried.

❖ Jon Mocal, Manager of MAT Agency Operations came before the Board to present a proposed BID for the townships Commercial Insurance. After discussion, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to sign a Resolution to participate in the Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance and Bond Trust. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

❖ Almelund Fire Department presented the Board with a copy of the Almelund Fire-Rescues Annual Budget Report 2021. After review, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed to sign the Fire Protection contract with Amador Township in the amount of \$11,6386.90 for the year 2021. Motion carried.

❖ The Board then reviewed the City of Lindstrom Estimated fire contract for 2021. No action required.

❖ The Board received a request from the City of Lindstrom's Administrator, John Olinger to submit a letter of support for a DNR Local Trails Connection Program Grant for a .55 mile Olinda trail segment. After discussion, a motion was made by Stirling seconded by Houle to take no action on this letter at this time. Motion carried.

**Road Report** – Matt Wikelius

- ❖ Matt Wikelius informed the Board that:
  - a good portion of our 40 miles of paved roads within the township are going on approximately 20 years old, and it is time that we start thinking about reclaiming and repaving some of them. Also, we have 30-35 miles of gravel that we need to still maintain so we need to look at our 2022 budget to make sure we are covered for all the upcoming road repairs.
  - Bjorklund prices have increased approximately \$ .20 a ton so the trucking is now \$6.90 a ton. We will need to hire them for trucking 4500 tons of gravel in 2021. After discussion, a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle to hire Bjorklund for trucking 4500 tons of Gravel. Motion carried.
  - 253<sup>rd</sup> or Little Lake Road or both need to be reclaimed and repaved in 2021. After discussion, a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to reclaim and repave Little Lake Road in 2021. Motion carried.

**Information for Officials**

- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:
  - We received 9 building permit applications for the month of January.
  - CCATO meeting will be held at the Lent Township on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - Board of Appeal meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 1:30 pm at the Government Center.

**Financial Report**

- ❖ Treasurer Straub gave the Treasurer report. After the Treasurer's report was presented a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the Financial Report with a balance of \$1,209,451.87, and pay the bills – Claim numbers 1994–2008 in the amount of \$41,024.42. Motion carried.
- ❖ Chair Stirling made a motion, seconded by Houle, to move the balance of \$1,509.65 from the 325<sup>th</sup>, North Center Court & Lane Fund to the 325<sup>th</sup> Bond Series 2016B Debt Fund and close 325<sup>th</sup>, North Center Court & Lane Fund. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Chair Stirling asked if anyone had any other business.

There being no further business a motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair  
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk  
Chisago Lake Township