

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE CHISAGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, June 20, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting for June 20, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, Stirling. All Board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by the group.

Chair, Stirling, asked the Board for an approval of the minutes from the May 16th, 2023, regular monthly meeting, and the minutes from the May 16th, 2023, Special Meeting. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes as presented and wave the reading of the May 16th, 2023, minutes and the May 16th, 2023, Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Chair Stirling asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Chair Stirling informed everyone that the date was incorrect on the agenda and will be corrected, Kenneth & Mary Evanoff asked to be added to the Agenda under Variances, Chair Stirling suggested moving Variances under New Business. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the amended Agenda, correcting the date, adding Kenneth & Mary Evanoff under Variances, and moving Variances under New Business. Motion carried.

Old Business

❖ Melissa Wolf-Midco gave a presentation on Midco's existing network and future network expansion. Midco Investment in Chisago Lake Township: 2021 Chisago Lake (235 passings) in 2022 Franconia and Chisago Lake Townships (275 passings) and 2023 ARPA project approved by Chisago County and Chisago Lake Township (110 passings). Fiber-to-the-Premise, 5 Gig symmetrical capable and Tentative construction and completion in 2023. Midco RDOF was awarded \$1.1MM to serve over 1,000 locations in Chisago Lake Township, Center City, Lent Township and Wyoming. Largest and most locations in Chisago Lake Township. Project milestones in 2024, construction and deployment tentatively planned for 2025. To see complete presentation and map go to our website at <https://www.chisagolaketownship.com/>

❖ Update on vacating a 20-foot strip of Melody Lane – Chair Stirling met with the homeowner (Neil Deneen) and Chisago County Environmental Services (Beth Gervais) and reviewed the property variances. No action was taken.

❖ Paradise Woods Update – Sara Christopherson from Coldwell Banker Realty delivered the payment for the balance due to the township for the Rice's. She stated that the Rice's are deciding on how to proceed with the property and will address the requested escrow once they have decided.

New Business

❖ Residents that live on Pleasant Valley Road came before the board to express their concerns with the truck's engine breaking on Hwy 8 entering the roundabout. They have spoken with the Sheriff office, along with Joe Triplet and have contacted MN DOT but are not getting any response. Currently there is no signage. After some discussion Chair Stirling requested that they get us the contact information for MN DOT, and we will try and contact them and see if we can help in getting some signage put up.

- ❖ 2023 Street Improvements – Dan Boyum, Township Engineer presented costs associated with reclaiming and repaving 253rd Street, Nueman Trail, Nueman Court (N and S), and Nueman Circle. Total probable cost is \$721,700. After some discussion the Board decided to wait and have it bid over the winter and possibly have it done in the Spring of 2024.
- ❖ Residents from Morgan Avenue expressed their concerns with their road. Maintenance Supervisor Matt Wikelius stated that Morgan Avenue is on the list to getting the potholes filled and we are maintaining the best we can.
- ❖ Clerk Peterson received a request from the Chisago County Senior Center for a contribution of \$100.00. After discussion a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle to approve the \$100.00 contribution to the Chisago County Senior Center. Motion carried.
- ❖ Chair Stirling informed the Board members that to issue a Sunday Sales license to establishments located within the township, there must first be an election conducted within a township on the question of the issuance by the county of Sunday sales licenses to establishments on their annual meeting day. Clerk Peterson understood that the questions had to be put on a ballot at a township election (not at the annual meeting). After the discussion Chair Stirling suggested we vote on this along with the Lodging Tax at the reconvened annual meeting held on August 15, 2023, if allowed. Clerk Peterson was going to check with the Minnesota Association of Townships to see how this should be properly handled.
- ❖ The Board received an application from Xcel application to install a pole, underground primary, and related equipment for a new house at 11364 Loftman Trl. A motion made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the Xcel application. Motion carried.

Variations, Plats and Conditional Use Permits

- ❖ Kenneth & Mary Evanoff – 32740 North Center Ct, PID #02.01080.00. Variance request to replace a non-conforming deck by lifting and reducing the size of the existing deck down to an 8 x 12 structure. A motion was made by Houle, seconded by Reed, to approve the variance request to replace a non-conforming deck by lifting and reducing the size of the existing deck. Motion carried.

Road Report

- ❖ Matt Wikelius informed the Board that:
 - Finished hauling limestone for 2023.
 - The maintenance department has chloride scheduled up for the newly graveled roads and roads that were graveled late last year.
 - Abella Wedding Venue has contacted Matt regarding having Calcium Chloride applied.
 - The maintenance department is hoping to get the hot machine within the next couple weeks to patch potholes.
 - We graveled a shared road (City of Lindstrom) so we will need to bill them for their portion.
- ❖ Residents that live on or near 250th street asked about paving 250th street. Maintenance supervisor, Matt Wikelius informed them that we need a grant to help pay for this project. We did apply for a state grant three years ago but did not receive it. We are hoping to apply for another state grant this year and hopefully if we get it, we can move forward with the project in 2023. We will try and schedule a public hearing when it gets closer to the time of applying for the grant.

Information for Officials

- ❖ Clerk Peterson informed the Board of the following:
 - CCATO will be meeting at the Chisago Lake Town Hall on Thursday, June 29th from 6:30 to 8:30. In place of the regularly scheduled monthly meeting, this is a meeting with the Chisago County Economic Growth.
 - No Building permit applications received from Chisago County
 - Hall Rental Report

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 \$2,271,267.48 and pay the bills – Claim numbers 2615 - 2637 in the amount of \$137,270.09. Motion carried. 3 Yes 0 No.

Adjournment

Chair Stirling asked if anyone had any other business.

There being no further business a motion was made by Reed, seconded by Houle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Motion carried.

Sherry Stirling, Chair
Chisago Lake Township

Jeanette Peterson, Clerk
Chisago Lake Township